

Libri Foundation provides new books for children

The Libri Foundation is accepting applications for its spring and summer 2002 Books for Children grants.

The Foundation will match any amount of money raised by a library's local sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a 2-to-1 ratio. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors have four months to raise their matching funds.

Participating librarians select the books the library will receive from a booklist provided by the Foundation.

Libraries should serve a population of under 10,000, be in a rural area, have a limited operating budget, and an active children's department.

For an application or more information, contact Barbara McKillip, President, The Libri Foundation, P.O. Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440; (541) 747-9655 or e-mail librifdn@teleport.com. Their web site is located at www.librifoundation.org. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pacific Time.

Atlantic brings library to the children

He's only eight months old, but Kaden Osborn loves being read to. And his two-year-old brother Keegan considers books a prized possession.

Thanks to a cooperative project between the Atlantic Public Library and the local Parents as Teachers (PAT) program, both boys are learning the joy of reading and love of books though they seldom get to the library.

A little over a year ago, library director Carole Stanger and Cass County PAT coordinator Pam Cord devised a plan that would get books to kids who might not otherwise be able to visit the library.

PAT is a nationwide family education and support program that begins at birth and extends through age five. Through PAT, parents are supported by certified parent educators who use the "Born to Learn" curriculum that translates scientific information on early brain development into concrete suggestions on ways to teach and nurture children.

Components of the program include: Personal visits by certified parent educators trained in child development who help parents understand what to expect in each stage of their child's development; group meetings; periodic screening of overall development, language, hearing and vision; and a resource network for other community services that may be needed.

In particular, Cord and her associate, Kris Wernimont, extol the values of reading to children, beginning when they are infants. They model appropriate reading, social and language skills, then ask parents to try the same techniques with their children.

The benefits of reading to children from an early age have been well documented, but many parents cannot afford to purchase new books or even visit the public library on a regular basis.

When Cord and Stanger discussed the problem a little over a year ago, a solution began to form -- the library would go to the children.

Using a palm pilot designed for doing library inventory and working off site, Stanger agreed to send books out to the homes of families Cord and Wernimont visit monthly. Once there, they use the palm pilots to literally check out books to families and exchange them for new books at their next

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Shown at the Atlantic Public Library are, from left, Pam Cord, PAT; Carole Stanger, library director; Daisha Osborn, holding Kaden; Royce Osborn, holding Keegan; and Kris Wernimont, PAT.

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Free health information available to librarians

Public librarians across the country are facing an increasing number of requests for health information from their patrons. Reference librarians are receiving inquiries about alternative medicine, selecting a physician, wellness issues, or particular diseases or conditions. Patrons are also seeking free, high quality, electronic health information written in lay terminology.

The State Library of Iowa created www.healthinfoiowa.org in response to this demand. This free site provides access to consumer health web sites specific to Iowa, but in addition lists excellent sites for general health concerns, for health practitioners, for students, and for librarians.

MEDLINEplus, the most heavily-used consumer health site on HealthInfoIowa, was developed by the National Library of Medicine. Located on the campus of the National Institutes of Health, the National Library of Medicine is the world's largest medical library. MEDLINEplus offers authoritative, up-to-date, and totally private health information. Health topics, drug information, a medical encyclopedia, MEDLINE searches, clinical trials, and current news are just some of the features included at <http://medlineplus.gov/>.

The National Library of Medicine encourages public libraries to join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Membership is free and offers public libraries the following advantages:

- Opportunities for continuing professional development by taking training workshops to search the National Library of Medicine's databases.
- Participate in funding opportunities for your library.
- Participate in interlibrary loan services available to the network.
- Receive special mailings of National Library of Medicine's posters, brochures, and other informational materials.
- Be considered for service on the Regional Medical Library's Regional Advisory Committee.
- Receive a certificate, which recognizes the institution as a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.
- Receive an invitation, on a periodic basis, to provide input to the Regional Medical Library on programs and services.
- Enroll on the Greater Midwest Region's electronic discussion list if requested.

