

State Library Update

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The **vibrant artwork on display at the State Library during the month of July** evokes many different emotions. From quiet country lanes to vibrant abstract themes, the artists paintings capture our attention. For more information and to see examples of the artwork go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/vasiexhibit.

The artists participate in programs through **VSA Iowa, the State Organization on Arts and Disability**. Their motto is: "Creating a society where people with disabilities can learn through, participate in, and enjoy the arts." Check out their Web site at www.vsaiaowa.org/.

Iowa artist, **Vicki Adams, will exhibit her artwork** at the State Library during the month of August. Adams works with fiber (handmade paper), mixed media, and printmaking. To find out more about her work and to see examples of her colorful pieces, go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/vickiadams.

The State Library – Main Library is located in the Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th St. and Grand Ave. The building is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information call 515-281-4102 or 800-248-4483.

Recently, the librarian for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois contacted the State Library's Law Library. She was interested in Iowa's copy of Illinois' session laws from that state's 11th General Assembly in 1839. The Lincoln Library is digitizing all available documents from President Lincoln's career, including his time in the Illinois legislature. However, it was discovered that every single copy of these 1839 session laws stored in Illinois' libraries had been incorrectly

bound and an inch or so was cut off the edge of each page. Enough letters were missing to make the text incomprehensible.

The librarian contacted staff at the State Law Library and asked if we could find and check our copy to see if it, too, had been bound incorrectly. Iowa's copy was located on the fifth tier of the Law Library and examined. Except for a little mildew on the pages, it was perfectly readable and correctly bound. When contacted with the news, the librarian seemed a bit shocked and then incredibly grateful when our librarians offered to loan it to her for the scanning project. So when you access the digitized records at the Lincoln Presidential Library <http://ilhpa.hpa.state.il.us/alplm/>, know that **the perfect pages from Illinois' 1839 session laws were provided by Iowa's State Library!**

The State Library – Main Library in the Ola Babcock Miller Building has **two meeting rooms available** at no charge for state employees. For information about the Johnson Brigham Conference Room go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/about/rmusage/johnson and the Forrest Spaulding Conference Room go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/about/rmusage/spaulding. To reserve a room and to see the meeting room policies go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/about/rmusage/request-form. For additional information contact Toni Blair at 515-281-8958 or 800-248-4483.

From *A Resource Guide for Jobseekers: A Step-by-step Guide to Dealing with Job Loss, Starting a New Job and Everything in Between* by Iowa Workforce Development to *Resume Magic: Trade Secrets of a Professional Resume Writer* by Susan Britton Whitcomb, the State Library's collection includes a number of resources for job seekers. To see a list of available titles go to <http://library.booksite.com/7168/nl/?list=CNL11>. State employees may request that titles be sent to their offices. Email ill@lib.state.ia.us or call Rinda Kramme at 515-281-6920 or 800-248-4483.

During the second week of April the **State Library held classes for state employees to celebrate National Library Week**. Classes showed students how to find information about and produced by state government, how to use software to improve their job skills, the ins and outs of public records and open meetings laws and much more. Students were enthusiastic about the classes. Comments included, "Thank you so much for this information, I can really use it in my job," and "I learned a lot from this class, the instructor was very well prepared." Consider joining our classes next year during National Library Week, April 11-15, 2011.

It is with regret that we announce that the **State Medical Library, established in 1919 as part of the State Library of Iowa, was closed** in March of 2010 through the state government reorganization legislation. The Hardin Medical Library, part of the University of Iowa, has agreed to assist Iowans in finding medical information. They have an excellent staff and a large collection of medical books and journals.

The popular Web site, HealthInfoIowa, which contains links to many general and Iowa specific health information Web sites, will continue to be maintained at www.healthinfoiowa.org by members of the Polk County Biomedical Consortium in cooperation with the State Library. Iowa-related materials from the Medical Library such as the *Journal of the Iowa Medical Society*, the *Directory of the Iowa Osteopathic Society*, and materials with information about the history of medicine in Iowa will remain at the State Library. Pam Rees, long-time medical librarian at the State Library, now answers

questions at the general reference desk and also works on the Iowa Heritage Digital Collections statewide collaboration: <http://ihdc.statelibraryofiowa.org>.

State employees are encouraged to contact the State Library reference desk for their medical information needs. Our hours are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. Go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/askalibrarian to contact us via Live Help, email or phone.

Just like many of you, the State Library saw the **retirement** of a number staff in recent months. They were: Karon King, the patent and trademark specialist; Doug Stephenson who handled our mail, deliveries and a variety of other jobs; Beth Henning, the head of the State Data Center; Jackie Kokke, the ICN scheduler for all libraries in the state; and Karen Randleman, the library consultant for youth services. We appreciate the high quality service these staff members gave to the State Library and the State of Iowa and we wish them well in their retirement!

Other services the State Library offers to our customers:

- Search the online archives of the **Des Moines Register** and the **Iowa City Press-Citizen** by using **ProQuest**. Go to our Web site at www.statelibraryofiowa.org, click on 'Log on to Online Resources' in the left sidebar and select ProQuest. Use your State Library card number for access. If you don't have a State Library card [click here](#) to register. Anyone who lives in the state of Iowa is eligible.
- The State Library is the **official depository for state documents** (intended to inform the general public) in any format. To find non-digital state documents go to our online catalog at <http://catalog.lib.state.ia.us>. To find digital state documents go to Iowa Publications Online at <http://publications.iowa.gov>.

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