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Iowa Children's Library Services Directory

The North Central Regional Library and the State Library of Iowa are updating the Iowa Children's Library Services Directory. This directory provides information for children's library programs. All Iowa public libraries receive a copy of this directory, which includes entries for program presenters, Iowa authors, storytellers, etc. If your library has used a great presenter and would like to have that person included in the directory, send the following information to Karen Day at the North Central Regional Library or to Mary Cameron at the State Library of Iowa: Presenter's name, address, telephone, e-mail, web page address, description of the program, fee, travel range, and any other pertinent information.

Governor recommends increase for Enrich Iowa; status report submitted

Governor Tom Vilsack highlighted several educational proposals earlier this month to be presented to the Iowa legislature, including an \$800,000 increase in state funding for Enrich Iowa. The increase would bring total FY2001 funding for Enrich Iowa to \$1,500,000.

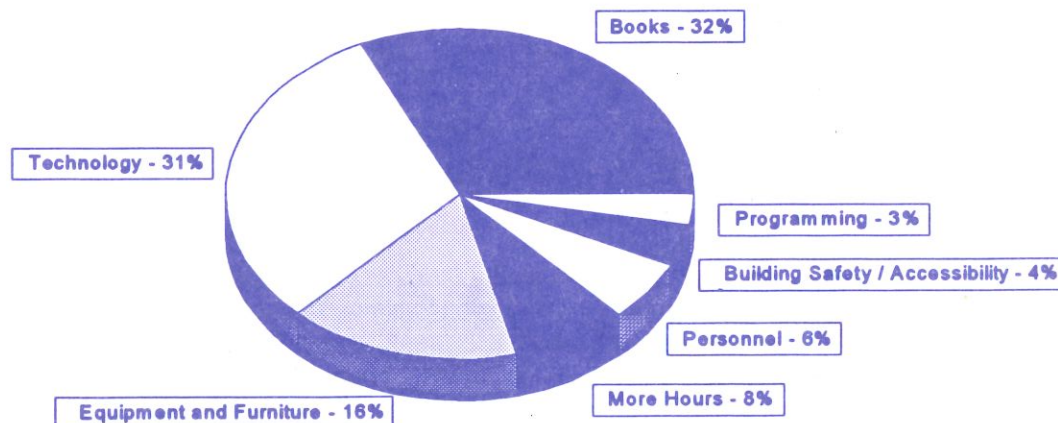
On January 15, 2000, the State Library submitted a status report on Enrich Iowa funding to the Governor and the Iowa General Assembly. The report included a summary of the Enrich Iowa program, an overview of how libraries used the funding, as well as a compilation of the reports from

521 public libraries.

As stated in the report, the Enrich Iowa program strengthens library services for all Iowans.

Public libraries are a part of Iowa's rich heritage of quality education, supporting both formal and informal education over a lifetime. Public library boards of trustees and librarians are to be commended for their thoughtful, conscientious use of the Enrich Iowa funding received in FY00. By combining these funds with local funds, grants, or donated funds, the impact was much greater than \$700,000.

Uses of Enrich Iowa Funding



Based on reports from 521 Public Libraries

STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA
East 12th & Grand
DES MOINES, IOWA 50319

December, 1999



Traveling displays available on loan

Three, full-color traveling displays are available from the Center for Energy and Environmental Education (CEEE) to give libraries an innovative way to promote materials in their collections.

The three-panel tabletop exhibits, developed by the CEEE at the University of Northern Iowa, are targeted at adult audiences. One is titled "Is stuff taking over your life?" The other displays are titled, "Are you in control of your money?" and "You are what you eat...What are you eating?"

"Is stuff taking over your life?" asks viewers to determine the amount of clutter in their lives and gives tips on reducing clutter. It also provides an example of how one person simplifies her life by evaluating future purchases.

"Are you in control of your money?" asks viewers to think about how they use money, includes a quiz about financial control, and provides tips for wisely saving and spending.

"You are what you eat...What are you eating?" reminds viewers that healthy lives begin with healthy foods. It provides tips for healthier eating,

including how to buy and eat more locally grown foods and how to share cooking responsibilities with friends.

The displays have been exhibited throughout the country, including California, Kansas and Iowa. Jim Rubis, director of the Fairfield Public Library, says the exhibits generate public interest.