Find more information at <http://n.nlm.gov/> or contact your Regional Medical Library at **1-800-338-7657**.

Certification Update

Congratulations to the following public library staff certified for the first time through the State Library's Iowa Certification Program for Public Librarians.

Jennifer Bledsoe, Gladbrook
Fran Bonderman, Lime Springs
Melissa Brown, Guttenberg
Lorna Christeleit, Volga
Nathan Clark, Ruthven
Janet DeVries, Lime Springs
Jean Donham, Mount Vernon
Debra Garman, Aurelia
Georgia Heald, Coralville
Dorothy Highland, Earlham
Cheryl Hoekstra, Alton
Virginia Howell, Dallas Center
Marsha Hunter, Agency
Andrea Imel, Crystal Lake
Maureen Ingalls, Bancroft
Carol Ann Irons, Waukon
Demi Johnson, Humboldt
Cynthia Miller, Griswold
Erika Muecke, Rockwell City
Lisa Poffenberger, De Soto
Elizabeth Trippler, Shenandoah

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY

Registration for Spring Public Library Management 1 and 2
February 5 - Iowa Library Association Legislative Day (ILA) / North Central
February 12 - ILA Legislative Day (re-scheduled) / ILA Central Legislative Day
February 19 - ILA Legislative Day / Southeast
February 26 - ILA Legislative Day / East Central

MARCH

March 5 - ILA Legislative Day / Northeast
March 12-16 - Public Library Association National Conference - Phoenix
March 19 - ILA Legislative Day / North-west

FOOTNOTES

Popular author, consultant to speak at 2002 Westgate Lecture

Patrick Jones, author of *Connecting Young Adults and Libraries* (Neal-Schuman, 1998) and *Do It Right; Best Practices for Serving Young Adults in School and Public Libraries* (Neal-Schuman, 2001) will deliver the biennial Westgate Lecture on April 18, 2002 in Johnston, IA. His topic will be "Developing More Than Our Collections: The Real Role of Youth Librarians."

Jones runs *Connectingya.com*, a firm dedicated to consulting, training, and coaching people who want to provide powerful youth services, including library card campaigns and web projects. He is currently working on young adult projects. Jones was the Youth Services Coordinator for the Houston Public Library in Houston, TX when it planned, developed and implemented the award-winning *Power Card Challenge* program to register every child for a library card. He also helped develop the *ASPIRE* after-school program for at-risk middle school kids, which was named by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) as one of the top five programs in the nation serving young adults.

Jones has written over 40 articles for such library professional publications as *The Horn Book*, *School Library Journal*, *Voice of Youth Advocates*, and *The Journal of Popular Culture in Libraries*. He created the web pages *Young Adult Librarian's Help/Homepage* and *Virtual YA: A Directory of Public Library YA Web Pages*. He recently completed his first young adult novel entitled, *Things Change*.

The Westgate Lecture will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at The Inn on Merle

Hay, 5055 Merle Hay Road, Johnston. There is no charge, but preregistration is required.

The Westgate Lecture series honors the late Hazel Westgate, former children's librarian at Iowa City Public Library. The series is funded in part by an endowment established by Westgate to support State Library of Iowa youth services programs. It is sponsored by the State Library with the support of the Iowa Library Association Children and Young People's Forum.

Registration is available online at www.silo.lib.ia.us/Certification/westgateregistration.htm, or by faxing or e-mailing Fran Fessler, State Library, (515) 281-6191; e-mail Fran.Fessler@lib.state.ia.us; phone: (515)281-5790. Include your name, library name, telephone number, and fax number. There will be no confirmation. Two CE credits will be awarded for the lecture.

Congratulations

Eighty percent of Allison, Ia. voters (pop. 1,006) passed a bond referenda on December 5 for a new public library. According to library director Roberta Wiegmann, all but \$50,000 of the \$450,000 approved will go towards the new library.



Author's conference coincides with Westgate

Heartland AEA's annual Author's Conference will be held following the Westgate Lecture from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. April 18, 2002 at The Inn on Merle Hay Road, Johnston.

