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Next "Big Library Read" Coming Oct.12



The "**Big Library Read**" project is sponsored several times each year by OverDrive. And it's coming around again on **October 12** when the title will be [The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett](#) by Chelsea Sedoti.

Big Library Read is really a global book club.

OverDrive describes it as a "worldwide digital version of a local book club, available to patrons of public and school libraries that are OverDrive customers." If your library subscribes to **BRIDGES** eBook service through the State Library, this represents a great opportunity to join book lovers worldwide in reading the same eBook at the same time. And bonus—without any waiting lists or placing holds!

It's true: **BRIDGES** libraries will have unlimited access—simultaneous downloads—to this title in eBook format, as well as in audiobook format, from **October 12-26**. This is a fun way to promote the **BRIDGES** eBook service by raising awareness and greater use of it in your community.

Read more about OverDrive's **Big Library Read** project, where you'll find book discussion guides and promotional materials. Don't forget to download your copy of [The Hundred Lies of Lizzie Lovett](#) via **BRIDGES** anytime from **October 12-26**. Then think about joining a **very** big discussion group!

[Big Library Read](#)

Post-Solar Eclipse: Gather Any Glasses

This news comes from Youth Services Consultant Merri Monks concerning last month's solar eclipse. Countless public libraries across the country held **Great**

American Eclipse programming in August, many Iowa libraries among them. Turns out there is an effort to collect remaining eclipse glasses as donations to schools, libraries, and other institutions in South America and Asia for use in the next two years.



This effort is jointly sponsored by **Astronomers Without Borders** and **Explore Scientific**; they are organizing collection points for eclipse glasses. From **Astronomers Without Borders** website *“Give your eclipse glasses a second chance! There are Glasses Collection Centers across the U.S. See if there is one near you on our interactive map. Or register to be a collection center. If you have glasses to contribute, send them to the Explore Scientific address, our corporate partner; they are making this possible by receiving, processing, and storing them...”*

Lots more to be learned at **Astronomers Without Borders** website. Thanks to Merri Monks for this story!

Astronomers Without Borders

Teen Read Week October 8-14



This year, **Teen Read Week** is set for **October 8-14**, when libraries nationwide have great options for teen programming. When you participate in **Teen Read Week**, your library is joining a national literacy project sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) of ALA.

The 2017 theme is **“Unleash Your Story.”** This is your chance to spotlight all the resources and activities you provide for the teenage crowd. From the YALSA website: “...Teens are not simply ‘older children’—the have reached a developmental stage that requires a different strategic approach in order to effectively understand, connect with, and serve them. In addition, the needs and developmental abilities of younger teens ages 13 to 15 vary from those of older teens ages 16 to 18. YALSA helps libraries increase their outreach to teens and serve them better...”

YALSA is a division of the American Library Association; its website is a great spot to find promotional materials <http://www.ala.org/yalsa/>. Also collection development lists, top YA titles, along with STEM and STEAM toolkits.

How will you help teens in your community **Unleash Their Story?** Share your plans for **Teen Read Week @ Your Library!**

Teen Read Week

News Briefs



This Week

District office staff will be in Des Moines this Wednesday September 13 for our monthly staff meeting. While District offices will be closed, you're welcome to call the DM office if needed (800-248-4483)

It's that time of year: the State Library's annual **Town Meetings** get underway this week and continue through the month. Make plans to join us--check the C.E. Catalog for dates and locations nearest you!

Library101 happens this **Thursday September 14**. This online orientation introduces newly hired directors to library support systems and services in Iowa. In a 2-hour webinar format, meet the staff at the State Library—at least virtually—helping you match names with faces. Time is **9:30-11:30AM**, register in the C.E. Catalog in order to receive the link to the Adobe Classroom.

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