



From the State Library - June 2, 2021

## Online Resources Transition Reminder and Update

Librarians, as a reminder, at the end of this month the contracts for the Gale resources (including Opposing Viewpoints), Transparent Language, Credo Reference, and H.W. Wilson Core Collections will expire.

We are pleased to report that new contracts have been signed to extend access to **Foundation Directory Online** and **OCLC FirstSearch** for FY22. Foundation Directory Online meets the need for a grant research tool identified in the online resources review process, and we were able to negotiate a reasonable price to maintain membership to OCLC FirstSearch as well.

Access to the other resources mentioned above will expire as of July 1. If your library is interested in pursuing contracts with the current vendors independently, we have gathered the sales contact info or a link to request a quote for each of the expiring resources on the [Online Resources Review Project webpage](#).

Please be sure to remove links to the resources from your library website, any shortcuts to them from library PACs, and pull any printed literature, signage, or instructional documents for resources that your library is not continuing by June 30.

RFPs for the types of new resources identified as priority by the Online Resources Task Force are being prepared to be released soon (Online Encyclopedia/General Reference Tool, Homework Help, Legal Forms, Business & Residential Directories, and Library Customer Engagement and Training). However, with the variable nature of the RFP and contracting process as well as the recent unexpected need for some key staff members to shift gears to launch the [ARPA Grants](#) for libraries, this means there will be a gap in service before the new resources are selected, contracts signed, and the rollout process begins.

We understand you might receive questions on why the current resources are ending; we welcome you to share the below statement from State Librarian Michael Scott to address the changes with your patrons:

*"The State Library partners with libraries across Iowa to cost share a variety of online resources to align with our mission of expanding information to Iowans. Currently, we are in the process of acquiring new resources that have been identified as priorities with input from Iowa librarians. We are excited at the potential these resources have to allow people to learn new skills, give students research tools and help with homework, and arm librarians with more information sources to assist patrons. The process to secure and launch these resources will take a few more months, and we appreciate your patience and believe the new resources will be worth the wait. Thank you for your interest and if you have any questions, please reach out to me at [michael.scott@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.scott@iowa.gov)."*

Michael Scott, State Librarian of Iowa

We will provide another update once the bids have closed when we will be assembling our team of reviewers. Thank you!

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