

Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER May 8, 2017

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- 1) New SILO-ILL System: Observations & Suggestions: The State Library's newly revamped SILO Interlibrary Loan System opened for business last Monday May 1, when library staff across the state began entering ILL transactions into the new system. It's definitely a fresh look and feel for SILO-ILL this spring. With these changes, come some personal observations...consider this my op-ed piece ©
 - ❖ These changes represent the first major facelift for SILO-ILL in 20 years. With 544 public libraries in Iowa, a statewide ILL system needs to work for the largest as well as the smallest libraries. From Sioux City to McGregor, there's a wide range of workflows and staff preferences. Admittedly, one system can't meet every library's desired way of doing things. But the 2017 SILO-ILL System brings solid improvements to the scene. As just one example: expanded tracking features that greatly improve messaging between borrowing and lending libraries.
 - ❖ Coping with change can test people's patience, without question. But here is some positive perspective I'm happy to share—two testimonials. From Glenda Mulder with Laurens PL (population 1,258) "I think the new SILO-ILL is awesome and has some upgrades I didn't even know I wanted until I saw them! It's very intuitive, if you just poke around a bit." From Patria Jenson with Linn Grove PL (population 154) "I love the book labeling inserts, those save such time for small libraries."

So from personal observations to a few suggestions:

- Tap into LIBRARY TALK to read helpful Q&A from your colleagues who are sharing their ILL discoveries; as Glenda said, they're poking around and sharing what they're finding ©
- Use staff meetings as a time to learn the new SILO-ILL System by exploring it together. This could change previous practices for the better @ your libraries
- See this as a period of adjustment—it's been 7 days. Appreciate that more updates are in development and expected in the coming months
- Contact State Library staff—Des Moines or District offices—with your questions and feedback.

Thanks for your cooperation and your patience!

SYNC

2) OverDrive, SYNC, and YA Audiobooks: This news is thanks to Becky Heil with Southeast District office—the SYNC program returns to give your young patrons free audiobooks all summer long! OverDrive is once again partnering with AudioFile to provide free downloadable young adult audiobooks all summer.

From OverDrive's blog: "...there are few things more exciting than when the calendar turns to late spring. Schools will soon be

letting out and students and parents alike can spend their time enjoying the outdoors. The one thing to be cautious of during these months, however, is the dreaded Summer Slide. As students are away from classrooms, they tend to read less and their comprehension levels can taper off. Luckily, there's a solution that readers of all ages can take advantage of. Audiobooks are wonderful for reading while on the go and thanks to AudioFile's SYNC program, you can get two free audiobooks each week for the next 16 weeks straight. The program started April 27 and runs throughout summer..."

OverDrive and **AudioFile** have made this information really easy to share with your patrons, putting together a <u>ToolKit</u> with flyers, posters and other handouts. While we can't add these titles to the **BRIDGES** collection, anyone can get two free titles (one "classic" and one more contemporary) each week for their personal collection.

For more information, check out AudioFile's SYNC program

3) Public Library Management Course This Summer: The spring round of Public Library Management 1 course was full to overflowing, so the State Library is offering a summer session of PLM1. It's now open for registration in the C.E. Catalog—note registration deadline is May 23: https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/view/557565.



Summer PLM1 classes will meet on **Tuesdays June 13 through August 8**—skipping July 4 because of the holiday. The first class will be held inperson on Tuesday June 13 at Grimes Public Library; the remaining seven classes will be held online using Adobe Connect Classrooms.

Attendance at the first class in Grimes is mandatory. Note that directors are allowed first admittance, support staff will be admitted as room permits. The course is limited to 25 students; all are expected to have a computer and a headset/microphone for the online classes. Send any questions to your District consultant or to Alysia Peich alysia.peich@iowa.gov



4) May is Older Americans Month: Since 1963, May has been designated as "Older Americans Month." Originally titled "Senior Citizens Month" by President Kennedy, it was President Carter's administration that re-named it "Older Americans Month" in 1980.

The 2017 theme is "Age Out Loud," giving aging a new voice, one that reflects what today's older adults

have to say. The purpose of **Older Americans Month** is to acknowledge the vitality, aspirations, and contributions of older citizens, in particular those who defended our country. Every President since JFK has issued a formal proclamation in May asking that the entire nation pay tribute in some way to older persons in their communities. Making **Older Americans Month** a perfect occasion for library book displays, bulletin boards, and programming.

The Administration on Aging, along with the Administration for Community Living are major sponsors of **Older Americans Month**. From their websites you can find logos and posters to help with your local promotions. Learn more about **Older Americans Month** here https://oam.acl.gov/ and share your plans with each other on **LIBRARY TALK!**



5) Meetings / Events This Week: The State Library's annual **Director Roundtables** roll out in **Northwest District** this week—**tomorrow** actually at **Odebolt PL** (**May 9th / 9:30AM-12:30PM**) In a facilitated discussion format, the topic this year is "*The Planning Standard*." When public library standards were revised in 2016, the requirement to have a strategic plan changed from a Tier 3 expectation to a Tier 2. This change in standards impacts more libraries than before, making this a timely topic for **Director Roundtables 2017!**

Two more Roundtables follow—May 16 @ Spencer PL and May 23 @ Inwood PL. Registration is open in the c.e catalog https://statelibraryofiowa.lmscheckout.com/Course/index Everyone registered is asked to bring along their library's current planning document because there will time to practice writing goals and objectives. Thanks to all three host libraries...looking forward to seeing many of you in Odebolt and in the weeks to come!

Many national webinars to choose from in the month of May. Find descriptions and registration info here http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted

May 10. 1:00-2:00PM. *Introduction to Fundraising Planning* sponsored by Grantspace http://grantspace.org/Classroom/training-calendar/online

May 10. 2:00-3:00PM. What's New in Young Adult Literature 2017 sponsored by Infopeople https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar

May 11. 1:00-2:00PM. Designing Interactive Library Spaces on Limited Budgets sponsored by Demco http://ideas.demco.com/webinars/

May 11. 1:00-2:00PM. *Project Outcome Update: Website & Survey Management Improvements* sponsored by Public Library Association http://www.ala.org/pla/education/onlinelearning/webinars

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