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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA

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IAShares Deliveries Set To Resume



Delivery Service to Restart June 8th

The State Library is pleased to announce that **IAShares** van delivery service is scheduled to restart on **Monday June 8, 2020**. Thanks to library staff reporting their reopening dates, we have reached the minimum number of public libraries needed to be reopened with staff in the buildings to accept deliveries.

More detailed information will be forthcoming later this week. At this point we want to confirm the start date for **IAShares** that we proposed in [our last update on May 22](#). State Library administrators continue working with StatCourier and Mobius to make final preparations this week. Please note that there may be some modifications to route schedules as most libraries across the state are implementing limited hours and phased reopenings.

State Librarian Michael Scott writes *“Starting next **Monday June 8**, initial deliveries will include all materials that have been stored at the **IAShares** hubs since March 30 **AND** more **IAShares** bags that are due to arrive at the State Library this week.*

Along with delivering materials to libraries, the plan is to pick up as many materials as libraries have ready—more on this process later this week. We ask for

*everyone's patience as we restart the **IAShares** delivery service. Please know that we are working towards as smooth and efficient a process as possible...*"

Thanks to all library staff who answered the call by updating your library's reopening information via our website. **If you have not yet reported your library's reopening date, please do so by clicking the button below and filling out a quick questionnaire.** We ask that you complete this task sooner rather than later.

For those libraries we don't hear from via the online reporting form, expect a follow-up contact from State Library staff to determine your status for receiving ILL deliveries starting the week of June 8. Please understand that your ability to receive ILL deliveries on your scheduled delivery date **DOES NOT MEAN** that your library will be or must be open to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Keyser (tom.keyser@iowa.gov) at the State Library. More information will be forthcoming later this week, but we're pleased that **IAShares** delivery will **restart next Monday June 8.**

Report a Library Re-Opening Date



ALA Notes Historic Milestone

By Donating Books to U.S. Libraries

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of 19th amendment granting women the right to vote. To mark this historic milestone, the American Library Association (ALA) is partnering with the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission (WSCC) to distribute 6,000 youth book sets on women's suffrage to libraries across the country. Public and school libraries are encouraged to apply for

these book sets as a means of highlighting the importance of libraries as hubs of civic education and engagement.

The WSCC selected the books and is providing funding for the project. Each set consists of three books corresponding to different reading levels: **Around America to Win the Vote** by Mara Rockliff for elementary readers; **The Woman's Hour: Our Fight for the Right to Vote** by Elaine Weiss for middle schoolers; and the **National Park Service Women's Suffrage Reader**," an anthology of essays for high school readers.

A working group representing members and staff from ALA's offices and three of its youth divisions will handle the requests. This group has created a recommended list of diverse books, as well as program and display ideas to accompany the book donations. Moreover, ALA and the WSCC will co-host a virtual series surrounding women's suffrage.

Applications are due by June 15, 2020. Contact Jazzy Celindro, jcelindro@ala.org for more information about the project or with questions about the application.

[Apply for ALA's Women's Suffrage Book Sets](#)

About the American Library Association

ALA is the foremost national organization providing resources to inspire library and information professionals to transform their communities through essential programs and services. For more than 140 years, ALA has been the trusted voice for public, school, academic, and special libraries advocating for the library profession and its role in the community. For more information, visit www.ala.org

About the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission

The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission was created by Congress to coordinate the nationwide commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment: granting women their constitutional right to vote. WSCC's mission to make sure Americans across the country have the chance to participate in centennial commemorations and to learn about this important but often overlooked event in American history. Learn more about the 19th Amendment Centennial and the WSCC on its website www.womensvote100.org

Contracting Cities Questionnaire

Complete By June 5th

Public library directors received this notice from Scott Dermont last week. Directors are asked to report all towns that will be contracting for library service in FY2021. Do not include our own city or other funding areas like the rural portion of your

county or funding from any townships. Report those towns without their own municipal libraries that are contracting for service with your library.



These service contracts should be written and include a stated monetary obligation. Because of changes to the Open Access Program (changes that went into effect in July 2017) the State Library now needs the dollar amount of the contract in addition to the name of the contracting town(s)

Among other things, this information regarding contracting cities is helpful for library staff when they need to determine if out-of-town visitors are legitimate Open Access customers or not. If out-of-town visitors are actually residents of contracting cities, then those people are Open Access customers. All contracting cities are listed on the Open Access form and in the “Contracting Cities” file on our website.

We’re using Survey Monkey to collect your responses. The questionnaire should take less than 5 minutes to fill out depending on the number of cities you need to report. NOTE: If your library does not provide to other towns via contracts, you do not need to answer the survey. However, if your library has provided service in the past but will longer have contractual agreements in place in FY20121, it will be very helpful if you will fill out the first page of the survey and answer "No." Please complete the “**Contracting Cities Questionnaire**” by June 5. Contact Scott Dermont with questions and find the survey itself at the button below.

[Contracting Cities Questionnaire](#)

This Week and Next ...



There are no State Library sponsored webinars this week—which is quite a statement given such an output in the last two months! But while we take a breather this week, look ahead to a webinar scheduled for next **Tuesday June 9** titled “**Deciphering Information in a Misinformation Culture.**”

From the C.E. catalog: *“It's important that library patrons are able to identify and access reliable sources for information—especially with so many important topics such as health, economy, employment, and elections on everyone's minds. This webinar will provide you with information you can pass along to your library users to*

make them more information—media—and digitally literate.” The time is 1:00-2:30PM, registration is open:

[C.E. Catalog](#)

Blank Park Zoo Passes

The State Library has learned that the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines will not be issuing free passes to libraries or to other organizations. The zoo feels that to ensure safety for all staff, visitors, and animals, officials need to modify their ticketed admissions process. When the Blank Park Zoo reopens, they will be operating on a timed ticket admission process. Please direct any questions to Dori Buls at Central District Office dori.buls@iowa.gov

District Office Hours

District Office Hours continue this week, but with a caveat. Each district is arriving at a new schedule moving into the summer months. Some will continue weekly sessions for the time being, others are looking at a different schedule. In all cases and places, though, these remain casual conversations, good ways to stay connected and share common experiences and questions. Because days and times vary, simply contact your District Office for your area information.

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