



Monday Morning Eye-Opener December 18, 2017

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Merry Christmas! December 18, 2017

State Library Highlights For 2017

Since this is the last issue of *Monday Morning Eye-Opener* for this year, it's a good time to harken back. Like your workplaces, the State Library had some noteworthy accomplishments this past year. So with a tip of the eggnog, here's our **Highlight Reel for 2017:**



** **New C.E. Catalog**

A new **Continuing Education Catalog** debuted in March, one-stop shopping for workshops, live webinars, and self-paced courses. The new interface even looks like a shopping site, complete with familiar prompts like **“Add To Cart.”** Alysia Peich was instrumental in this project, so it's fitting that the first highlight acknowledges Alysia's work as our continuing education coordinator.

** **New SILO-ILL System**

In May, came new **SILO Interlibrary Loan software**. The old **SILO ILL System** served libraries well for 20 years, but the new version improves workflow and adds several expanded tracking features, plus improvements in generating reports, printable shelf lists, book inserts, and mailing labels. Marie Harms was at the forefront of this very big project—kudos to Marie, the SILO Team, and all the District Resource Techs who continue coaching library staff in using the **New SILO**.

** **GALE Resources**

GALE resources came on the scene in July. In the spring, the State Library needed to go out for bids on our offerings of digital products and **GALE Cengage Learning Company** won the bid. In addition to hundreds of journals, Iowa libraries can access **Chilton's Auto Repair**, **Credo Reference**, and **Transparent Languages**—all for an incredibly affordable \$25.00 base price plus 6cents per capita. State Library staff are standing by to help you subscribe, and then to help you get started.

** **Reference Service Relocates**

This very week, the State Library's reference service moves from the Miller Building to the Law Library. This move was months in the planning stages and wraps up this December, making the transition in providing public reference service within the Law Library. Which is within the Capitol Building, well worth a visit when you're in Des Moines.

**** Eye-Opener's New Look**

Finally, **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** received a much-needed facelift by switching to **GovDelivery**, an e-newsletter service for state agencies. **GovDelivery** presents a fresh feel, more in keeping with other e-newsletter styles. The **Eye-Opener** is now sent out statewide, rather than customized and sent from each District office. However, Iowa libraries continue to receive important District updates coming in separate messages from District staff. We hope you enjoy this jazzy look for **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** and continue to find the content valuable for your library and beneficial in your work.

That's our Highlight Reel for 2017, feels like time for a long winter's nap!

Cheers to the New Year!

Christmas Gifts ...



For Your Library

Gift-giving ideas for the library continues with 7 more shopping days 'til Christmas! Maybe a Friends Group could spring for these extras. Or lacking a Friends Group, perhaps the library's own budget could handle some of these items, sure to make great additions to meeting rooms, study spaces, and programming spaces.

LisaMetheny with Griswold PublicLibrary likes their **Yacker Tracker**. It looks like a signal light and visually monitors the noise level in most any space. I read an article recently saying that nursing stations are using them to remind medical staff about comfortable noise levels for patients. Lisa uses theirs in the **Teen Area** to remind kids when they get abit boisterous!



From **The Library Store**, interlocking book bins come in vibrant colors and link together for display or storage; sturdy plastic with handles and label sleeves.

Also from **The Library Store**, children's reading carpets featuring ABCs, numbers, colors, and shapes...just one more reason to love storytime @ the library!



Northwest AEA Creative Services. It's time to shine a light on this little-known shopping source: the AEA's. Public libraries are eligible for many of the same product discounts that K-12 schools enjoy. The **Northwest AEA Creative Services Team** can help you create and produce professional looking **posters, banners, brochures, signage and more** to enhance your library spaces. Browse their catalog here <https://www.nwaea.org/educators/creative-services/>

Updates ...

Making the Move

Michael Scott and Emily Bainter share this update: *State Library Public Reference Services have moved to the Law Library. While Main Library in the Miller Building is no longer open to the public for reference service, we want to make sure Iowa library staff know that you are always welcome to stop by the Miller Building (East 12th and Grand Ave) during regular business hours to browse our collection or find a quiet space to work. So if you happen to be in the area and want to drop by, just give us a call at 515-281-4015 so we can greet you at the door!"*

This Week ... And Holidays

Libraries with **PLOW websites** can catch **Website Worktime** this **Wednesday Dec 20 @ 10:00AM OR Thursday Dec21 @ 9:00AM**. These sessions take place using ZOOM web conferencing software. Registration is not required, just click this link to join <http://zoom.us/j/5152813464>

The days dwindle down to a precious few in 2017. But early into the new year, continuing education comes back on the scene with **Summer Library Program webinars**, the **All Iowa Reads** discussion of *The Boys in the Bunkhouse*, and the **2018 ILOC Conference**. All that and more in January. Refer back to last week's *Eye-Opener* for an education preview, then turn to the [C.E. Catalog](#) to register.

The **State Library** will be closed **Christmas Day** and **New Year's Day**. **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** takes a holiday break as well, look for the next **MMEO** on **January 8th**.

From all of us at the State Library of Iowa,
wishing you a wonderful Christmas Season!



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