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You can search Iowa Library Services' **online catalog** at <https://koha.silo.lib.ia.us/>. With your own account you can also put a hold on an item, ask that materials be sent to your office, renew your materials, and manage your account.

If you have a library card and have not logged into your patron account, use the login default of: Username=firstname.lastname and Password=last 4 digits of your telephone number. (i.e.: Username=joe.patron and Password=1234), For assistance, chat with us live at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/services/askalibrarian, or call us at 800-248-4483 or 515-281-4102.

Don't have a library card or password yet? Go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org and click on Get a State Library Card.

The **Iowa Collection** contains hundreds of books about all aspects of Iowa. From *Iowa's Old Capitol Museum: Facing East and Facing West* to *Oneota Flow: The Upper Iowa River and Its People*, books in this collection can keep you reading for entertainment, to explore Iowa's history, and to improve your knowledge of all things Iowa. There are many books to help you plan an Iowa vacation like *Best Day Hikes Cedar Rapids* and *Biking Iowa : 50 Great Road Trips and Trail Rides*.

You can browse this collection at the Main Library located in the Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th and Grand Ave. in Des Moines, or online at <https://koha.silo.lib.ia.us/>.

State employees may place a hold and ask that materials be sent to them using our online catalog or by contacting the library at 515-281-4102 or is@lib.state.ia.us. If you don't yet have a State Library card go to <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/> and click on *Get a State Library Card*.

Over the last two years, Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation (DCI) agents have reviewed thousands of instances of possible election misconduct. DCI's review included cases referred by the Iowa Secretary of State's office as well as by other state and local government agencies. Online access to the report, *DCI Voter Fraud Investigations Report, May 8, 2014*, issued by the Secretary of State's office, can be found in **Iowa Publications Online** (IPO), a depository of over 15,000 state documents. Go to <http://publications.iowa.gov/16874/>.

IPO also contains many historical state documents. Like the 1935 preprint of the 1836 publication *Notes on the Wisconsin Territory particularly with reference to the Iowa District* by Albert Miller Lea. It was designed by its author "to place within the reach of the public, correct information in regard to a very interesting portion of the Western country, especially of that part of it known as the 'Iowa District'." The historical significance of Lieutenant Lea's book is the fact that it fixed the name **Iowa** upon the country that was to become the Territory of Iowa in 1838 and the State of Iowa in 1846. To see the book and its color, fold-out map go to <http://publications.iowa.gov/17205/>.

To ensure that all Iowans have permanent access to YOUR agency's important state documents go to <http://publications.iowa.gov/>, click on *Depositor Help*, and become a depositor.

Iowa Library Services provides free access to two digital databases with articles from **high-quality nursing and allied health journals**.

- **CINAHL** is the authoritative resource for nursing and allied health professionals, students, educators and researchers. This database provides indexing for more than 3,000 journals from the fields of nursing and allied health. The database contains more than 2.3 million records dating back to 1981.
- **Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition** database provides nearly 550 scholarly full text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. It also features the AHFS Consumer Medication Information, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names.

To search databases go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org and click on **Log in to Online Resources**. Any Iowan may access databases by using their State Library Card number. Don't have a library card or password yet? Go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org and click on *Get a State Library Card*.

NOTE: You can have the table of contents of each new issue of any of these journals, and many, many more, sent to you via email so that you can keep up with the literature in your area of interest. To sign up for this service go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/services/toc. If you don't find the title you want in the list, please fill in the *Comments and Title Suggestions* box.

The Law Library in the Iowa State Capitol has been on many lists as one of the most spectacular libraries in the world. An article in the current issue of *Des Moines Magazine* mentions its beauty, its history, and its current mission. Full of artistic photos depicting the lovely space and some of its most memorable books, the article notes that the interior has been carefully preserved and does not look much different today than it did when A. J. Small was the director in 1896.

We read that the 100,000 visitors annually to the library never fail to come away impressed. The article also mentions, with a bit of a gaffe, that the staff in the library answer “more than 400 reference questions a year”, when, in fact, they answer more than 400 per month. Quite a difference!

You can read the entire article and see the photos at <http://www.dsmmagazine.com/2014/04/23/tucked-away-treasure/>. You are also most welcome to visit the library in person. It’s located on the second floor of the State Capitol and is open Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except state holidays.

Two **upcoming art exhibits** will bring local artist’s work to the Main Library.

- In July the unique gourd art of Barbara Welch will be exhibited. To find out more go to www.statelibraryofia.org/services/news-publications/art-exhibits.
- In August we’ll host the photography of Chris Mortenson www.statelibraryofia.org/services/news-publications/art-exhibits/mort.

The Library is located in the Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th St. and Grand Ave. The building is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except state holidays. For more information call: 515-281-4102 or 800-248-4483, or email is@lib.state.ia.us.

Other services that the Iowa Library Services offers its customers:

- Think “all information is free online”? Think again! Did you ever try to get an article from the *Des Moines Register* that is more than a week old? Many newspaper and journal articles, research papers, and other publications are only available for a fee. Iowa Library Services offers its customers access to thousands of full-text articles and publications through its online subscription databases. Visit www.statelibraryofia.org/services/resources/index to see the resources available to you. Sources include access to the *Des Moines Register* and thousands of journal titles as well as the *Sanborn Digital Map* collection for Iowa.

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