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State Library, AEAs partner to make EBSCOhost available to all Iowans

Iowans now have access to one of the information industry's most comprehensive, easy-to-use, full-text databases from the convenience of libraries, schools and colleges, offices and home.

The availability of EBSCOhost, a web-based information resource with links to thousands of magazines, newspapers, journals and graphics, is made possible through a partnership between the State Library and Iowa's Area Education Agencies.

"These resources will be a valuable component of Iowa libraries' offerings," said State Librarian Mary Wegner. "Iowans will have access to an unbelievable amount of information on topics of interest to everyone - 24 hours a day."

In the past, the State Library has offered libraries and their customers access to databases such as Electric Library and WilsonSelect at no charge. Because of cuts in the State Library's operating budget, that service ended. Participating public, academic and special libraries are being charged a nominal fee for EBSCOhost, and the State Library is using federal Library Services and Technology Act dollars to help pay for it. Libraries have been able to explore EBSCOhost free of charge since late June. Free trials end in August.

AEAs have provided access to EBSCOhost for schools and students since July, 2001.

"For the first time, Iowa students in grades K-12 and college will have the same databases available at their public library and in their school or college library," said Wegner. "This makes finding information easier for students, and it also makes it easier for school, public and college librarians to teach students how to become competent information consumers."

The State Library will also promote the availability of EBSCOhost to state government employees for their professional needs, and provide classes to improve searching skills in September, October and November.

Jan Dellinger, Services and Systems Librarian at Hawkeye Community College, said they have used EBSCOhost for years and that customers have been very satisfied.

"EBSCOhost is easy to search and the amount of all full-text documents is very popular with people," said Dellinger.

Ginnie Peters, Perry Public Library Assistant Director, agreed. "I just conducted a search and found it very easy to use. I think people are going to get great results."

As of August 5, 233 public libraries, 45 academic libraries, and four hospitals have signed up to provide EBSCOhost. For a participation sign up sheet and more information, visit the State Library's web site, www.silo.lib.ia.us/for_ia_libraries/databases/ebSCO/index.html.



Beth Marie Quanbeck, Central Iowa Library Service Area, provided EBSCOhost training to 16 State Library staff recently. From front to back are Gerry Rowland, Margaret Noon, Jackie Kokke and Karon Polyard.

See page 5 for important information about EBSCOhost and accreditation.

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2002 Town Meetings focus on telling the library story

Plan now to attend this year's statewide Town Meetings - and bring your trustees! The State Library of Iowa and Iowa Library Service Areas (ILSA) have once again teamed up to develop fun-filled, educational programs full of ideas for librarians to use in strengthening programs and services.

This year's theme is **"Telling the Library Story."** Humorous skits will be presented that involve the "wrongs" and "rights" of telling the library story in a variety of settings both inside and outside the library. Afternoon sessions include:

- ◆ **"Certification, Continuing Education and You"** Participants will learn about changes to the Iowa Certification Program for Public Librarians that offer more ways to acquire continuing education credit. It will also help librarians identify their particular learning style and assess their learning needs. *(Presenter: Karen Burns, Southwest Iowa Library Service Area (week two) and Sandy Dixon, State Library)*

- ◆ **"Making the Most of Measure 13"** *In Service to Iowa*, Measure 13 states, "The library conducts a community study at least every five years as part of its planning efforts." Participants will learn how to meet Measure 13 by completing a community scan; make a better connection between information about their communities and making decisions about library hours, programs and services. *(Presenters: Gina Millsap, Ames Public Library Director and ILA President, and Gerry Rowland, State Library)*

- ◆ **"Telling the Library Story: The Written Word"** Attendees will pick up ideas for writing library publications such as newspaper columns, brochures and reports, and learn how to present visually appealing information. *(Presenters: State Librarian Mary Wegner and Annette Wetteland, State Library)*

Dates and locations are:

September 10 - Mason City
September 11 - Waterloo
September 12 - Kalona
September 13 - Urbandale
September 17 - Council Bluffs
September 18 - Storm Lake
September 19 - Fort Dodge
September 20 - Ames

Online registration is available at:

www.silo.lib.ia.us/for_ia_libraries/continuing_ed/2002townmeetings.htm

Sign up today!!

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Kenagy turns a new chapter in library career



From youth services consultant, to administrator of Information Services, to a nasty little kid named Baby LeRoy, Roy Kenagy wore many hats (and faces) during his tenure at the State Library of Iowa. Kenagy, who was hired in May 1994 as youth services consultant, has resigned from the State Library to become administrator of the Central Iowa Library Service Area. Below, he shares his thoughts about his time at the State Library.

