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# State Library Update

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- The **artwork** of Jane Robinette will be exhibited at the State Library during the month of April and the paintings of Azza Khalafallah will be exhibited during the month of May
- The State Library has books to help you with your **retirement**
- 2010 **Census** reminder
- The **State Library's staff** saves the day!

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To celebrate National Library Week the State Library is offering one-hour classes all week long. Improve your online research skills and enhance your job performance by attending these sessions. There is no charge for the classes which are held in the Miller Building at E. 12th and Grand in Des Moines. The classes cover a wide range of topics - sign up for one or a number of them today!

## Select from:

- Digital Sanborn Maps
- Get the Most from EBSCOHost
- Google Goodness: How to Get the Best Results From Your Web Searches
- Iowa Population Trends \* **NEW for 2010!**
- Iowa Transportation Data \* **NEW for 2010!**
- Iowa Water Monitoring Atlas \* **NEW for 2010!**
- Iowa Workforce Information Network (IWIN) \* **NEW for 2010!**
- Location One Information System (LOIS) \* **NEW for 2010!**
- Maximize Your Effectiveness: Using Webinar Software \* **NEW for 2010!**
- OntheMap – Local Employment Dynamics \* **NEW for 2010!**
- Open Meetings Law: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities
- Public Health/Vital Statistics \* **NEW for 2010!**
- Public Records Law: Keeping the Balance
- Redistricting in Iowa \* **NEW for 2010!**
- Reliable Health Information – Where Can I Find It on the Internet?
- Save Your Documents: Iowa Publications Online
- Searching FirstSearch Databases

State Archives and Records Program  
Survey of Popular Social Networking Websites  
Using the Iowa Administrative Code Online  
Using the Legislative Web Site  
Westlaw: Using Advanced Features \* NEW for 2010!

**For class descriptions and to register for classes go to**  
[www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/nlw10](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/nlw10).

EBSCOHost, FirstSearch, and Digital Sanborn Maps are information state-funded resources. Access these databases from your computer through our Web site at [www.statelibraryofiowa.org](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org). Click on **Log in to Online Resources**. To log in you will need a State Library card number. If you don't have one you can register online at [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/state-library-card](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/state-library-card).

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The State Library is pleased to **host art exhibits for two area artists**.

**Jane Robinette** will display her works at the State Library's Main Library during the month of April. Robinette works with both written and visual languages. She works mainly in oil and acrylic, uses vibrant colors, and often includes her original poetry in her small and medium-scale paintings. To see examples of her work and to find her Web site go to [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/robinette](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/robinette).

**Azza Khalafallah's** works will be displayed during the month of May. Originally from the Sudan, Khalafallah lived in several different countries before coming to Des Moines. Khalafallah's subjects come from her heart and her artwork is vibrant with life. To see samples of her work go to [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/azza](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/azza).

The State Library – Main Library is located in the Ola Babcock Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th St. and Grand Ave. in Des Moines. We are open 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information call our information professionals at 515-281-4102, 800-248-4483, or email [is@lib.state.ia.us](mailto:is@lib.state.ia.us). For a map to go <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/about>.

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The State Library has a variety of books about **retirement planning and retirement lifestyles**. If you are planning on taking advantage of the current retirement package, or just getting ready for the future, check out the selection . Go to <http://library.booksite.com/7168/nl/?list=CNL10>.

State employees may request that these books be sent to them. Follow the link above to find the record for the book in the State Library's online catalog. Click on **Request Item** and tell us where to send the book in the note field.

Anyone who lives in Iowa is eligible for a State Library card. To register online go to [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/state-library-card](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/state-library-card).

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**April 1, 2010 is Census Day**. The results of the census will determine the number of seats Iowa has in the U.S. Congress, the boundaries of our legislative districts and local precincts, and the distribution of billions of dollars to our state and communities. Census statistics are used by state

employees to determine program eligibility, measure results, and analyze policy alternatives. Completing your census form is easy, important and safe.

Please fill out your census questionnaire and mail it back promptly. For more information about the 2010 Census, visit [www.iowadatacenter.org/2010census](http://www.iowadatacenter.org/2010census) or <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/>.

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Recently a state agency was working on a project and needed back issues of its own newsletters to complete some research. **But no one on staff had back copies!** So they turned to the staff of the State Library. The State Library had copies of their newsletter in our state documents collection going back for more than ten years and was able to supply them with what they needed.

How is **YOUR** agency storing copies of your newsletters, annual reports, and other important documents? If you are not depositing copies with the State Library, you may not be as lucky in the future as this agency was. Especially in the age of digital information, which is even more easily lost than paper copies, it makes sense to take advantage of this service.

The State Library has permanent, user-friendly archives for state documents in any format, including digital. There is no charge to your agency for this service. For complete information about making your agency's documents permanently available to you and to the public go to [www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/deposit](http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/deposit).

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**Other services that the State Library provides:**

- \* Looking for a quiet place away from the distractions of your office? The State Library offers computer workstations or wireless Internet access and a comfortable, quiet place to work or research.
- \* The Law Library offers access to online legal information through the Westlaw databases including a number of enhanced services.

The State Library has two locations, the Main Library in the Miller Building and the Law Library on the second floor of the Capitol Building. Both buildings are located at the corner of E. 12th St. and Grand Ave. in Des Moines. We are open 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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