Hello, ISLA members!
I can’t believe we’re already getting into the fall and the ILA Conference is just around the corner.

If your summer was anything like mine, it disappeared way too quickly! We’re happy to highlight events, programs, or services that you have at your library, so feel free to share those on the isla@iowalibraryassociation.org list group, or let the ISLA officers know and we can share!

The ILA Conference is a little earlier this year: October 3rd – 5th in Cedar Rapids. Registration is open now, and I hope you are able to attend! The last few years, the ILA Executive Board have encouraged each subdivision to have a representative at the ILA Conference Speaker Subdivision meetings to help choose speakers and topics that will be covered at the conference.

This year, ISLA is sponsoring two sessions; the first covering what to know as a manager and the other on county library associations. Both of these should have lots of information for our small libraries. Other highlights include Trivia Night on Thursday night, and a new option, Speed Mentoring, also on Thursday evening. Register for the Thursday evening meal to attend either of these special events! Our Business Meeting will also be on Thursday, shortly after lunch, and we hope to see you there!

Other things ISLA did this year:
- Spring Meeting, focusing on Friends groups.
- Update ISLA By-Laws

Awards given out this year:
- Albion Municipal Library (Julia Ohrt) - $100 Summer Reading Award
- Sandy Long, Whittemore Public Library & Laura Hoover, Swisher Public Library – $150 ILA Scholarship
- Tracy Clair, Ely Public Library – ILA Leadership Institute attendance fee
- Carol Wilkins, Wellman-Scofield Public Library – $500 ARSL Scholarship

We look forward to hearing from all of these winners on how these scholarships have helped each of these winners bring something back to their libraries and to the state of Iowa!

Lastly, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chair of ISLA for the past two years. I have learned more about working with and for small libraries than I would have ever experienced otherwise. We truly have an opportunity to make smaller libraries heard throughout the state. I encourage all of you to look for opportunities to get involved, network with each other, and continue to provide the excellent service you all do to your communities. Iowa is filled with small libraries and together, we can do extraordinary things. Promote the Small Library Association to your neighboring libraries, get involved, and help us to shape the Iowa Library Association, and the state of Iowa, into the kind of organization that works for all community and library sizes.

Continue to do all the great work you do, and I hope to see you at the ILA Conference in October!
Why Join ISLA?

- Networking opportunities with other small library staff
- Spring Meeting on topics relevant to your library -- earn C.E. hours
- ISLA is focused on small libraries within Iowa Library Association
- Help advocate for small Iowa libraries
- Opportunities to be more involved in ILA within ISLA
- Scholarship opportunities for the ILA Conference & ARSL Conference
- Scholarship opportunity for the Leadership Institute
- Scholarship opportunity for your library Summer Reading Program
- It only costs $5 on top of your ILA Membership
ISLA Business Meeting:
1:25 pm - 2:10 pm
Thursday, October 4
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ISLA Sponsored Speakers:
Thursday, October 4
3:50 - 4:40
LIBRARY COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

Carrie Falk, Director, Shenandoah Public Library
Sandy Long, Director, Whittemore Public Library
Natalie Struecker, Downtown Branch Manager, Cedar Rapids Public Library
Tags: Leadership; Networking and Support

OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED: WHAT SMALL TOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY MANAGEMENT REALLY ENTAILS

Molly Rach, Director, Blairstown Public Library
Tags: Leadership; Management

Click here for more information & to register!
Looking to meet other librarians and support staff, exchange ideas, and build a network of people you can reach out to when you have a difficult situation?

Join us on Thursday night for speed-mentoring! Dr. Michele Leininger will facilitate a fast-paced networking opportunity to share your needs and find like-minded individuals.
Chair Natalie Struecker from the Cedar Rapids Public Library began the meeting promptly at 9:30 a.m. All members were sent the previous minutes, exec board minutes, budget and by-laws.

Natalie introduced herself and thanked everyone for coming to the business meeting. The other Executive Board officers that were present made a brief introduction of themselves and their position on the board.

