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To celebrate **National Library Week**, April 11-15, 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

Elder Rights in Iowa - **NEW** for 2011!

Finding Information on State of Iowa Websites - **NEW** for 2011!

Get the Most From EBSCOhost

Google Goodness: How to Get the Best Results From Your Web Searches

Maximize Your Effectiveness: Using Webinar Software

Open Meetings Law: Know Your Rights and Responsibilities

Public Records Law: Keeping the Balance

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

Understanding the 2010 Census and the ACS - **NEW** for 2011!

Using the Iowa Administrative Code Online

Using the Legislative Web Site

For class descriptions and to register on-line for classes go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/nlw2011.

EBSCOHost, FirstSearch, and Digital Sanborn Maps are state-funded information resources. Access these databases from your computer through our website at 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.

On Wednesday, April 13th, the State Library will host a **lunch-time Book Talk**. Carson and Connie Ode will discuss their book, *IOWA - Spaces, Places, Faces: an Entertaining Ride Through All 99 Counties*.

Carson and his wife Connie explored and researched the state - county by county - throughout the year 2008. They commenced their odyssey in Lee County in the southeast corner of the state during the month of January. They completed the journey in December when they crossed into Lyon County in the northwest corner. It was a great trip and they have produced a wonderful book on Iowa.

The Book Talk will be held from 11:30-12:30 in the State Library – Main Library in the Miller Building. The Miller Building is located at the corner of E. 12th and Grand Ave. in Des Moines. For more information about the book and the Book Talk go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/nlwbktalk.

The **Iowa Heritage Digital Collections** (IHDC) website contains archives for Iowa culture and heritage. IHDC holds 50 archives and continues to grow. The latest additions, added by State Library staff, are **Governors of Iowa** <http://tinyurl.com/4pfjl2m> and **State Librarians of Iowa** <http://tinyurl.com/4q4jenz>. They include photographs and biographies of Iowa's governors and its state librarians.

Collections include images from all aspects of Iowa's culture and history and include Iowa events, people, places, music and lots more. Visit Iowa Heritage Digital Collections at www.iowaheritage.org/.

The **photographs of state employee, Dana Barrer**, will be on exhibit in the State Library – Main Library during April. His photographs cover a wide variety of themes from downtown Des Moines to historic Prague in the Czech Republic. The artist's attention to light and detail is evident in his artistic photos.

For examples and more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/4zrdwsz>.

The State Library – Main Library collects books about Iowa and Iowans for its **Iowa Collection**. From vibrant cities to serene small towns and unique scenery, discover the history, heritage, people, pastimes, and nature of the Hawkeye state.

To see a sample of Iowa books in a variety of subject areas go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/ls-archive/iacoll.

These books can be checked out from the State Library. Any Iowan can register for a State Library card. Go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ and click on **Get a State Library Card** in the left side-bar. State employees can request that books be sent directly to their offices by clicking on the **Request Item** button alongside the title of the book in the online catalog.

Other services that the State Library offers its customers:

- Think “all information is free online”? Think again! Did you ever try to get an article from the *Des Moines Register* that is more than a week old? Many newspaper and journal articles, research papers, and other publications are only available for a fee. The State Library offers its customers access to thousands of full-text articles and publications through its online subscription databases. Visit www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/resources/index to see the resources available to you. Sources include access to the *Des Moines Register* and thousands of journal titles as well as the *Sanborn Digital Map* collection for Iowa.
- Access to the databases is with your State Library card number. Any Iowan can register for a card online at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/state-library-card.
- Would you like to improve your search skills using these and other on-line resources? Sign up for one of our classes during National Library Week and do just that! www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/nlw2011.

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