Guest author will be Nancy Tafuri, who writes and illustrates picture books for children. Her books include *Will You Be My Friend?*, *Silly Little Goose*, and a Caldecott Honor Book titled *Have You Seen My Duckling?*. She also illustrated the book *If I Had A Paka*, that incorporates 11 languages into poems. Pre-autographed books will be sold.

The cost is \$10. A registration form is located in the *March World of Media* or on the Heartland web page under Professional Development at www.aea11.k12.ia.us/prodev.html. Online registration requires a credit card. For more information, contact Marcia Lemke, Heartland AEA, (515) 270-9030.

Corrections

Please note the following corrections in the January issue of *Footnotes*: Under "Dates to Remember": April 2002 - Registration for Summer Public Library Management 1 (not 2); under "Programs/Services and Contacts:" Barbara Corson's telephone number is (515) 281-4352. Also, Gina Martens' name was omitted from the staff photo.

FOOTNOTES

Iowa Commission of Libraries - Minutes
December 4, 2001 - State Library

(These minutes are considered draft until approved by the Iowa Commission of Libraries)

Present: Dale Ross, Berta Van Ekeren, Monica Gohlinghorst, Eldon Huston, Pam Bradley
Guests: Katherine Van Wold
Staff: Mary Wegner, Sandy Dixon, Steve Cox, Carol Simmons, Annette Wetteland

1.0 Set Agenda

Agenda was set as presented

2.0 Approve Minutes

Bradley moved to accept the minutes of 10/23/01; Huston seconded. Motion carried.

3.0 Financial Report

Cox reported that the State Library is on target with state appropriations and ahead on federal funds. November figures reflect the 4.3% mid-year budget cut. Checks for direct state aid, Open Access, and Access Plus have been distributed. Ross said that the Commission needs to think about next year and the possibility of reduced resources. Wegner reported her concerns for fiscal year 2003: the State Library may need to consider (1) replacing state money with federal money, (2) reducing services, and/or (3) reducing staff if there are more cuts. Ross reported that if the re-authorization of federal Library Services and Technology Act funding is approved, Iowa's share could increase. Huston moved to accept the report. Gohlinghorst seconded. Motion carried.

4.0 Communications

A. Commission Reports

Ross reported that the Iowa Library Association (ILA) Foundation met last week. The silent auction and raffle brought in \$43,000 of the \$100,000 goal. He noted that ILA is moving to a new location in West Des Moines in January. He also reported that ILA is talking with the Iowa Small Library Association and the Iowa Educational Media Association about becoming part of ILA. Bradley reported that budget cuts at community colleges are devastating and that there may be staff cuts.

B. State Librarian's Report

Cox will begin sending Commissioners monthly financial reports. Wegner said she will focus on achieving the Commission priorities established in January 2001, and in particular will emphasize facilitating library collaboration and telling the library story.

Wegner reviewed open positions at the State Library, and said that she hopes to begin to fill them after the first of the year.

Wegner reported on a seminar on LSTA funds given by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The evaluation of the State Library's current five-year plan for LSTA funds is due in April, and a new five-year plan is due in July.

She also reported on the recent BCR Board of Trustees meeting, and gave an overview of BCR services.

Landscaping around the Ola Babcock Miller Building is nearly complete. The State Library's move into the west side of the ground floor

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should be complete by the end of the year.

The official renaming ceremony for the building will be held on January 30, 2002, at 11:30 a.m.

Ross reported that Commission members will become advocate members of the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates.

C. Library Service Areas Report

Katherine Von Wald reported for the Central Iowa Library Service Area. CILSA is sponsoring the Central Iowa Library Alliance, which will investigate and pursue increased cooperation and collaboration among different types of libraries. Von Wald said that the 4.3% percent budget cuts have serious implications for LSAs, particularly because LSA budgets have been stagnant in recent years. Cutting staff and/or services are the only options when budgets are cut. Discussion followed on what could be done to help. Van Ekeren expressed appreciation for LSA services, noting that without the LSA staff, small libraries would struggle.