Each display fits on a standard eight-foot table; includes handouts and other information, and is available for three weeks. The shipping and photocopying of handouts, if necessary, are the only costs for exhibiting. Master copies of handouts are provided. The shipping cost is estimated at \$15-\$25.

Funding for these displays was provided in part by the University of Northern Iowa's Recycling and Reuse Technology Transfer Center. To view the displays, go to www.cns.uni.edu or simplify. For more information on the displays, contact the CEEE by e-mail at ceee@cns.uni.edu or by telephone at (319) 273-2573 or (319) 498-4516.

BCR Brodart discount increased

BCR member libraries (all Iowa libraries) can now get more for less from Brodart. BCR's Brodart discount is now 15 percent off the prices in the Brodart Supplies and Furnishings Catalog. The discount excludes 3M

Security Strips and Precision One Cataloging System. To ensure receiving the discount, please refer to "BCR-15-%" on the first page of all Brodart orders. To order call 1-888-820-4377 or fax to 1-800-283-6087.

Newton / Rockwell Correctional Facilities need books

The Newton Correctional Facility and North Central Correctional Facility (Rockwell City) would appreciate receiving any of the following books. Each facility will make arrangements to pick up the books that are donated.

Newton Correctional Facility:

Books in Print (newer than 1996-97)
Iowa Business Directory (newer than 1995-1996)
Set of encyclopedias

Contact: Mimi Leonard, Activities
Newton Correctional Facility -
Minimum
P.O. Box 218
Newton, IA 50208
(515) 792-7552 ext. 357
Fax: (515) 792-9288

North Central Correctional Facility

Would like fiction and non-fiction books for adult men.

Contact: Joe Bush, Activities
North Central Correctional Facility
313 Lanedale
Rockwell City, IA 50579
(712) 297-7521, ext. 229

"Notes from the State Librarian" will return in the next issue of *Footnotes*.

Census Bureau hiring now

The Census Bureau is hiring enumerators to follow-up with households that do not return their 2000 Census forms. The jobs are temporary and part-time from April to June.

Census enumerators work in their own neighborhoods or communities. In order to find people at home, Census takers need to be able to work evenings and weekends. They are trained to locate addresses, explain the purpose of the census to residents, ask questions as worded on census forms, and record data on census forms. A census enumerator meets with a Crew Leader daily to submit completed assignments.

The hourly wage may vary depending on the position, but enumerators start at \$10.75 an hour. Crew leaders start at \$12.25. Both

positions are paid for training and mileage (at \$0.31/mile).

To qualify, you must be at least 18 years old, pass a written test of basic skills, and pass a security background check. You cannot be currently employed as a law enforcement official, tax collector or tax assessor, and you must agree not to engage in any partisan political activity within 24 hours of performing census work. A reliable vehicle is required for most positions.

A complete Census count is important to every community for fair political representation and allocation of federal and state funds. You can help make every Iowan count. Please tell anyone interested about Census jobs!

To apply for a census job, call 1-888-325-7733

Friends of the Library Conference set for April 8

Southeastern Library Services and East Central Regional Library will co-sponsor a Friends of the Library Conference April 8 at the Amana Holiday Inn.

First Lady Christie Vilsack, State Librarian Sharman Smith, and Richard Schneider, former Friends member of the Fairfield Public Library and a strong supporter for Enrich Iowa, have been invited to speak.

More information about the conference will be forthcoming.

Certification Update

Congratulations to the following public library staff who were recently certified for the first time through the State Library's Iowa Certification Program for Public Librarians.

Richard Banama, Pella
Gertrude Benedict, New Virginia
Karen Bergan, Belle Plaine
Jane Beschomer, Lohrville
Bette Brinkman, Rolfe
Mary Cameron, State Library,
Des Moines

Marcea Clary, Sloan
Nancy Digmann, Monticello
Linda Friedow, West Bend
Mary Hove, Rake
Devon Murphy-Peterson, Waukee
Vivian Potts, Eldon
Rowena Ryan, State Center
Rosann Sanders, Boone
Garland Seaba, Blakesburg
Donna Turner, Center Point
Kristina Van Den Berg, Sioux Center
Kaye Vanness, Alexander
Sarah Wesson, Davenport

Accredited Libraries Update

Congratulations to the following libraries recently meeting conditions for state accreditation. They join 162 accredited public libraries in Iowa.

Newton Public Library
Bellevue Public Library
Ames Public Library
Orange City Public Library
Pioneer Heritage Public Library
(LeGrand)
Ionia Community Library

Correction

The fax number for ordering Census 2000 posters and bookmarks was incorrect in the last issue of *Footnotes*. The correct number is (515) 242-6543.