“The most enjoyable and productive years of my library career have been at the State Library. Accomplishments I’m most proud of include establishing the Kids First Conference and Westgate lecture series; working with youth services representatives from other states to strengthen and expand the Cooperative Summer Library Program; expanding the summer library program workshops from 4 to 7 sessions—

it’s now at 10; developing and merchandising the library science collection; participating in the renovation of the Ola Babcock Miller building, including four major staff and collection moves in six years; coordinating the development of HealthInfolowa; coordinating the establishment of the Iowa Center for the Book; and working with the Information Services staff to provide direct library services in health, public policy, and patents.

“The sense of teamwork and collegiality that former State Librarian Sharman Smith inspired was invigorating, and it’s been hard to say goodbye to that and to the wonderful folks I’ve gotten to know over the years at the State Library. But in my years as Youth Services Consultant, I found that I got quite a kick out of consulting with practicing librarians and providing continuing education, and I think that’s



Roy as pirate “Dirty Dewey” during 1998 Town Meetings

where I can make the most difference for Iowa libraries. I look forward to increased opportunities for working in the field with all types and sizes of libraries.

“In my library career I’ve organized or directly presented over 250 training sessions, most in my years at the State Library. I’ve truly enjoyed putting my degree in education to use to help librarians provide the best services and collections possible.

“I’ll really miss town meetings. We all had loads of fun with the skits and with the chance to visit libraries and librarians across the state. I guess my favorite roles were Dirty Dewey, Lenny, and Baby LeRoy. I’ve always wanted to run away and join the circus, and I suspect town meetings are as close as I’ll ever get.”

Important Dates - 2002

- August 23 - Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement postmarked. Must be received by the State Library no later than 4:30 p.m. September 3, 2002.
- August 27 - Iowa Commission of Libraries meeting, Des Moines
- September - Library Card Sign-Up Month
- September 2 - Labor Day observed; State Library closed
- September 10 - Town Meeting - Mason City
- September 11 - Town Meeting - Waterloo
- September 12 - Town Meeting - Kalona
- September 13 - Town Meeting - Urbandale
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- September 20 - Town Meeting - Ames
- September 21-28 - Banned Books Week

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Building consulting grants available

The State Library has allocated Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds to continue the building consulting services to Iowa Libraries. East Central Library Services will administer the project.

The maximum amount a library will receive is \$2,500. Libraries must hire a qualified building consultant with prior building experience. Building consulting fees and expenses must be negotiated by the library and consultant prior to submission of the grant application. Fees are paid only to consultants, not to architects or engineers.

LSTA funds for library building consultation may be requested for the following services:

- Library space needs assessment of current facility;
- Library building process overview;
- Evaluation of library sites;
- Building program review;
- Assistance in hiring an architect;
- ADA compliance evaluation and planning;
- Architectural drawing review;
- Funding consultation.

Projects must be completed by June 30, 2003. For an application or further information, visit the State Library's website at www.silo.lib.ia.us/for_ia_libraries/LSTA/building_consulting_grants.htm, or call Lily Lau, East Central Library Services, 1-800-332-7914.

Certification update

Congratulations to the following public library staff certified for the first time through the State Library's Iowa Certification Program for Public Librarians.

Sandra Aggson - Wellman
Gayle Bruns - Larchwood
Marion Gaughan - Oskaloosa
Barbara Geinzer - Lisbon
Tena Sunde Hanson - Milford
Connie Johnson - Logan
Carrie Martin - Fort Atkinson
Lisa Torgerson - Waukee
Wendy Watt - Milford
Shari Whiting - Duncombe

Retirement party for Darlene Schutte planned

Darlene Schutte is retiring as director of the Postville Public Library after 44 years of service. A retirement party will be held in her honor from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 28 at the library. Everyone's invited to come and celebrate.

34th Annual Festival of Books for Young People scheduled

This year's theme for the Annual Festival of Books for Young People is "Fancy That: Reinventing the Heroes in Children's Stories." The event will be held Saturday, October 26, at the Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City. Speakers are Emily Arnold McCully, Gail Carson Levine and Gillian Engberg. The program will include an exhibit of new books and concurrent booktalk sessions. The cost is \$50 for the program or \$60 for the program and lunch. For more information, contact Jane Bradbury, jane-bradbury@uiowa.edu; 1-800-553-IOWA, ext. 5709.

