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Those who are interested in Iowa history will find many cultural treasures in the **Iowa Heritage Digital Collection** <http://www.iowaheritage.org/>. Two new collections have been added:

Malvern Public Library Archives. This collection is composed of photographs beginning in the 19th century showing businesses, churches, and community life and events from the town of Malvern, Iowa. <http://tinyurl.com/ntu5ayf>

Des Moines River Valley Plat Maps, 1836-1851. The *Des Moines River Grant Plat Book* is a collection of maps that were created between 1837-1851 which detail the land by county and township of the developing state of Iowa. Details show land ownership, depict the raw land and natural occurrences, and indicate societal movements of that time. The territory surveyed quantifies the land below the forks of the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers. The maps were sold by the State of Iowa to individuals per plat between the years of 1849-1857. The total amount of land surveyed was 267,507.64 acres—and the 105 maps include 16 Iowa counties: Lee, Van Buren, Davis, Jefferson, Wapello, Monroe, Mahaska, Marion, Warren, Jasper, Polk, Dallas, Boone, Hamilton, Webster, and Humboldt. <http://tinyurl.com/os9hv5v>

The Main Library in the Miller Building provides access to a number of **Iowa-related journals**. State employees can have the contents of new issues emailed to them as they arrive. The journals include: *Business Record*, *Cityscape*, *Iowa Architect*, *Iowa Bird Life*, *Iowa County*, *Iowa History Journal*, *Iowa Medicine*, *Iowa Natural Heritage*, *Iowa Outdoors*, and *The Iowan*.

State employees can also request copies of articles be sent to them through our Request a Library Item form <http://tinyurl.com/6avrm7a>.

To select journals, including Iowa-related journals, for which you'd like to have updates, go to www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/services/services/toc. There are over 100 titles on the list to select from. If you have another title in mind, request a new title on the form.

You can also visit the Main Library in person, Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It's located at the corner of E. 12th and Grand Ave. in the Miller Building.

Are you addicted to Twitter? Or just curious to see what it is? Follow the State Law Library's Twitter feed at <https://twitter.com/ialslawlibrary> to find out curious facts, upcoming events, and information about the library. Often funny, never boring, this Twitter feed will enlighten your day!

How do I start an Iowa business? How do I get a state Tax ID? How do I establish power of attorney over my mother's financial affairs? Can a home owners' association charge residents a 50% late fee on dues? I lost my driver's license, what should I do? Information specialists at the Main Library and the Law Library answer thousands of queries a year from state employees and the general public, in Iowa, in other states, and from around the world.

If you have a question, particularly related to Iowa, feel free to contact us via chat at <http://tinyurl.com/ohf7wwz>, or via phone, email, or text <http://tinyurl.com/7pgsrcn>.

Upcoming art exhibits bring two local artists' work to the Main Library.

- In September the acrylic paintings of Luke Hummbard will be exhibited. To find out more go to <http://www.artbyluka.com/>.
- In October we'll host the paintings of Ben Schuh, the artist who painted the 12' x 16' mural in the Cultural Center during the Iowa State Fair. See Ben's website at <http://www.benschuh.com/>.

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:

- The most recent books added to our collections include the beautiful photographs by Kurt Ullrich in *The Iowa State Fair*. See more at <http://library.booksite.com/7168/nl/?list=CNL15>.
- Think “all information is free online?” Think again! Have you ever tried 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.statelibraryofiaowa.org/services/resources/index to see the resources available. 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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