Cosmic Connections! at Your Library

Registration Form

2000 Cooperative Summer Library Program Workshops

Sponsored by the State Library of Iowa and the Iowa Regional Library System

Plan now to attend one of the **Cosmic Connections at Your Library** workshops in March 2000. Seven free workshops will be sponsored by the State Library of Iowa and the Iowa Regional Library System. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the program from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Morning refreshments will be served.

This year's speaker, Jerri Heid, Children's Librarian, Cherokee Public Library, will show how to create an outstanding summer library program for your community. In addition, we will discuss activities and themes for programs in future years. **Remember to bring your copy of the Cosmic Connections at Your Library manual!**

Four (4) hours of continuing education available

2000 Summer Library Program Workshops - <i>Cosmic Connections at Your Library</i>	
Please return this form to <u>Your Regional Library</u> office at least one week before the workshop you plan to attend.	
Name (One per form):	
Phone (Day):	
Library/Agency:	
I will attend at:	
<input type="checkbox"/> March 1	Alta Public Library, 409 West Highway 7
<input type="checkbox"/> March 2	Elliott Public Library, 410 Main Street
<input type="checkbox"/> March 13	Altoona Public Library, 700 First Avenue South
<input type="checkbox"/> March 14	Mt. Pleasant , First United Methodist Church, 309 N. Main Street
<input type="checkbox"/> March 15	Cedar Rapids Public Library, 500 First Street SE
<input type="checkbox"/> March 16	Manchester , United Methodist Church, 413 East Butler
<input type="checkbox"/> March 17	Belmond , St. Francis Xavier Church, 1207 3rd Street NE

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Iowa Commission of Libraries - Minutes December 7, 1999 State Library of Iowa

Present: Dale Ross, Chair; Nancy Ross, Vice-Chair; Dwight Carlson; Berta Van Ekeren; Mary Wegner; Eldon Huston; William O'Brien; John Bennett

Guests: Katherine Von Wald, Central Regional Administrator; Kay Elliott, ILA Representative

Staff: Sharman B. Smith, State Librarian; Christie Brandau, Assistant State Librarian; Beverly Beck, Alison Brinker; Annette Wetteland; Beth Henning

1.0 Set Agenda

4.0 A.2-Census 2000 report moved to after 2.0-Approval of Minutes. 5.0-Public Comment, and 6.0-A Evaluation of State Librarian moved to after the 3.0-Financial Report; 4.0 A.1-Orientation was moved to 4.0 B-Commission Reports. Agenda approved as amended.

2.0 Approve Minutes

Minutes approve. Motion made by N. Ross, seconded by Huston

4.0 Communications

A. Special Reports

2. Census 2000 - Beth Henning
Henning reviewed activities over the past two years in preparation for Census 2000. ICN presentations and meetings with local groups have been held throughout the state. Exhibits at the State Fair, the Cattle Congress, Clay County Fair and the Pork Expo, the Iowa League of Cities conference were seen by more than 1 million people. With the \$50,000 cut in the Census 2000 budget, the State Library must identify what planned activities can still be accomplished. After discussion, Bennett suggested that D. Ross write a letter asking for reconsideration on the Census 2000 budget cut because of the statewide impact of a complete count on April 1, 2000. After further discussion D. Ross will write a letter to the Governor on behalf of the Commission.

3.0 Financial Report

Brinker reviewed the financial report for November 30th. At this time, on average, 40% of the budget should be spent. Open Access is 99.52% spent and will be totally distributed before the end of the year. Access Plus shows 0.00% spent, since funds are distributed only in January and July. Central Office shows only 25.81% spent because of delayed billing. The rest of the accounts are on target for this first half of the year. After discussion, Huston moved acceptance of the financial report. Second, N. Ross.

Smith distributed a news release from Governor Vilsack announcing the proposed

budget cuts for the FY 2000 budget. In addition to the specific budget cuts within state agencies, a 25% cut in out of state travel is required as well as salary savings from vacancies.

5.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment. A letter received from Bert Wagoner concerning creationist materials will be included with the minutes.

6.0 Action Items

A. Evaluation of State Librarian - Personnel Committee. N. Ross and Huston met with Smith prior to the Commission meeting. The Commission is pleased with her work and encourages her to take advantage of professional growth opportunities. The Commission accepted the report of the Committee and requested assistance from State Library staff in completing and submitting paperwork.