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First Lady rides and reads across Iowa

First Lady Christie Vilsack participated in the Register's Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI), promoting libraries and the importance of reading to children.

Books were distributed at each library Vilsack visited as part of her "Pass the Book" project. The books, provided by Scholastic Book Fairs, are given to adults to read to children. They are then passed along to others in the community to emphasize the importance of reading and telling stories to children.

Vilsack visited libraries in Sioux Center, Alton, Marcus, Cherokee, Marathon, Webb, Emmetsburg, Fenton, Titonka and Woden. Also, Crystal Lake, Forest City, Nora Springs, Rudd, Charles City, Tripoli, Sumner, Oelwein, Aurora, Winthrop, Central City, Anamosa and Bellevue.



Charles City Public Library was one of several that received a visit from First Lady Christie Vilsack on her RAGBRAI tour. From left are Betty Manning and Laurie Davis, Charles City Public Library board members; Karen Day, North Central Library Service Area (NCLSA) administrative assistant; Vilsack; Val Koehler, director of the Meservey and Swaledale public libraries and NCLSA board member; Barb Shultz, NCLSA administrator; and Virginia Ruzicka, Charles City Public Library director and chair of the NCLSA board.

Mercado named library dean at UNI

Marilyn Mercado has been named dean of library services at the University of Northern Iowa. She was appointed interim dean when Herbert Safford stepped down as dean of library services in 2000.

Mercado came to UNI's Rod Library as head of the cataloging department in 1989. She was named acting associate dean of library services in 1998 and was named associate dean in 1999.

She holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from Point Park College in Pittsburgh, a master's in library science degree from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Library and Information Science, and a master's degree in history from UNI. Mercado previously worked in the libraries at the University of South Florida and at Interamerican University in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

EBSCOhost participants automatically meet Measure 36

The change in database vendors has led to a change in the public library standards program. Any public library that subscribes to EBSCOhost through the State Library has full-text access to thousands of periodicals.

For the FY03 accreditation program, beginning January 15, 2003, any public library that subscribes to EBSCOhost by December 31, 2002 will automatically meet the requirements of Measure 36 of "In Service to Iowa: Public Library Measures of Quality." (*Measure 36: The library maintains a collection of current periodicals appropriate to the role(s) the library has chosen.*)

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Iowa Commission of Libraries - Minutes

June 24-25, 2002 - Johnston

(These minutes are considered draft until approved by the Iowa Commission of Libraries)

June 24, 2002

Present: Dale Ross, Berta Van Ekeren, Monica Gohlinghorst, Dwight Carlson, John Bennett, Pam Bradley, and Eldon Huston

Staff: Mary Wegner, Sandy Dixon, and Carol Simmons

Guest: Karen Burns

The purpose of the retreat was to provide time for a structured discussion of Commission priorities and library goals prior to budget decision-making on June 25.

After briefly explaining open meeting laws, Sandy Dixon facilitated Commission discussion. After viewing the video "Everyday Creativity," Commission members discussed its relevance to the State Library, and also considered significant events and changes that have had an impact on libraries since the Commission priorities were developed in January 2001.

The vision for library service in Iowa and the State Library mission statement were reviewed, followed by a re-examination of Commission priorities. The priorities were re-affirmed, with minor changes. The Library Service Areas/State Library Plan of Service was also reviewed, followed by brief discussion of the proposed goals for the new Library Services and Technology Act plan.

The Commission ended the day with a review of Commission and State Library accomplishments. Adjourned at 5 p.m.

June 25, 2002

Present: Dale Ross, Berta Van Ekeren, Monica Gohlinghorst, Dwight Carlson, John Bennett, Pam Bradley, Eldon Huston, and Bill O'Brien

Staff: Mary Wegner, Sandy Dixon, Carol Simmons, Steve Cox, Roy Kenagy, and Annette Wetteland

LSA Administrator: Karen Burns

1.0 Set Agenda

Agenda was set with no changes or additions.

2.0 Approve Minutes

Carlson moved to approve minutes, Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

3.0 Financial Report

Cox reported on current fiscal year federal finances. He said there is a ten month reserve on Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) funds and that the remaining \$15,000 of Library Service and Construction Act money will be used to finish equipping ICN rooms. The State Library will have to return nearly \$100,000 of FY02 funds to the general fund due to the spending freeze. Huston moved to accept the financial report, Bennett seconded. Motion carried.

