

# Breakout Sessions

## **Who's Who? Join the State Library of Iowa and the Iowa Library Association for a conversation about the two organizations and how they support Iowa's libraries.**

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Presenter: Brittany Jacobs, Burlington Public Library Co-presenter Brenda Hall, State Library of Iowa

## **"We're Out of Room!" Real Solutions for Cramped Libraries From a Designer's Perspective**

This session offers practical strategies and inspiring examples to help libraries with limited space reimagine their spaces and provide long-term planning strategies.

Presenter: Christy Monk, FEH Design

## **Keep it Secret, Keep it Safe: Why a Password Manager is an Essential Tool for Information Professionals**

Password managers are a great first step towards better online protection for you, your patrons, and your library.

Presenter: Alyssa Hanson, Iowa City Public Library

## **Beyond the Stacks-Libraries in Motion**

Book bikes are transforming library outreach by bringing services directly to communities through parades, programs, and events, offering a dynamic and engaging way to promote literacy and connect with patrons outside traditional library settings.

Presenter: Katie Dreyer, Pella Public Library co-presenter from Harlan Public Library (Emily)

## **The New Cedar Rapids Westside Library: Expanding Services, Enriching Lives, and Illuminating Communities**

Discover how a bold vision for expanding library services is creating a vibrant civic heart on the west side of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Presenter: Toby Olsen, OPN Architects Co-presenter Dara Schmidt, Cedar Rapids Public Library Westside Branch

## **Advocating for Iowa Libraries**

This session will equip librarians with tools to understand the Iowa legislative process, advocate effectively for libraries during and outside of the session, and build strong relationships with lawmakers.

Presenter: Leslie Noble, Government Affairs Committee / Urbandale Public Library

### **Beat the Blues: Programming to Combat Long Iowa Winters**

Beat the Blues program is not a typical reading program, but a 10-week challenge designed to combat the long weeks while making strides in promoting health literacy and well-being within their communities with low-cost or no-cost tasks for adults and teens.

Presenters: Shirley Taylor, Library Director at Le Mars Public Library & Nancy Monroy Ramirez, Le Mars Public Library

### **Beyond Books: Rethinking Reconsideration Policies for Today's Libraries**

This session explores how libraries can adapt their reconsideration policies to address challenges to programs, digital resources, policies, and displays.

Presenter: Amanda Sand, Library Leverage (consulting)

### **Unlocking Potential: How Open Sources is Transforming Systems within Libraries**

Libraries and open source software share core values: openness, accessibility, and community.

Presenter: Jessica Zairo, Bywater Solutions

### **Setting Your Library Up for Success: Creating Tools to Empower Yourself and Your Staff**

This session is ideal for librarians looking to enhance operational effectiveness, ensure consistency in processes and procedures, and provide clear guidance to both current and new staff members.

Presenter: Carrie Geno, Wellman Public Library

### **Essential Steps to Unlock Your Library's E-Rate Potential**

Whether you have never applied for e-rate or if you apply every year, this session will provide essential steps in getting the most out of the e-rate program for your library.

Presenter: Shirley Taylor, Lemars Public Library & Andrew Hoppmann, Lied Public Library (Clarinda) and And Erin Johnson, (E-Rate Complete LLS)

### **Interim Thoughts on Interim Leadership**

Interim positions can be a double-edged sword: it's a way to stretch professionally, but the increased workload without additional resources or time may be biting off more than you can chew; join the Maggie in reflecting from the middle of a lengthy interim role!

Presenter: Maggie Halterman-Dess, University of Iowa Libraries

### **Make an Impact With Your Library Shelving**

Learn how the elements of shelving can transform your library.

Presenter: Rick Hoesing

### **Dia de Los Ninos at the Library**

This session will discuss the importance of Dia De Los Ninos and how your library can create a welcoming space and build connections for the Latino community.

Presenter: Nancy Ramirez, Abigail Chagolla (both Le Mars Public Library), Ruth Mahaffy, Sioux Center Public Library, Ruth Mahaffy, Sioux Center Public Library

### **It Takes a Village: 5 Small Libraries Working Together to Make a Big Impact**

Join the Monona County Libraries while we discuss how we came together to not only help each of our individual libraries not feel so alone but to bring more to our county as a whole.

