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The State Library will celebrate National Library Week this year with **a wide variety of free training opportunities for state employees**. Classes will include the popular internet searching class, a class about finding Iowa demographics and classes on searching our on-line article databases. Several new classes will be offered this year including one about social networking software such as FaceBook and MySpace.

The *State Library Update* in April will include complete information about the classes.

Call, fax, e-mail or visit the beautiful **State Law Library of Iowa** on the second floor of the State Capitol Building when you need current or historical legal, legislative and judicial information in 2009.

Staff can answer your legal questions from a wide variety of legal resources, including the LEXIS and WESTLAW research databases. Visit our Web site at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/law-library.

Contact us at 515-281-5124, 800-248-4483, 515-281-5405 (fax), or request information by e-mail at law@lib.state.ia.us. The State Law Library is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The State Library has proven to be a popular place for state employees to get away from their offices for a quiet place to work. So popular, in fact, that **we've added three new computer workstations** for customers to keep up with demand. The computers are located on the first and second floors of the Miller Building, E. 12th and Grand in Des Moines. Customers can also bring their lap tops to the library and use our wireless connection.

Public computer terminals are also located in the Law Library on the second floor of the State Capitol Building.

Books about the economic downturn have recently been added to our collection. From pensions to the insurance industry, from Wall Street to Main Street, these books cover all aspects of the economic climate. To see a list of materials available at the State Library about the current financial crisis and its impact go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/newbks. State employees may request that any of these items be sent to them. To do so, click on the title of the book and then click on the "Request Item" button.

These books, and many others, are available for check out from the State Library's collection at <http://iowa.ipac.dynixasp.com/>.

Don't have a State Library card? Any Iowan can register online at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/statelibrary-card. For assistance with your card number call 800-248-4483, 515-281-4102, or contact us by e-mail at is@lib.state.ia.us.

Karen Cooper is an artist from Spencer, Iowa. She describes herself as self-taught and **her beautiful paintings seem to shine from the canvases**. Her work will be exhibited at the State Library during January. It's located in the Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th St. and Grand Ave. in Des Moines. Our hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. For more information: 800-248-4483, 515-281-4102, or is@lib.state.ia.us.

To learn more about Karen visit her Web site at <http://karencooperpaintings.com/>.

Next time you're in the Miller Building, stop by the State Library on the first floor, east side, and check out our book display. The current display contains books and journals from our **Iowa Collection**. One may catch your fancy - and they are all available for check out www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/bkdisplay/.

Other services that the State Library offers its customers:

In response to the ever more 'paperless' environment, the State Law Library now offers its customers the ability to scan materials and send the file via email. The charge for this service is twenty cents per scan. Check with the Law Library staff to use this service.

State employees can request that virtually any book or journal article be sent to them through the State Library's Document Delivery service. Many of the articles can be delivered electronically via email as well. Send your requests to ill@lib.state.ia.us or fill out a request form at www.statelibraryofia.org/services/document-delivery/requestfolder/request-a-library-item.

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