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- Law Library now offers **next generation legal research**
- New website highlights **Iowa-related magazines**
- **Available:** *Iowa Travel Guide*, road map, bicycle trail maps
- Books relate to our **world out of doors**
- After 28 years, Sandy Dixon **retires**

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The 'up close and personal' photography of Cindy Skeie will be on display at the Main Library during the month of August. Skeie feels that when seeing nature up close, it reveals itself in different ways. She said, "I found so many odd and amazing photo opportunities in the Ecuador cloud forests. Just when I think I've seen it all, nature surprises me yet again."

Visit the library to see these unique and brilliant photos. For more information about this exhibit and to see some of Skeie's photography go to [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/news-publications/art-exhibits/skeie5](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/news-publications/art-exhibits/skeie5).

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The Law Library announces the innovative new database called **WestlawNext**. Several features distinguish WestlawNext from Classic Westlaw; most notably, WestlawNext is a "Google for lawyers" because it ranks search results by relevance, rather than by date, and allows for natural language searching. The new search engine doesn't just look at the words you enter, it tries to identify the issue of law based on the search terms you choose. Your search will run across everything in the Westlaw database and return an overview of the most relevant results from each group: cases, statutes, secondary sources, briefs, etc.

WestlawNext brings the experience of searching the Westlaw database in line with what users today expect from a web-based tool, making it simple and intuitive.

You can learn about WestlawNext at [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/collections/law-library/westlawnext](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/collections/law-library/westlawnext). Then let us introduce you to the future of legal research: **come use it at the Law Library** on the

second floor of the State Capitol. We're open Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call the Law Library at 515-281-5124, 800-248-4483 or e-mail [law@lib.state.ia.us](mailto:law@lib.state.ia.us).

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We have many magazines with information about Iowa's cities and counties, history and culture, and people and places. Find out what's inside each new issue on the website **Iowa Collections - Journals with an Iowa Connection**. Updated daily, this website gives you the tables of contents for titles such as *Des Moines Business Record*, *Iowa County*, *Iowa Outdoors* and many more. State employees may request that articles be sent to them via email. Go to [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/collections/iajls](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/collections/iajls).

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The Main Library is the place to pick up state publications to help you **plan your Iowa vacations**. We have the *Iowa 2012 Travel Guide*, the *Iowa 2012 Transportation Map for Bicyclists* and the *Iowa 2012 Road Map* available for our customers. Stop by the library on the east side of the Ola Babcock Miller Building, across the street from the Capitol, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Our latest book list contains titles that are related to the great outdoors. Topics include flyfishing, gardening, camping, urban design, wildlife found on the Mississippi River and more. Thought provoking, useful, and informative, these books are available for checkout from the Main Library.

For descriptions of these titles and many more go to our website at <http://library.booksite.com/7168/nl/?list=CNL15>. State employees may request that any of these items be sent to them. To do so, click on the link "Check our catalog" and then the "Request Item" button. Non-state employees with an Iowa Library Services library card may check out books in person or request them through their local public libraries.

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**Sandy Dixon**, Program Director for the Library Support Network, retired at the end of June from Iowa Library Services (IaLS) after 28 years of service. Dixon saw many changes during that time and had many accomplishments including developing several very successful state-wide programs. We appreciate the high quality service Sandy gave to IaLS and the State of Iowa and we wish her well in her retirement!

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#### **Other services the IaLS offers to our customers:**

- Search the online archives of the **Des Moines Register** and the **Iowa City Press-Citizen** by using **ProQuest**. Go to our website at [www.statelibraryofiowa.org](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org), click on 'Log on to Online Resources' in the left

sidebar and select ProQuest. Use your IaLS library card number for access. If you don't have an IaLS card [click here](#) to register. Anyone who lives in the state of Iowa is eligible.

- IaLS is the **official depository for state documents** (intended to inform the general public) in any format. To find paper copies of state documents go to our online catalog at <http://catalog.lib.state.ia.us>. To find online state documents go to Iowa Publications Online at <http://publications.iowa.gov>.

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