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Good Morning! June 11, 2018

Special Library Levy



Learn More at a Webinar This Week

Learn more about the **Special Library Levy** and its potential boon to your budget in a webinar this **Thursday June 14** (1:30-2:30PM) Also known as the “**27cent levy**” this is an additional source of revenue for Iowa’s public libraries allowed for by [Iowa Code 384.12\(21\)](#).

This state code allows cities to levy an additional tax of up to 27cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed property valuation to support the public library. The State Library’s website maintains a chart of all Iowa cities and the amount of money that would be generated from passing the **Special Library Levy**. This is an especially helpful chart as boards take up this discussion.

A petition soliciting city residents’ signatures is required before the levy can be added to the general election ballot. Also on the State Library’s website, find a sample petition. This levy would start on July 1st of the following fiscal year; so if your library passes the levy in November 2019, the funding kicks in July 1, 2020.

This week’s webinar offers a timely explanation, allowing library boards have ample time to discuss this further. Here are a few considerations, read more in-depth details at on our webpage linked below:

- Ask the county auditor about local deadlines for getting the measure on the ballot
- Be clear about the referendum wording. Do you believe the community would support a levy with no ending date? Or would residents be more likely to pass if it were in effect for five years, 10 years, etc?
- Work on the petition, make sure the wording is identical to the language of the referendum

In Thursday's webinar, State Law Librarian Mandy Easter will explain what you need to know in order to pursue and pass the levy. Central District Consultant Maryann Mori will speak to success stories, as well as a few pitfalls, from librarians who have shared their experience. Register in the [C.E. Catalog](#) to join us!

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MakerSpace Workshop in July

Sponsored By Central Rivers AEA

Does your library have a MakerSpace? Are you interested in establishing one? **Central Rivers AEA in Cedar Falls** is sponsoring a **MakerSpace workshop** on **Tuesday July 31st** and public libraries are welcome to attend. The event is titled ***Maker Meet-Up: Let's Make & Create*** and takes place at **Central Rivers AEA, 1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls.**



Attendees will learn practical strategies for beginning MakerSpaces and have the opportunity for hands-on maker activities. The day features keynote speaker Kevin Jarrett, a teacher with 14 years of experience in designing, building, and leading K-8 technology programs including STEM programming. He currently consults full-time for educational institutions across the country, specializing in the creation and support of maker-based learning programs.

Maker Meet-Up event runs from **9:00AM-3:00PM** on **July 31st**. The fee for public library staff is \$25.00 which includes lunch; the cost for teachers is higher as this workshop counts toward license renewal. Visit the Central Rivers AEA website for more details as they become available, find registration information there too. You're welcome to contact Cari Teske with questions cteske@centralriversaea.org

MakerSpace Workshop Info

OverDrive Summer Read



@ Your Library June 6--July 18

This promotion from OverDrive is designed to encourage students to keep reading over summer vacation. This year's **Summer Read Program** runs from **June 6-July 18**, featuring four juvenile and four young adult titles that will be showcased on your OverDrive website.

This year's title selection will appeal to all readers, boys and girls alike. The juvenile set for the youngest readers features everyone's favorite sponge that lives in pineapple under the sea, a quirky 11-year-old battling internal demons on a quest to cure himself and bring his family back together, and a comic book hero on a mission to collect a deadly weapon and save a city.

The young adult set for middle and high school students includes a mysterious girl who finds a tree that bears fruit born of whispered lies, a mysterious camp hidden deep in the mountains that may or may not actually exist, and a mother who vanished from the face of the earth.

To learn more about the program and to find marketing materials to support the **2018 OverDrive Summer Read** promotion (including activity guides, print pieces, communication templates, digital graphics, and a special edition podcast from The Professional Book Nerds) visit the project website. Boredom is not an options for kids this summer if libraries and OverDrive has anything to say about it—there's reading to be done!

OverDrive Summer Read



This Week ...

As covered in today's lead article, catch the webinar on **Thursday June 14** regarding the **Special Library Levy** (1:30-2:30PM) Register in the [C.E. Catalog](#)

District staff will be in **Des Moines** this **Wednesday** (June 13) for our monthly staff meeting; drop off email or voice mail messages for us and we'll get back to you on Thursday...

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