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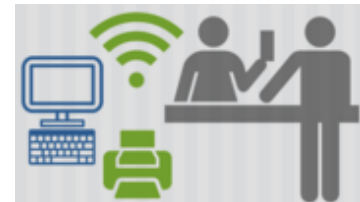
Happy Earth Day! April 22, 2019

Technology Grants From State Library

Applications Due May 31

The application window is open for Iowa public libraries to apply for technology grants through the State Library. This available grant money comes from our federal funding; libraries can apply for up to $10,000. Because these grants are earmarked for technology upgrades, eligible libraries must have completed an **Edge Assessment** and developed an **Edge Action Plan**. **The application deadline is May 31, 2019 at 11:30PM.**

Group applications are especially desirable; for instance a county library association could submit a group request, in which case the grant could provide up to $10,000 for each library in the group. **NOTE**: this means that all libraries in the group application must have completed an **Edge Assessment / Action Plan.**

Qualifying Purchases and Reimbursements

All grant purchases must relate to improving one or more specific **Edge recommendation** from the library's **Edge Action Plan**. Hardware such as desktop computers, laptops, tablets, monitors, printers, software, servers or routers, assistive equipment, presentation and multimedia hardware, and accessories related to the items to be purchased are all allowable. Libraries can also use grant funds for network assessment and broadband connectivity upgrades. Ongoing

subscriptions, warranties, licenses and month-to-month Internet fees are not allowed. Equipment that connects to the Internet may be subject to compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

These grants will be handled as reimbursements, meaning that qualifying libraries will need to purchase items with local funding, then be reimbursed through the grant. All purchases must be made by September 30, 2019. All invoices, receipts, bills of sale, etc. must be dated prior to September 30 and be paid by the library. Proof of purchase and payment is required for reimbursement.
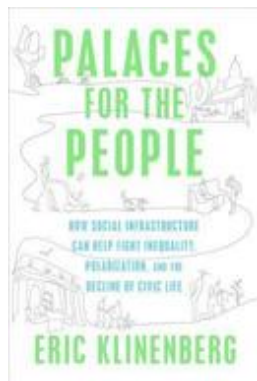
Scoring and Awards

Funding will be awarded based on how the project (a) helps the library implement an **Edge Action Plan** recommendation (b) the impact the project will have to improve the lives of Iowa citizens (c) the economic need expressed and (d) the clarity of the project description. A team composed of State Library staff will review and score each proposal. **Grant awards will be announced on June 15.**

Learn More

The State Library has already presented one informational webinar on April 18, with another one scheduled for **Friday May 3** (9:00-10:00AM) This is a good chance to hear more about this important grant opportunity, with time for Q&A. Because this is an informational webinar, CE credit is not awarded. **Find full details, including an informational video, links to May 3rd webinar, and the actual application form by clicking below. Good Luck!**

[Technology Grant Application]

Big Ideas Book Discussion May 30th

Palaces For The People

The second book in the *2019 Big Ideas Book Discussion* series is Palaces for the People by Eric Klinenberg. The title actually comes from Andrew Carnegie's description of the hundreds of public libraries that his philanthropy made possible. Klinenberg is a sociology professor; in this book he writes that public spaces act as social equalizers, believing that the future of democratic societies rests on shared public spaces.

From **Amazon**: *"…Libraries, senior centers, churches, and parks are where crucial connections are formed. These are places where people gather and linger, making friends and strengthening the entire community. Klinenberg calls this 'social infrastructure.' When it is strong, neighborhoods flourish; when it is neglected, families and individuals must fend for themselves."*

From **The New Yorker** review *"…a community's resilience correlates with the robustness of its social infrastructure. [the author's] numerous case studies add up to a plea for more investment in the spaces and institutions—libraries, parks, childcare centers—that foster mutual support in civic life."*

In *Big Ideas Book Discussions*, State Library staff and guest stars facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, customer service, presentation skills, etc. we'll connect those ideas with public library service.
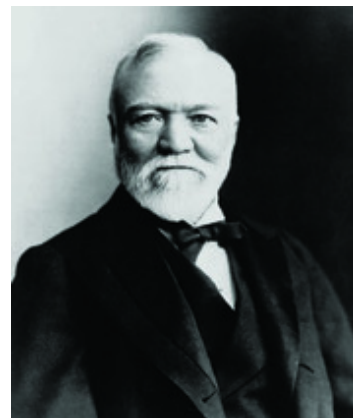
Big Ideas provides an assortment of titles for nonfiction readers, aiding in collection development and leading to good choices for local book discussion groups. We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the *Big Ideas* series for your own collections. And join us for the next good read: Palaces for the People.

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Celebrate Your Carnegie Library

Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project

All Carnegie libraries in Iowa have cause for historical programming this year. Because 2019 marks the centennial of the death of Andrew Carnegie, whose philanthropy funded the building of 1,687 U.S. public libraries, as well as 108 U.S. academic libraries. In Iowa, that number reached106, totaling 99 public libraries plus another 7 academic institutions.

The **Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project** is working to preserve the documentation related to the establishment of these libraries. Project staff are interested in digitizing local archival materials for inclusion on its website. Browse this site for great information on the specific Iowa Carnegie buildings, which ones are still in use (most have been expanded in the past century) which ones have been repurposed for another civic use, and which ones no longer exist. As expected, the **Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project** website has great historical information, along with an FAQ page and related reading resources.

In the fall of 2018, School of Library Science students worked closely with Marengo, IA which now features the most complete webpage. In the months ahead, **Project** staff plan to contact each Carnegie library. They continue developing the website, but you can look for your building on the site, as there are already materials loaded for every Carnegie Iowa library.

And in programming news: if you are interested in having a presentation on Carnegie libraries, you are welcome to contact Dr. Shana Stuart, Director of the **Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project** Her email is shana-stuart@uiowa.edu. She will be glad to schedule a presentation, sharing insights and stories about how your building fits into the big picture of Iowa's Carnegie Libraries.

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This Week ...

Check It Out: Children & Teen Book Talks

One noteworthy webinar this week happens on **Thursday April 25—Check It Out** (1:00-2:00PM) Noteworthy because it marks the first in an ongoing series of children's booktalks. On the last Thursday of every month, Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi will be sharing book reviews of new children and teen titles. Register in the **C.E. Catalog** to catch the first one this Thursday.

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