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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

April 13, 2020
Happy Easter !

Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement



Due Date Moved to June

With Iowa's public libraries closed due to Coronavirus and staff hours reduced in many cases, the State Library administration has adjusted the dates surrounding the **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement for FY21**. The release date for the **FY21 Letter of Agreement** is pushed forward to May 1, with the return deadline pushed forward to June 1, 2020.

Another reason for the date change is that the **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement** is moving online. Library directors completing the new online form will have the ability to sign it electronically. Assuming switching over to the online version goes as planned, we should be able to keep to a May 1st release date and a June 1st return date.

As for **Enrich Iowa Reports**--wherein library directors report annual Open Access and ILL transactions, along with Direct State Aid purchases--those reports will still be due on July 31, 2020.

One more point regarding **Enrich Iowa** surrounds spending **Direct State Aid** funding received in FY20. Again, due to the Coronavirus disruptions and public library closings, the State Library is lifting the requirement to spend **DSA** funds by June 30, 2020. Now if you **have spent** your library's share of **Direct State Aid** money by now, that's great. If you **can spend** it by June 30, that's the ideal. But if not, there will be no penalties from the State Library's perspective. Just don't forget

about this revenue source in your budget and be ready to report what you purchased by July 31.

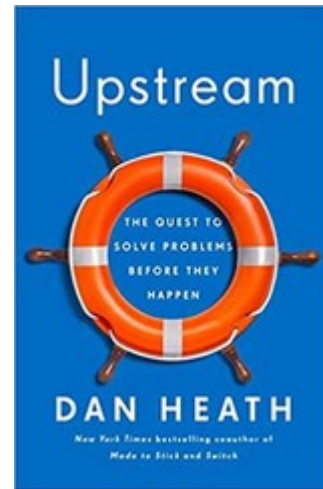
NOTE: we urge you to confirm with your city manager / city clerk whether or not the library can carry over its DSA money, allowing it to be spent in July-- please confirm that locally. [State Library staff](#) are happy to answer any questions.

Big Ideas Book Discussion May 29

Upstream by Dan Heath

The next **Big Ideas Book Discussion** is scheduled for May 29th (9:30-11:00AM) when we'll take up the title Upstream: The Quest to Solve Problems Before They Happen (c2020) by Dan Heath.

From Amazon "...So often in life, we get stuck in a cycle of response. We put out fires. We deal with emergencies. We stay downstream, handling one problem after another, but we never make our way upstream to fix the systems that caused the problems. Cops chase robbers, doctors treat patients with chronic illnesses, and call-center reps address customer complaints. But many crimes, chronic illnesses, and customer complaints are preventable. So why do our efforts skew so heavily toward reaction rather than prevention? New York Times bestselling author of *The Power of Moments* and *Made to Stick*, Dan Heath delivers practical solutions for preventing problems rather than reacting to them..."



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. In addition to a great assortment of non-fiction titles there are other spin-off benefits of **Big Ideas**:

- Titles help with collection development for participating libraries
- Titles are good choices for local book discussion groups
- This program serves as another model for how to facilitate local book discussions

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for your own collection. Join us for the next good read Upstream: The Quest to Solve Problems Before They Happen And this time around, plan to use to your computer mic or your headset to talk in breakout rooms!

From Iowa Department of Education

Great Resources For Families

State Librarian Michael Scott has this news from the Iowa Department of Education. The Department has shared a great assortment of resources for parents and families to use while school is suspended and more learning is happening at home. The button below links to a



wide variety of learning materials for PreK through 12th grade, here are just a few of them:

- Farm Food 360
- NASA Kids' Club
- BrainPop
- Virtual Field Trips
- TED Talks for Kids

From the D.E. website “...*The Iowa Department of Education partnered with AEA Learning Online, the Governor’s STEM Advisory Council, Iowa PBS, and the Iowa Reading Research Center to provide a variety of resources. These products cover multiple subject areas, such as literacy, computer science, fine arts, and career and technical education. The resources also address mental health and emotional well-being. This list supporting learning during COVID-19 is not exhaustive and will be reviewed and updated weekly...*

Michael Scott writes: “...*I know that Iowa’s public libraries are assisting parents and educators with services ranging from virtual storytimes, to online reference service, to promoting eBook and audiobook content. Because libraries are utilizing their social media platforms, they can certainly point parents, educators, and caregivers towards these educational resources...*”

Dept of Education Resources

Online This Week

Crisis Response Conversations



The fourth in a series ***Crisis Response Conversations*** happens this **Wednesday April 15 @ 1:00PM**. This week's topic is ***"BRIDGES and Other E-Resources."*** The first half hour will be a review of BRIDGES and other digital resources available from the State Library. The second half hour opens up for Q&A. Still time to register

[C.E. Catalog](#)

Speaking of BRIDGES

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 libraries. **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](#)

District Office Hours

Finally, District Office Hours continue this week. These are informal, casual conversations, helping all of us feel abit more connected. Come as you are, wherever you are, whether logging in from your library or from your home. Most 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. ZOOM Room <https://zoom.us/j/7124443993>

Central District with Maryann Mori: Tuesdays 1:30-2:30PM. ZOOM Room <https://zoom.us/j/2304822985>

Southwest District with Misty Gray: Thursdays 10:00-11:00AM. ZOOM Room <https://zoom.us/j/6354046651>

North Central District with Jay Peterson: Thursdays 1:30-2:30PM. ZOOM Room <https://zoom.us/j/5152814499>

Southeast District with Becky Heil: Fridays 10:00-11:00AM. ZOOM Room <https://zoom.us/j/4091922361>

Northeast District with Eunice Riesberg: Fridays 10:30-11:30. ZOOM Room <https://zoom.us/j/3194336021>



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