- Natalie Struecker, President
- Sarah Sellon, Vice President/President Elect & Program Chair, acting Secretary for this meeting
- Erin Zaputil, Public Relations & Program Chair
- Carrie Falk – Treasurer
- Rebecca Berg - Secretary

New Business

- Budget for 2018 was discussed.
- Spreadsheet was last updated 1/31/18.
- Incoming dues are quite low.
- Expecting more dues closer to ILA when many will renew memberships.
- Change of ILA fall scholarships to be awarded is 2 from 3 as indicated on the spreadsheet.
- We will not be sponsoring an ILA pre-conference this year.
- John Dundson motioned approval of presented budget, with a 2nd from Linda Adams.
- All were in approval and motion carried.

ILA – will be held in Cedar Rapids October 3 – 5th. Next year’s conference will be a joint conference with Nebraska libraries and will be held in Omaha.

Natalie submitted 3 different panel discussion sessions for ILA for ISLA:

- Low to no cost programming for all ages
- So you want to be a manager
- Creating/partnering with county libraries

Sarah also submitted one session proposal for ISLA:

- Summer Reading Support

The ILA executive board will make their final decision for sessions included in ILA in April.
Bylaws – all members were mailed out the by-laws 30 days prior to the meeting. A general discussion of what the changes are was provided by Natalie Struecker. The last few revisions had not been approved, so these changes were mentioned as well. A change to the revised bylaws was received prior to the meeting. The same concern was mentioned by a different member during the meeting.

The piece in question was concerning was on page 2 under the Immediate Past President. Discussion was around removing the following portion “and select the winners of ISLA’s various awards and scholarships.” to be stricken and replaced with “ISLA”.

This had been discussed in an Executive Board meeting as something the entire board would consider as their duty. John Dundson move to approve the bylaws as changed and amended during the discussion at the meeting. This was seconded by Erin Zaputil. All approved and motion carried. Natalie Struecker to send out approved bylaws and update the ISLA website.

Old Business
Minutes from past Executive Board Meeting and Fall Business Meeting were emailed out. Discussion of past minutes included to note that the extra $100 summer reading award that had inadvertently been mailed out to Swisher, was indeed returned. Thank you Swisher! Minutes were motioned for approval by John Dundson and seconded by Jodi Fischer. All approved.

Minutes from this meeting will be posted in our next newsletter and at the ILA conference (10/3-10/5 in Cedar Rapids)

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. with the 2 hour CE program portion on Friends Groups and Volunteers to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah L. Sellon

Sarah L. Sellon, Vice President & Program Chair
Tracy Clair, Youth Services Librarian  
Ely Public Library

The Iowa Library Association’s Leadership Institute was an amazing opportunity and I feel lucky that my application was accepted. I was humbled by all of the smart and creative librarians we have here in Iowa and they taught me a lot about what it means to be a leader.

The topics covered included risk-taking, creativity, leading a team, and coaching a team, to name just a few. I am excited to read some of the books that were recommended to further my knowledge of leadership and libraries. Our instructor, Maureen Sullivan, is an expert in her field and was a joy to learn from.

I also want to say thank-you to the Iowa Library Association for organizing the conference and to the Iowa Small Libraries Association for the scholarship to attend.

If you have the opportunity to attend the institute in the future, I recommend that you do.

Thank you!

Julia Ohrt Director  
Albion Municipal Library

Albion Municipal Library was a grateful recipient of the $100 summer programming award.

Thank you for your help! We added to our calendar with your support!
Leadership Opportunity!

The Iowa Small Library Association is looking for a new Vice President!

The Vice President serves a one-year term as Vice President, followed by a one-year term as President.

If you would like to serve ISLA in this capacity, or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Sarah Sellen.

The election for this office will take place at the Business Meeting on Thursday, October 4.
ISLA Spring Meeting & Conference

**Friday, April 12 via Zoom**

Business Meeting: 9:30am - 10:00am

Conference: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Topics to be announced!

Earn scholarship opportunities & continuing education credits!
VISIT!
Stop by the ISLA Booth in the Exhibit Hall at the ILA Conference! Learn more about ISLA & sign up for our drawing!

SWAG!
ISLA members pick up your badge ribbon at the ISLA Booth!

VOLUNTEER!
Contact Natalie Struecker if you can help at the ISLA Booth!