

State Library Update

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Often the questions we have can be answered in a short, online conversation. That's easy to do using our **live chat service**. On the www.iowa.gov/ Web site in the top right-hand corner you'll find a link to Live Online Support. Click that link and you'll be chatting with a State Library reference librarian who can help you find the information you need.

The State Library – Law Library purchases materials that are available for check out. Our latest new book list can be found at <http://library.booksite.com/7168/nl/?list=CNL10>. These books contain information about our constitution, how to go to small claims court, and more legal topics that may be of interest to you. To search for more legal information, both general and specific to the state of Iowa, go to our online catalog at <http://iowa.ipac.dynixasp.com/>.

To contact the Law Library staff call 515-281-5124, 800-248-4483 or email law@lib.state.ia.us.

No matter where your state office is located, no matter what your information need, the State Library can help. If you are looking for books, journal articles, research reports or

any other type of information, you can count on the State Library staff to deliver it to you. And, although our medical library has closed, we can continue to supply you with all of the medical information you need. **Most materials can be emailed directly to you.** Books and other printed matter can be mailed to your office. Whether you need just one item, or you have a complete bibliography of materials, fill out our Request a Library Item form www.statelibraryofia.org/services/document-delivery/requestfolder/request-a-library-item, email ill@lib.state.ia.us or give us a call at 515-281-4102 or 800-248-4483.

Photos, postcards, letters, newspaper articles and more **help Iowa's history and culture come alive** in the Web pages of the Iowa Heritage Digital Collections, www.iowaheritage.org/. Collections include Iowa governors, Drake Relays, Iowa county histories, civil war letters, and children's diaries. More than 45 different digital collections contain hundreds of thousands of items and give you the ability to browse through the images or to search for exactly what you are interested in. Check it out today!

Two art exhibits at the State Library – Main Library show the talents of State Library employees and their spouses.

Our current exhibit, through November, is the photography of Georgiann Nielsen Fischer. Georgiann has worked at the State Library for more than 20 years. She's had an interest in **photography** for even longer, and her beautiful prints make it obvious. One of her photos was the 2010 Blue Ribbon winner in the Black and White Family Farm Category at this year's State Fair. For more information go to www.statelibraryofia.org/services/fischerphotos.

During the month of December the multi-media artwork of Paul Lewsey will be on display. Paul happens to be the husband of State Library employee Alysia Peich. When Alysia first told us about the **beautiful boxes** her husband makes we couldn't wait to have them here on display. This will be Paul's first exhibit and we know you will enjoy the craftsmanship and artistry evidenced in his pieces. For more information go to: <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/services/lewsey>.

The State Library – Main Library is 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.

The State Library – Law Library got in on the act to help with the recent **World Food Prize ceremony**. The Laureate Awards Ceremony has been held in the Capitol for

several years and each year the Law Library has participated in some way. This year the Library hosted a number of diners at the ceremony, including Governor Culver. We are very proud of the beautiful Law Library and it made a stunning backdrop for the tablecloths, crystal and flowers. To see the Law Library prepared for the event go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/worldfoodprize.

More services the State Library offers to our customers:

- The State Library purchases books and journals to support state employees. Our collection includes materials on management, government, the environment, public health, computer and software use and much more. To search our catalog go to <http://iowa.ipac.dynixasp.com/> and for assistance finding what you need contact us via live chat, email or phone at <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/askalibrarian>.
- The State Data Center offers demographic statistics about Iowa's people, housing, the economy and government. In addition, we provide custom statistical profiles of Iowa communities and special population groups, thematic maps, and advice on appropriate uses of data. To access our data go to <http://iowadatacenter.org>, contact us at census@lib.state.ia.us or give us a call at 515-281-6618 or 800-248-4483.

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