4.0 Communications

A. Special Reports

Appraisal of selected State Library materials. Kenagy reported that an appraiser had been hired to examine materials in both the Law Library and the general collection. Many of these items are no longer within the scope of the Library's Collection Policy. Some of the items in the collection may have significant value, although many are not in good condition. Kenagy said it was necessary for the State Library to know the value of these materials before decisions can be made about how best to take care of them and whether the items should remain in the State Library collection. Kenagy explained that many of the older items that are retained in the collection will need to be restored, and reported that the University of Iowa Center for the Book has restoration equipment. He also expressed a desire to keep as much of the collection as possible in Iowa if decisions are made to sell some of the materials. A formal report from the appraiser is forthcoming.

B. Commission Reports

American Library Association (ALA) conference report. Ross and Wegner attended ALA in Atlanta in mid-June. Ross reported that legislation on LSTA funding has passed the House, but has not been discussed in the Senate yet. Ross said that due to the debate on Homeland Security, LSTA legislation has not been acted on. If it is not passed soon, Ross said, it may be January before funding is released.

Ross also reported that the federal government is appealing the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) court decision to declare filtering unconstitutional. He explained that the litigation has cost ALA \$1,400,000.

Ross reported that First Lady Laura Bush is supporting a training grant for librarians to support tuition fees for library science degrees. Ross said that within the next 10 years, 55% of professional librarians will be retiring.

C. State Librarian's Report

Wegner announced that Roy Kenagy is resigning from the State Library to take the administrator position at Central Iowa Library Service Area. She expressed her thanks and appreciation of Kenagy's many accomplishments at the State Library and said that while she deeply regrets losing him from the State Library staff, she looks forward to continuing to work with him in his new role.

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Wegner reported that the EBSCO database program is rolling out well. About 200 public libraries have already signed up.

She also reported that discussions are continuing with the Department of Education regarding the indirect costs from federal LSTA money which are charged to the Library by the DE. The library's representative in the Attorney General's office is reviewing the situation.

Libraries will receive letters in August from the Gates Foundation regarding new computers. Libraries have to respond by the end of August and will receive the computers between April and October 2003.

Wegner said she had visited several libraries and attended the Northwest and Southeast Library Service Area (LSA) board meetings in the past two months. She also addressed the Lee County librarians' annual dinner meeting, met with AEA media directors in Sioux City, spoke to the OCLC Users Group in Indianola, and attended several other library-related meetings.

D. Library Service Areas Report

Karen Burns reported that four of the seven LSAs have new trustees and that several staff changes have occurred in the LSAs.. She reported that the Plan of Service focus for 2003 is "Telling the Library Story." Wegner explained how the Plan of Service ties in with Commission goals.

Burns told the Commission about a SWILSA pilot plan for virtual backup reference for local libraries. An interface provider (Instant Service) is being considered who will provide 200 transactions for \$200 a month. Burns' board has agreed to pay for the service for a year.

Burns shared with the Commission the vision statement for the Southwest Iowa Library Service Area: "Give them wings, let them fly." Burns is initiating a Thinkertoys "think tank" with librarians in her area who are leaders or have leadership qualities. She said that vision and leadership are essential in telling the library story.

5.0 Public Comment

None

6.0 Action Items

A. Election of Commission officers

The sub-committee of O'Brien and Bradley recommended that Ross continue as commission chair and Huston continue as vice chair. Both accepted. Carlson moved to continue with current officers, Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

B. Appointment of trustee for NE LSA

Wegner reported that this position has not yet been filled.

C. FY03 budget

Cox reported on the status of the State Library's operating budget after the two special legislative sessions. The FY03 budget has been cut by 25% from FY02. Wegner and Cox proposed that budget cuts be taken from funds for statewide databases, the library materials fund, and the elimination of two open staff positions (one in the Law Library and one in Information Services.) Carlson moved to accept the budget, Huston seconded. Motion carried.

D. Review of State Library Collection Policy

Wegner answered questions about the proposed updates to the policy. Ross moved to accept the revised policy, Van Ekeren seconded. Motion carried.

E. Review of State Library Internet Use Policy

Wegner answered questions about the proposed updates to the policy. Huston moved to accept the revised policy, Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

7.0 Discussion Items

A. State Medical Library

Wegner reported on legislative action to close the State Medical Library, and the Governor's subsequent veto of the action. Ross suggested that Wegner appoint a task force later in the fall to examine the issue.

8.0 Adjournment

Adjournment at 12:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 27, 2002, State Library of Iowa