5.0 Public Comment

None

6.0 Action Items

A. Commission appointments to LSA boards in

Southwest and Southwest Areas. Ross reported that Southeastern Library Services and Southwest Iowa Library Service Area have openings on their boards. Ross reported that Karen Burns of Southwest is seeking a replacement on her board. Bradley moved to appoint Nancy Simpson from Oskaloosa to the SE board to represent public library employees, replacing Phyllis Sargent who has moved out of Iowa. Gohlinghorst seconded. Motion carried.

B. Video proposal. Wegner reported that an agreement has been developed under which Grant Wood Area Education Agency (AEA) will take the State Library video collection (excluding health, public policy and library science videos). Grant Wood AEA will continue to make the videos available to the public, and will also continue to provide a booking system for the videos. A discussion of the agreement followed. Ross asked that the Commission approve the agreement and review it again in a year. Huston moved to accept. Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

7.0 Discussion Items

A. Commission priorities - progress to date. Wegner shared a handout of the priorities with the Commission and did an overview of each. She informed the Commission that she is serving on the Information Technology Board and that funding for the state Information Technology Department is also tight. Cox said Information Technology is now charging users for services and that in the future more state agencies may do the same. Ross requested that Gerry Rowland report to the Commission at the February meeting about the Uniform Data Advisory Committee, which

he chairs. Discussion followed about the possibility of Community Colleges offering educational programs to public library staff. Bradley said budget restraints could dampen such efforts but that she has approached the subject with the administration at Southeastern Community College. They said partnerships with other organizations would have to occur. Discussion also followed regarding the generally low salaries public library support staff receive.

B. "Improving Government" Initiative. Wegner reported that restructuring the Library Service Areas had been suggested as part of an executive branch re-engineering initiative. She said that it was important that policy makers be aware that HF637, which created the Library Service Areas and their new governance structure, was unanimously approved by the legislature and signed by the Governor only six months ago. She reported that the new LSA boards are already working to develop collaborations to expand and enhance LSA services, and also pointed out that the services provided by LSA staff complement but do not duplicate the work of State Library staff. Discussion followed, with Ross commenting that the Iowa library community made an important, good faith effort to improve library services to Iowans through the work of the Task Force and the development of the Commission priorities, which were communicated to the Governor and members of the General Assembly. Ross asked Wegner to keep the Commission aware of any future developments.

C. Open Access agreement. Wegner reported that she had received an inquiry regarding whether a library would be eligible to receive Open Access funds if it limited circulation to non-residents. The current Terms of Agreement for the Open Access program require the participant to extend to users from other participating libraries the same borrowing privileges and services as local users. The Terms of Agreement state that Open Access customers are to be subject to the same policies, regulations, and restrictions as local users, with equipment, interlibrary loan, reference services and reserve service considered local options. The question about limiting circulation to non-residents arose in part because the reimbursement received per loan under the Open Access program does not fully cover the cost to the loaning library. Discussion followed. The consensus was that because of the importance of the principle of providing equitable statewide access to information for all Iowans, limiting circulation to non-residents should not be allowed under the Open Access program.

8.0 Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m. NEXT MEETING: February 26, 2002, State Library

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Library supply vendors for 2002 announced

Six supply vendors offered discount prices to public libraries and school media centers from January 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003.

Brodart

USE BID NUMBER: DIOWAS

- 35% discount on consumable Library and Audiovisual Supplies
- 15% discount on Equipment and Furniture
- Excludes: Security Systems and Accessories, ImageMouse Products, Scan Pro, and all Software
- Discount from current catalog at the time of the order.
- Cannot be used in conjunction with other bids and promotions, including sales flyers or coupons offered by Brodart. Credits will not be issued for pricing errors unless the discount name has been referenced on the order. Place in prominent place on first page of order or tell sales staff on phone orders. If tax-exempt, provide certificate or number.
- Minimum shipping/handling is \$4.75 per order. Freight charges for library consumable supply items are approximately 10% of order dollar amount.
- Delivery is about 7 - 10 days on stock items; large quantity will ship within 4-6 weeks.
- Terms: Net 30 days from date of invoice
- Order line: 1-888-820-4377
- Order fax: 1-800-283-6087
- E-mail: supplies@brodart.com
- Website: <http://www.shopbrodart.com>
- Mail: Brodart Supply Division
Clinton County Industrial Park
100 North Road, PO Box 300
McElhattan PA 17748

