

Public Libraries: Catalysts for Civic Renewal

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Introductions





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National Advocacy

- Funding Institute of Museums and Library Services
- Broadband Initiatives ALA Policy Corps
- Federal Sustainability Initiatives

Statewide Opportunities

- Liaison to the State of Iowa
 Library/Dept. of Admin. Services
- Prioritizing Advocacy Efforts –
 ILOC/ILA Lobby Blocks
- Coalition Building

Regional Opportunities

- County Legislative Receptions
- Platforming County Board of Supervisor Talking Points
 Communication & Collaboration



Building Relationships

- Economic Development
- Partnerships and collaboration
- Information hubs
- Building civic infrastructure and social capital
- Trust

Going Local: Cherokee



It was a jam-packed day last week for Leadership Cherokee County! This month's focus was on education and our speakers did not disappoint while opening our eyes to all the opportunities that exist to become a life-long learner in our area.

We started the day with a tour of Cherokee Public Library and the hidden gem of Cherokee Area Archives. Next, we had a fun, behind the scenes tour of Cherokee Elementary and Cherokee Middle schools. The Instructional Coaches from Cherokee Schools were generous to spend an hour at North Star Community Credit Union's conference room sharing details about their professional role, school leadership, and the connections in the community.

Loughlin stated that flood cleanup is moving in the right direction. Loughlin and Tyler Hahn have been working on completing a FEMA assessment worksheet for Emergency Management. Street Department will be cleaning up the remaining garbage piles in the flooded area. Parks Department has a lot of clean up to do in the parks and campgrounds, we are going to need bids to repair Spring Lake Drive, the lower campground, and the Yacht Club.

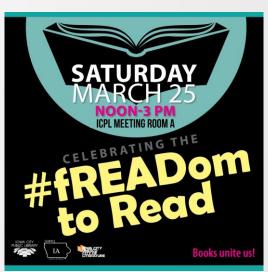
Going Local: Iowa City



















Going Local: North Liberty



















Success Stories

- Collaborating and capitalizing on work with your libraries
- Challenges

Questions/Discussion

Continue the Conversation...

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