

Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER April 4, 2016

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1) Enrich Iowa Letters of Agreement Due April 30: Libraries intending to participate in **Enrich Iowa** for **FY2017** must submit an **“Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement”** by April 30.

Remember Enrich Iowa comprises 3 distinct programs:

- Open Access
- Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement
- Direct State Aid

On this webpage <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia> find all the **Enrich Iowa** documentation needed, including the **Letter of Agreement** as well as a listing of the libraries that submit agreements; you're welcome to check back to confirm that your library's agreement has arrived ☺ Here's a summary of what to do:

- Print a copy of the **Enrich Iowa Agreement** and mark all the boxes to indicate your library's participation. This is an important step, don't leave blank boxes! (note: only public libraries are eligible to participate in Direct State Aid...)
- Sign the **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement**; use the library director's signature or other signatory authority
- Send the **E.I. Agreement** to Iowa Library Services - Des Moines Office by U.S. mail or fax (515-281-6191) or scan it and e-mail it to Toni Blair toni.blair@lib.state.ia.us
- **E.I. Agreement** must be received at the Iowa Library Services - Des Moines office by **April 30, 2016.**

It's worth mentioning that, even if your library **does not itself** serve *Open Access* patrons, you still need to check that box on the **Enrich Iowa** form. Because checking the *Open Access* box ensures that the libraries providing service **to your patrons** can be reimbursed for doing so through this program. Here's a direct link to the Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/go/ei/#FY17Agreements>

Call District Office staff or Des Moines staff with questions...



3) EBSCOHost Training in May: Coming in May, Iowa Library Services is sponsoring more opportunities to learn more about EBSCO. Lisa Dennis, a national trainer for the EBSCO corporation, will conduct face-to-face classes around the state for Iowa library directors and staff. Attendees will learn how to search EBSCO more effectively and how to market this product to your community.

EBSCOhost is a comprehensive reference database with full text magazines and journals not accessible on the open web. Iowa's subscription includes company profiles, newspapers, images and maps, Funk & Wagnalls Encyclopedia, plus literally thousands of magazines and journals. There are dozens of children's magazines as well as popular newsstand titles like *Smithsonian*, *Golf World*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Consumer Reports*. In addition, library staff can enjoy reading *Library Journal*, *American Libraries*, *School Library Journal*, and many more.

EBSCOhost can be accessed in the library, at school, at work, or at home 24/7, either through a mobile interface or through any Internet browser. EBSCOhost is available to all Iowa public libraries for a small yearly fee: \$25.00 plus five cents per capita (population figures from the 2010 U.S. Census)

These EBSCO classes will be a good chance to better acquaint staff with all that EBSCO has to offer so they, in turn, can better promote this product to library patrons. **Northwest's session** lands on **Wednesday May 18** at **Lake City Public Library**; to see all dates and locations statewide check the c.e. catalog and register for the site nearest you <http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/index.cgi>

4) Libraries, Museums, and Free Summer Meals: This news regarding summer meals for kids comes from youth services consultant Merri Monks. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free, nutritious meals to children and teens 18 years old and younger in low-income communities during summer break. The program depends on community organizations like libraries and museums to serve the meals in a safe, convenient, and fun environment.

The challenge for this free meal program is having enough sites available to serve the meals. In some communities, there simply isn't adequate space, making public libraries and museums are perfect sites because they are well-known, safe, and can add fun learning activities.



On **Wednesday April 13**, the USDA will be offering a **free webinar** from **1:00-2:00PM** central time. Here is the registration link for this webinar <http://tinyurl.com/gt6vxah> Consider joining this webinar to learn more about how your library or museum can get involved. There will be ample time for you to ask questions and share ideas.

5) Meetings / Events This Week: Note on **Thursday-Friday** this week, State Library staff will be attending our **annual staff development** event; this year in Des Moines, we'll all gather to watch the **PLA Virtual Conference**. As a result, **District offices will be closed Thursday-Friday April 7-8**. You're welcome to leave email or voice mail messages for us. Or call the Des Moines office with questions 800-248-4483.

A new month brings a new menu of national webinars to choose from. Follow this link for registration details <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

April 5. 11:00AM-12:00PM. *First Tuesdays: Readers to Eaters* sponsored by Washington State Library
<http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/firsttuesdays/default.aspx>

April 6. 1:00-2:00PM. *Introduction to Proposal Writing* sponsored by Grantspace
[http://grantspace.org/training/calendar/online/\(month\)/4/\(year\)/2016](http://grantspace.org/training/calendar/online/(month)/4/(year)/2016)

April 7. 12:00-1:00PM. *Rock Your Training with Revolutionary Training Technologies* sponsored by Training Magazine Network <http://www.trainingmagnetwork.com/calendar>

April 7. 1:00-2:00PM. *Storymakers 1: Pre-Planning Your Digital Story from Concept to Storyboard* sponsored by TechSoup <http://www.techsoup.org/community/events-webinars>



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