Demco

USE BID NUMBER: C81009

- 20% discount on library, office and computer supplies
- 3% on library promotion/educational
- 5% on furniture/equipment
- Excludes: 3M Tattle tape products, Self-

Check systems, Staff workstation, and Video check-out; Checkpoint products, Software, Kwik Case Products, Books from web site, Special orders for non-standard products

- This contract discount cannot be used with bids, sale catalogs, or other promotions/specials.
- Shipping charges will be prepaid and added to the invoice.
- Minimum \$50. / Orders must total \$50 order after discount is applied
- Terms: Net 30 days
- Order line: 1-800-356-1200
- Order fax: 1-800-245-1329
- Mail: Demco Inc
4810 Forest Run Road
Box 7488
Madison WI 53707-7488

Gaylord

USE BID NUMBER: 5031

- 13% supplies
- 9% Furniture
- Free shipping on orders over \$100 on supply items
- Excluded: Security Systems, Archival Products, Computer Software, Peripheral Equipment and Hardware, AV Equipment, Book Charger Rentals, Government Postals, and Custom work.
- Order Phone: 1-800-469-1592
- Order Fax: 1-800-891-5280
- Mail: Gaylord Bros.
PO Box 4901
Syracuse NY 13221

Highsmith

USE BID NUMBER: 47772

- 35% off library stock supplies
- Excluded: Gryphon book trucks, 3M security products, Highsmith Premium Book Returns, sale catalogs, and orders already in progress
- Minimum order \$25
- Freight prepaid and added to invoice
- Considerations will be made for larger purchases or furniture projects
- Order phone: 1-800-543-2180

- Order fax: 1-800-350-6236
- Mail: Highsmith
W5527 Highway 106, Box 800
Fort Atkinson WI 53538-0800

The Library Store, Inc.

USE BID NUMBER: Iowa Discount Bid

- 15% discount on items and products presented in current catalog
- Exceptions: security equipment and supplies. Discount cannot be combined with any coupons or specials
- Minimum \$30 for FREE shipping (exceptions: a few products are listed "plus shipping"). \$3.50 charge for smaller orders
- Order Phone: 800-548-7204
- Order Fax: 800-320-7706
- Mail: The Library Store Inc
112 E. South Street, PO Box 964
Tremont IL 61568

Quill Corporation

USE BID NUMBER: 01-3243

- 10% discount off column price of order. If published sale price is lower than 10% discount, you will receive the lowest price.
- Excluded: Office furniture, machines such as printers, copiers, fax machines, computer hardware and computer software, peripherals. Also excluded 2002 special order catalog. Not valid with any other discounts, coupons, or promotions
- Free shipping by UPS or standard truck tailgate delivery
- Order phone: 1-800-634-4809
- Order fax: 1-800-789-2016
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For more information, contact Karen Day, North Central Library Service Area, 22 North Georgia, Suite 208, Mason City, IA 50401-3435; 1-641-423-6917 (voice), 1-641-423-6261 (fax), or kday@ncls.lib.ia.us

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More 2001-2001 Iowa Library Directory Changes

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Council Bluffs -CLOSED DOWN

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Scott Community College
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Elliott retires after notable career

Kay Elliott, director of the Iowa Department of Human Services library since 1980, took early retirement February 1 after the library was closed. Previously she worked for St. Ambrose College in Davenport and a public library in Wisconsin. She recently answered a few questions for "Footnotes."

Tell us about some of the highlights of your career as a librarian.

"Thankfully there have been many more of these than 'lowlights.' Being elected president of the Iowa Library Association was certainly one, and the joint annual conference with the Iowa Education Media Association that year was very memorable for me.