Presenter: Amy McDermott, Monona County Libraries

### **Succession Planning: Because Even Superheroes Need a Sidekick**

Learn how succession planning can help you and future librarians at your library and get inspired to start your own version today!

Presenter: Wendy Johnson, Carroll Public Library

### **Open Educational Resources Playground: Innovative Ways to Enrich Library Collections**

Discover how Open Educational Resources (OERs) can transform public library collections by providing free, high-quality educational materials that enhance community engagement and support lifelong learning.

Presenter: Debra Lowman, Eastern Iowa Community College

### **Tech Connection & Building a Library Media Space**

A how-to on tech connection and creating a media space in a smaller library.

Presenter: Andrew Gehlsen, DeWitt Community Library

### **Stronger Together- Building the Clinton County Union Catalog One Library at a Time**

Clinton County Libraries looking outward and forward by establishing a Clinton County Union Catalog using the Insignia ILS.

Presenter: Janette McMahon, DeWitt Community Library

### **Resources for Iowans: UNI Celebrates 150 Years**

As UNI Celebrates its 150th anniversary this year, come to this session to find out about the wide range and variety of resources related to Iowa that are available to all Iowans.

Presenter: Ellen Neuhaus, University of Northern Iowa

### **Frumpy Shushers, Heroes, and our Dream Jobs: What fictional librarians can teach patrons about real-life library staff**

How you can use examples from pop culture to teach patrons about how awesome librarians are (and what we actually do)!

Presenters: Jen Ohzourk, West Des Moines Public Library & Co-Presenter Kate Thompson, West Des Moines Public Library

### **Wrestling with Paradox**

Wrestling with Paradox: Learn a new strategy to manage the conflicts that are keeping you up at night

Presenter: Elizabeth Hoover de Galvez, Lisbon Public Library

### **The Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project (CLIP) and Community Engagement**

The Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project (CLIP) can provide community outreach opportunities for libraries.

Presenter: Shana Stuart, Cornell College

### **The Ethics of AI: A Librarian's Perspective**

This session is an exploration of the ethics of using generative AI as part of library services.

Presenter: Nausicaa Rose, Iowa State University Library

### **Yes, the City Clerk and Librarian Can Be Friends!**

The presenters, a city clerk and a library director, will talk about their expectations of one another and how to create a positive working relationship.

Presenters: Michelle Andersen, Atlantic Public Library & Co-presenter Barb Barrick, City of Huxley

### **Out of the Margins: Disability Representation in Graphic Novels**

This session will teach participants about the importance of disability representation in graphic novels and how to assess graphic novels, comic books, and manga for accurate disability representation.

Presenter: Elizabeth Lovell-Martin, West Des Moines Public Library

### **Create Scroll-Stopping Social Media**

This workshop teaches library staff how to create eye-catching, emotionally engaging visuals using simple tools and techniques to boost social media impact and tell their library's story effectively.

Presenter: Vivian Kvam, Tandem Works

### **What's Cooking @ YOUR Library? : Cookbook Book Clubs in Public Libraries**

This presentation will provide guidance and best practices on establishing a cookbook book club program at public libraries using MCPL's current active book club as an example of one successful program.

Presenter: Katie Koopman Angell, Mason City Public Library

## **Lightning Talks**

### **Alzheimer's Awareness with Jessica Duncan, Alzheimer's Association Iowa Chapter**

In this brief presentation, learn about the Alzheimer's Association, resources and support, and how to get involved in the cause.

### **Coordinating Community Collaboration: Regional Programming Across Library Sizes with Nolan Rochford-Volk, Waterloo Public Library, Co-Presenters Mariah Bell, Waterloo Public Library, Jake Rochford-Volk, La Porte City Library**

In response to community interests and in collaboration with area library professionals, Waterloo Public Library staff developed three programs fostering regional unity and civic engagement.

### **Efficient Social Media for Event Promotions with Joseph Roth, The Dealt Hand**

Get the most bang for your buck (and time) to get the word out about your upcoming events!

### **Strategic Cuts and Big Savings: Conducting an E-Journal Overlap Analysis with Eleanor Ball, University of Northern Iowa**

This lightning talk will provide a step-by-step walkthrough of an overlap analysis project I completed at the University of Iowa Libraries that identified \$300,000 of potential e-journal savings with a minimal impact on user experience.