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**1) Digital Storytimes—A Free Course:** The Public Library Development Team at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has announced a new professional development course about the role of apps and devices in the lives of young children and their families. The course is called **Digital Storytimes: Kids, Apps, and Libraries**, a free online course designed for public library staff serving youth, as well as other educators.

From the **Wisconsin Libraries for Everyone** blog <https://media.dpi.wi.gov/pld/digital-storytime/story.html> “...course participants will gain a better understanding of why and how apps can be used with young children...which apps are most beneficial, and where to find the best apps...”

There are 4 self-paced learning modules. Earn a badge for each module completed; those who finish all 4 will receive a printable certificate of completion. The modules are:

- ✓ **The Village of Why**
- ✓ **The Forest of How**
- ✓ **Which Mountain**
- ✓ **The Bay of Where**

At the same URL, watch video clips that explain how the course works in more detail. Once you've completed the course, you can submit a **Learning Activity Written Summary** to receive c.e. credit. Find that form here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/learning-activity-written-summary> Thanks to Merri Monks for this story!

2) **Next Library101 December 6<sup>th</sup>**: New directors, staff, or trustees—take note ☺ The next **Library101** is scheduled for **December 6<sup>th</sup> (9:30-11:30AM)** Sponsored by the State Library, **LIBRARY 101** is typically offered four times each year. This 2-hour online program introduces newly hired directors to library support systems and services in Iowa.



It's a friendly, helpful orientation: you'll meet State Library staff—at least virtually—helping you match names with faces. We'll discuss public library service standards and provide explanations of popular statewide programs, with plenty of time to answer your questions. People new to support staff positions, as well as trustees, are encouraged to attend.

Look to the c.e. catalog to register for **Library101**—<http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/> Doing so ensures that you will receive follow-up email with the link to the Adobe Classroom. New to your library? Then join Alysia Peich and me online for **Library101!**



3) **Cost for BRIDGES Participation FY2018-2021**. The **BRIDGES Team** provides this explanation about cost increases for **BRIDGES** libraries, effective in FY2018. Thanks to many **BRIDGES** libraries who attended User Groups in August, as well as countless Iowa library patrons who answered survey questions, the **BRIDGES Team** has developed a plan to regarding cost increases in order to:

- a) keep the collection robust, growing, and responsive to patrons
- b) ensure the collection is worthy of your membership
- c) keep the cost increase and the overall cost of participation as affordable as possible

Toward that end, the **BRIDGES Team**—with State Library administrative approval—has proposed a step increase in costs for the next several years. These increases should cover the costs of continued collection development and platform fees until the end of the current contract in FY2021. Many libraries suggested a rapid increase, while others preferred no cost increase at all. So we've split the difference and worked through budget numbers to allow for a slower increase to absorb it into budgets over time, while still keeping the consortium viable in the eyes of Iowa users into the future.

The layout of the step increases will work like this:

- FY2018 (July17-June18) \$300 base price plus \$0.13 per capita—an increase of \$0.04 from current year
- FY2019 (July18-June19) \$300 base price plus \$0.13 per capita—NO CHANGE
- FY2020 (July19-June20) \$300 base price plus \$0.15 per capita—an increase of \$0.02 from FY18. Note in FY20 we will have to start the **Request for Proposal** process for a new contract in order to continue offering a downloadable eBook/audiobook service.

A complete chart of this incremental cost increase is posted on the State Library's website so you can begin using it for budget planning purposes: <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/download/price-list-2012/bridgescurrentmemberpricing1721>

Thanks to the **BRIDGES Team** for overseeing this important service:  
Eunice Riesberg, Becky Heil, Misty Gray, Jay Peterson



**4) MakerSpace Activity Kits From DEMCO:** Here's something to add to your library's Christmas wish list—DEMCO has MakerSpace Activity Kits for sale in a range of prices. Teacher Geek is one source for STEM kits:

*"...TeacherGeek is for schools and libraries alike and is at home in any makerspace, classroom, or children's program. Through all-in-one activity kits, children engage in STEM-based learning. It's fun and affordable inventing at its best.*

A few of the 20 various activity kits available through DEMCO [www.demco.com](http://www.demco.com) show below. There are also instructional videos to guide kids through assembly...check it out and start your Christmas shopping early!

- Wiggle Bots
- Wind Turbines
- Ping Pong Ball Launchers
- Hydraulic Arms & Hydraulic Claws
- Crazy Contraptions



**5) Meetings / Events This Week:** No travels for me this Thanksgiving Week...oh wait, yes there is, I'm headed to Cheeseland for Turkey Day ☺

Speaking of **Thanksgiving**, all **State Library office locations** will be **closed** on **Thursday and Friday this week**, most staff are back on Monday November 28...

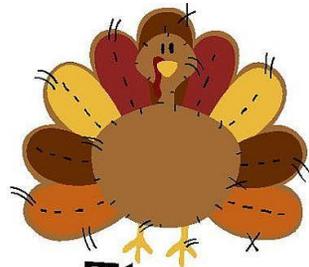
Northwest library staff are cordially invited to an **open house** for **Val Haverhals**, retiring as director of **Hawarden Public Library** after 25+ years. The reception for Val is **Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-6:30**. You're welcome to stop by and wish Val a fond farewell. Which are our sentiments exactly—from the State Library, thank you Val, for your outstanding years of library service!

**Monday Morning Eye-Opener** takes a vacation with me next Monday Nov28, so look for the next edition on **December 5<sup>th</sup>**. Wishing you a wonderful **Thanksgiving Holiday!**

There are two more national webinars this month. Find description details and registration here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

**November 30. 12:00-1:00PM. A Bakers Dozen of Cyber Security Tips** sponsored by (Lyrasis <http://www.lyrasis.org/classes-and-events/Pages/Free-Events.aspx>)

**November 30. 1:00-2:00PM. Introduction to Proposal Writing** sponsored by GrantSpace [http://grantspace.org/training/calendar/online/\(month\)/11/\(year\)/2016](http://grantspace.org/training/calendar/online/(month)/11/(year)/2016)



Happy Thanksgiving

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