Being in on the ground floor of creating the Clive Public Library and serving as one of its first trustees has also been a high point.

And I can't forget meeting and visiting with Bob Hope and marching in front of him in a commencement ceremony (the librarians marched after the faculty and before the speaker)."

Although you have long been a special librarian, you have been closely involved with the establishment of a public library in Clive, a Des Moines suburb. What have you learned from that experience about both special and public libraries?

"I have worked in public, academic and special libraries in my career and enjoyed all of them. To me one of the wonderful things about being a librarian is the variety of work this profession offers. Yet, despite all the variety, there is a lot of commonality, including the commitment to service excellence and the value of

professional networking and solidarity. The public library has the greatest variety of customers, but the special



library customers are the most demanding. And the need to struggle for adequate resources to do the best job possible is universal."

You're a past president of ILA and have also filled many other leadership roles in the Iowa library community. Tell us something about your impressions of Iowa libraries and librarians over the years.

"In a nutshell, Iowa librarians care and share - and they work very hard. This is true of the librarians from the present as well as the past and of public, academic and special librarians.

The librarians in this state have done so much with so little. They all deserve medals. They have found a way to make it possible for each community, no matter the size or location, to have a viable public library, and for that library to have available the resources of all the libraries in the state and beyond at their disposal. They couldn't have accomplished this without the help a lot of academic and special librarians as well.

It has been my pleasure and honor to be a part of the Iowa library community."

Libraries invited to sign up for "Iowa Stories 2000"

First Lady Christie Vilsack's literacy project, "Iowa Stories 2000" is entering its third year and Iowa librarians are invited to take part in this important program.

"Iowa Stories 2000" encourages cooperation between public libraries and school media centers within communities to gather broad-based local support for a literacy project. Through a series of three meetings, community members have input to identify services already being provided and areas where specific services or populations may be under-served. Special programs are then created to serve the community.

Except for Marshalltown, information workshops will be held in public libraries at the following locations: New London (1 to 3 p.m. February 13);

Council Bluffs (1 to 3 p.m. February 18); Chariton (10 a.m. to noon February 19); Maquoketa (1 to 3 p.m. February 21); Marshalltown (Fisher Community Center, 10 a.m. to noon, February 22); Ida Grove (1 to 3 p.m. February 25); Spencer (10 a.m. to noon February 26); New Hampton (1 to 3 p.m. February 28).

Public libraries of all sizes are encouraged to join the nearly 40 libraries currently participating. Libraries have until March 15 to sign up.

For more information, contact Anne O'Bryan, Joe Hyman or Steve Person, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows, State Library, 1-800-248-4483; or e-mail: Anne (Promise@mail.lib.state.ia.us); Joe (Promise2@mail.lib.state.ia.us) or Steve (Promise1@mail.lib.state.ia.us).

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session.

"We're checking out around 350 books a month this way and the number is growing," said Stanger. "This has been extremely successful. We have families in Cass County who have great difficulty coming to the library. One single mother works the graveyard shift and there is no way she has the luxury of stopping by."

It is like Christmas for the youngsters, Cord said. "The kids bring their story bags to the door and say 'More books?'"

According to Keegan and Kaden's

mother, Daisha Osborn, PAT has provided lots of useful information on child development and the library books are priceless.

"It's hard to find time to get to the library, so having the books delivered is very handy. And we don't have to buy them all," said Daisha.

Using Enrich Iowa funds, Stanger has ordered another palm pilot so that both Cord and Wernimont have one.

"Pam believes we are the only county in the state doing this type of service in partnership with PAT. It has worked out well for everyone," said Stanger.

State Library videos move to new home

Except for library science, health and health care (medical) and public policy (management) videos, the State Library's collection has been relocated to the Grant Wood AEA in Cedar Rapids. The videos will be available for check-out sometime before July 1. Grant Wood Media Center will post an announcement through the lowalib electronic mailing list and regular mail when the videos are available. A catalog will be available through Grant Wood's web site at www.aea10.k12.ia.us. The State Library's collection is still available for check out.

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