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Librarians: Apply Now to Participate in Online Resources Task Force

The State Library is now accepting applications from public librarians to participate in a task force to advise and select possible online resources for a new statewide contract beginning next fiscal year.

Goal and Scope of the Task Force

The goal of the task force is to represent public libraries from across the state, evaluate data and feedback collected from surveys and focus groups to find themes, and translate those themes into requirements for products, services, utilities, or tools.

The requirements will be prioritized and final recommendations delivered to the State Library on what types of resources to pursue in an RFP process and the suggested pricing model to pay for the resources. Some members of the task force will also be expected to serve on the committee to review, evaluate and select the proposals for online resources received from vendors.

Membership Expectations

Librarians who are interested in applying to serve on the task force should expect a time commitment of at least two, 2-hour online meetings in early calendar year 2021, in addition to independent data analysis time. Task force members should fully participate in all meetings and must come to a consensus with other members. Members who are selected for the RFP evaluation committee should also commit the time to read all of the proposals and attend an online meeting to reach an agreement on which proposal(s) to award.

The Online Resources Task Force application period will be open from now until Friday, December 11, 2020.

Questions about the task force can be directed to Michael Scott at michael.scott@iowa.gov or Marie Harms at marie.harms@iowa.gov.

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