



Monday Morning Eye-Opener February 19, 2018

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Good Morning! February 19, 2018

BRIDGES Libraries ...

Time to Renew Participation

By next month, all Iowa libraries that are current subscribers to the **BRIDGES eBook service** need to renew their participation. By **March 31**, current

BRIDGES libraries need to complete and return a **Letter of Agreement** to ensure ongoing access through the **BRIDGES** consortium.



Eunice Riesberg with Northeast District writes these instructions to renew:

- 1) Access the Letter of Agreement on the BRIDGES webpage--click button below
- 2) From the left-hand menu, choose "Membership Documents"
- 3) Choose **BRIDGES Renewal Letter of Agreement FY 2019**
- 4) Complete the form and return it to the address located at the bottom of the form. **DEADLINE for receipt of the agreement is March 31, 2018**

Note that you will receive invoicing for your annual subscription in July. Please **DO NOT** send payment before invoices arrive, then follow instructions for issuing and mailing the checks.

Now...for libraries wanting to join **BRIDGES for the first time**, the due date is the same—**March 31**. In the first year, there is a one-time \$400.00 setup charge, in addition to the annual fee of \$300.00 plus .13cents per capita. **Pricing** for new subscribers, along with a **Letter of Agreement**, is posted on the State Library's website--click the button below.

Service for new **BRIDGES** subscribers is expected to begin by July 15. Again, new subscribers should **NOT** send any money now, please wait for invoices to arrive.

Call the State Library with any questions...it's **BRIDGES** Time!

BRIDGES Info

Small Change ...



A Financial Literacy Course

The State Library is pleased to announce an important partnership with Iowa State University Extension. We are partnering to offer Iowa library staff a free course to gain personal finance knowledge, then subsequently create financial literacy programming at their libraries for adults and children.

The course is titled **Small Change: Building Financial Security**. This is a blended learning course (face-to-face and online classes) coming in April and open to anyone employed in an Iowa public library. Participants can earn 13 CE credits by:

- Attending a one day face-to-face workshop in one of four regional locations
- Completing at least 4 of 12 game-based learning modules covering financial topics
- Completing a plan for a library program based on financial literacy
- Participating in a wrap-up webinar

Participants who complete the course will also have the opportunity to select new personal finance resources to add to their library's collection, thanks to a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation.

Small Change: Building Financial Security will give participants the ability to make more informed decisions about personal financial management. Increased skills and knowledge will allow librarians to help library patrons identify trusted personal finance resources. Research demonstrates a continued need to improve the financial literacy skills of all Iowans regardless of age or income.

How to Register

Participants can sign up for the entire course by registering for one of four face-to-face workshops being held in April across the state. Workshops are limited to 20 participants and run from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Lunch is included at no additional cost. Click the link to your preferred location below to register in the C.E. Catalog.

[Tuesday April 10 in Carroll](#)

[Tuesday April 17 in Johnston](#)

[Thursday April 19 in Coralville](#)

[Wednesday April 25 in Clear Lake](#)

Register now to secure your place in the program! For questions, contact Alysia Peich (alysia.peich@iowa.gov / 1-800-248-4483) Thanks to Alysia and Emily

Bainter for this article.

Iowa Small Library Association News

Spring Meeting March 2

Coming up on **March 2**, it's the **Iowa Small Library Association (ISLA)** spring meeting.

This year's topic centers on Friends Groups and Volunteers. From the ISLA website: "...*Would you like to start a Friends Group at your library but don't know where to begin? Do you have a*

Friends Group but you aren't sure that they're doing all they can to help? Are you looking for ways to recruit new volunteers or to more effectively utilize the volunteers you have? Join us at the Spring Meeting to learn more about these topics from librarians who have successfully navigated their way to friendly Friends and thriving volunteer programs. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of the presentations..."



Again this year, the **ISLA meeting** will be conducted online using ZOOM web conferencing software. While there are limited number of libraries across the state serving as host locations, the upside is that staff can attend at an area library and talk face-to-face with other attendees. As more people register and express interest in hosting a ZOOM room, more locations will become available. At this writing, these are the locations hosting a ZOOM room

- Washington Public Library
- Emmetsburg Public Library (Limit 10 attendees)
- Sheldon Public Library
- Ely Public Library
- Norelius Community Library in Denison
- Dike Public Library

The meeting runs from **9:30AM-12:00PM** and has been awarded 2 continuing education credits. The cost is \$5.00 for ISLA members / \$10.00 for non-ISLA members / \$15.00 for non ILA-non ISLA members. Find more information, along with the registration form, click the button

[ISLA Website](#)

This Week ...

For libraries with PLOW websites, this week brings back **Website Worktime**. Via ZOOM web conferencing, Marie Harms will demo tips for working with your PLOW sites. Catch it either **Wed Feb21** (10:00AM) OR **Thurs Feb22** (9:00AM) Here is the link to the ZOOM Room, no advance registration is necessary <http://zoom.us/j/5152813464>



For libraries intending to file for **E-Rate discounts**—this week is the first deadline for completing the first form in sequence: #470. **The window to file Form #470 closes on Thurs. Feb22.** Once you've filed Form #470, you must wait 28 days before moving on to the second one in sequence which is Form #471. **The window for filing #471 closes on March 22.** Time is

fleeting, so if you'd like more information or assistance with filing, contact the Library Resource Tech at your district office.

There's a **webinar this Wed Feb21** (10:00AM-12:00PM) focusing on the **All Iowa Kids Read** title ([Ghost](#) by Jason Reynolds) and **All Iowa Teens Read** title ([Girl in the Blue Coat](#) by Monica Hesse) This is a great chance to learn more about these brand new aspects of the *All Iowa Reads* initiative. Registration is open in the C.E. Catalog.

Finally, **Friday Feb23** brings back **Friday Tech Focus** (9:30AM) This is a quick look at a techie tool; Eunice Riesberg with Northeast District demonstrates. Registration is open in the C.E. Catalog.

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