4.0 Communications

A. Special Reports

3. Professional Advancement - Christie Brandau. Brandau advised the Commission, that pending Michigan legislative approval she has accepted the position of State Librarian of Michigan. She expects to tender her resignation within the next two to three months.

B. Commission Reports

1. Orientation meeting - Mary Wegner.
Wegner state her pleasure at being appointed to the Commission. She and Smith attended the Governor's orientation program for new board and commission appointees. She felt the program was very good. She passed around a copy of the agenda and copy of the Vilsack/Pederson Leadership Agenda for FY 2001. D. Ross asked if there were any other reports. D. Ross - Gina Millsap is working on a pre-conference for ILA on how to deal with difficult people in the library. Bennett - Iowa City Public Library is a step closer to a library expansion with an affirmative vote of city council.

C. State Librarian's Report

1. Iowa Excellence Program - The State Library is considering participation in this initiative this year. Eventually all agencies will be required to participate. As an initial participant, the State Library will receive more assistance and will have input into the process. The program is consistent with State Library goals.

2. Urban Library Council - Smith is participating on an advisory committee for a grant to measure the impact of the Internet on libraries.

3. Vacancy - Timothy Gatti accept a

position in New York leaving a Librarian II vacancy in the Law Library. The position must be filled immediately with the legislative session approaching.

4. Governor's Budget Hearings - Governor is holding hearings in public libraries around the state. Each hearing will focus on one of the seven areas on the Governor's Leadership agenda. Education will be discussed on December 8th at the Davenport Public Library.

5. Status Report - Enrich Iowa - State Library has received 211 status reports thus far. State Library's report is due to the Governor and Legislature by January 15th. Regions will follow up on those libraries not responding by December 15th.

D. Iowa Regional Library System Report - Katherine Von Wald, Central Region.

Von Wald discussed the Metanoia Report on Regional Library consulting and continuing education services. The report was positive, but showed areas for improvement in each region. The Regional Trustees are working on a revised funding formula for the Regions. Once the Regional Library Trustees have determined an equitable plan, a recommendation will be made to the Governor's Office and the Legislature.

7.0 Discussion Items

A. First Lady's Millennium Project - Sharman Smith. The First Lady's Millennium Project is to promote reading, libraries, and a sense of community. Five focus groups of public and school librarians were held around the state to hear what is already being done, and what needs to be done. Mrs. Vilsack hopes to begin project by the end of March or first of April. There will be six pilot communities.

B. Partnership Grant Awards - Christie Brandau. Committee met to review the 18 partnership grant applications received. Ten grants were awarded ranging from Books for Babies programs to public library/school library technology to museum and library project.

Next Meeting - February 22, 2000 - State Library

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

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Booklist announces 1999 Top of the List selections

Booklist magazine, the review journal of the American Library Association, has announced its ninth annual "Top of the List" winners. The eight winning titles were chosen from the annual Editors' Choice selections as the best books and media of 1999.

"Survival and transformation are the dominant themes in several of this year's 'Top of the List' winners," said Bill Ott, *Booklist* editor and publisher. "There's also a riveting story about a flawed detective for those looking for a good old-fashioned page-turner."

Selections are featured in the special combined January 1 and 15

issue of *Booklist*, which includes the complete, annotated Editors' Choice lists for adult books, adult books for young adults, books for youth, reference sources and media.

The 1999 *Booklist* "Top of the List" winners are:

Adult Fiction: "Motherless Brooklyn" by Jonathan Lethem (Doubleday).

Adult Nonfiction: "Secrets of the Flesh: A Life of Colette" by Judith Thurman (Knopf/Borzoi).

Youth Fiction: "Skellig" by David Almond (Delacorte).

Youth Nonfiction: "Red-Eyed Tree Frog" written by Joy Cowley, photos by

Nic Bishop (Scholastic).

Youth Picture Book: "Barn Saver" written by Linda Oatman High and illustrated by Ted Lewin (Boyd's Mills).

Reference Source: "The Grove Dictionary of Art Online" (Grove).

Adult Video: "The Farm: Life inside Angola Prison" (A & E).

Youth Video: "Dr. Seuss's My Many Colored Dreams" (Minnesota Orchestra).

Individual copies of the Editors' Choice issue may be purchased by sending a check for \$5 to *Booklist* Back Issues, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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