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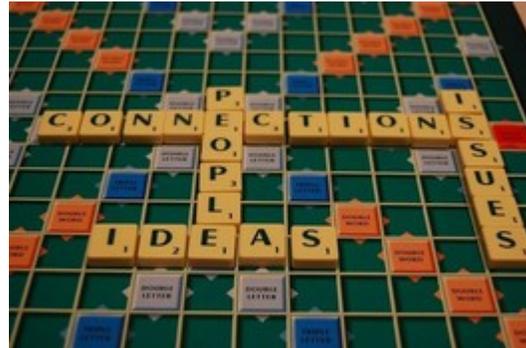
FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

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Districts Provide Virtual Office Hours

Online Conversations in ZOOM

As you have probably read, State Library staff, alongside other state employees, are restricted from traveling during this time. Prompting District Consultants to extend an invitation--join us as we begin virtual office hours in the weeks ahead. Days and times will vary, but one thing will hold true every-where: this will be a nice way to stay connected with each other.



With the majority of Iowa's public libraries closed to foot traffic, and with so many of 1-2 person operations, we hope that these virtual office hours will help revive collaboration with your colleagues. And given that we're grounded from normal travel, we also hope that these online chats will help you feel more connected to us--your support network at the state level.

These will be informal, casual conversations (not for c.e. credit) Come as you are, where you are, whether logging in from your library or from your home. It will be helpful to bring some type of microphone / headset device to the conversation. Here's the schedule, hope to see you...

Northwest District with Bonnie McKewon

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30AM starting March 31. ZOOM Room

<https://zoom.us/j/7124443993>

Central District with Maryann Mori

Tuesdays 1:30-2:30PM starting March 31. ZOOM Room

<https://zoom.us/j/2304822985>

Southwest District with Misty Gray

Thursdays 10:00-11:00AM starting April 2. ZOOM Room

<https://zoom.us/j/6354046651>

North Central District with Jay Peterson

Thursdays 1:30-2:30PM starting April 2. ZOOM Room

<https://zoom.us/j/5152814499>

Southeast District with Becky Heil

Fridays 10:00-11:00AM. April 3. ZOOM Room

<https://zoom.us/j/4091922361>

Northeast District with Eunice Riesberg

Fridays 10:30-11:30 starting April 3. ZOOM Room

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State Library Services Continue

In addition to open office hours described above, our agency is making other adjustments to ensure that support services to Iowa libraries continue.

Consulting Staff

Because travel restrictions prevent District staff from visiting local libraries on-site, previously scheduled appointments are being rescheduled for summer. In many cases, what would have been in-person meetings are being flipped online. Behind the scenes, revisions are now underway for a new edition of the Iowa Library Trustees Handbook. Our work continues in building out the new Education Endorsement Program, as well as prepping for more immediate roundtables and webinars. One notable example is the **Kids First Conference** now happening entirely online **April 6-7**.

And in a new development, last week we began a series of online meetings **“Crisis Response Conversations.”** State Library staff will use ZOOM to talk about service options while libraries are closed. The first half of each session will be a discussion about a topic especially poignant during the COVID19 crisis. The second half hour will open up for general Q&A. Last week discussed electronic meetings; upcoming topics include

- April 1: Q&A with Mandy Easter, Law Library Consultant
- April 8: Online Programming
- April 15: Bridges & Other E-Resources

[Register for Crisis Response Conversations](#)

LRT Staff

The State Library's LRT staff (Library Resource Technicians) are also standing by to help with tech issues, E-Rate filing, BRIDGES questions, and website assistance. Also please note: the LRT staff are compiling a master list of libraries that have closed or are closing due to COVID19. They've been asking Iowa librarians to report on their building and staffing status: whether the building is open or closed, whether staff remains working, whether staff will continue with SILO-ILL and accepting IAShared deliveries, etc. **If you haven't yet reported this information**, please do so by completing the form titled **"Report an Iowa Library Closure"** found here

<https://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/covid-19/library-closures>

Specialized Library Services Staff

Des Moines-based staff who provide reference and information service to Iowa citizens are still working in their capacity. Administrative offices and the Law Library are currently closed to the public. However, reference and information services remain available via phone, email, and live chat from 8:00AM-4:30PM.

- **Phone:** 1-800-248-4483 / **Email:** information.services@iowa.gov
- **Live Chat:** Click the red chat icon in the lower left corner of the [State Library homepage](#)
- [State Library Card Requests](#) are being processed electronically
- [Online Resources](#) remain up and running; some may require a State Library Card

The above services remain subject to change; updates will be posted if changes are needed

OverDrive's Big Library Read

Continues Through April 13 ...

There's still time to participate in OverDrive's **Big Library Read** with this season's title [Funny, You Don't Look Autistic](#) by Michael McCreary. **Big Library Read** is a great way to get your patrons talking about the same book and get your **BRIDGES** e-book collection some renewed exposure as well.



Big Library Read is really a virtual global book club. Facilitated by OverDrive, this is a reading program promoted locally at thousands of libraries in the U.S. and around the world, connecting readers with the same book at the same time, minus any wait lists or holds.

The title [Funny, You Don't Look Autistic](#), in eBook and audiobook formats, is still available for simultaneous download through **April 13**. Here's more about the book: *"...Like many others on the autism spectrum, 20-something stand-up comic Michael McCreary has been told by more than a few well-meaning folks that he doesn't look autistic. This unique and hilarious #OwnVoices memoir breaks down what it's like to live with autism for readers on and off the spectrum."*

Overdrive has packaged great resources to help with promoting the **Big Library Read @ Your Library**. Begin with a press release, then download marketing materials like posters and social media graphics. And if you use **#biglibraryread** on social media, you have a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy Tablet. Find out more at the button below.

[Big Library Read](#)

This Week: Office Hours, Crisis Response Conversation #2, and BRIDGES News



Crisis Response Conversation #2 happens this **Wednesday April 1 @ 1:00PM**. This week's conversation will be a Q&A session with State Law Librarian Mandy Easter. The first half hour will be a facilitated discussion between Mandy and other State Library consultants. The second half hour opens up for general Q&A on legal or other topics. If you have particular concerns related to library closures, holding board meetings, or other issues related to the Coronavirus environment, please log into the CE Catalog to register and receive the ZOOM Room link

[C.E. Catalog](#)

Important news regarding BRIDGES: For all public libraries that are **NOT YET** members of **BRIDGES**, the State Library is extending the enrollment deadline for first-time joiners. **The extended deadline is now April 14, 2020.** This does compress the time needed on our end to help newcomers to **BRIDGES** get successfully up-and-running. So we ask that you read all documentation carefully

and contact us if questions. Find the *Letter of Agreement*, along with pricing and policies, here

[BRIDGES Letter of Agreement](#)

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