

Good Morning! Today in EYE-OPENER July 13, 2015

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1) Welcome Emily Bainter: Iowa Library Services is pleased to welcome Emily Bainter! Emily joins our staff as the new Communications / Information Specialist, succeeding Annette Wetteland who retired in March. Northeast District's Kim Mashek interviewed Emily and secured this brief bio as a way of introduction.

"...Hello! My name is Emily Bainter and I was born and raised in Des Moines. I live in a suburb with my husband Jesse, our 9-month old son Isaac, and rescue dog Neville. I most recently worked in the Communications Bureau of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for 8 years. I enjoy reading, camping and spending time outdoors with my family..."

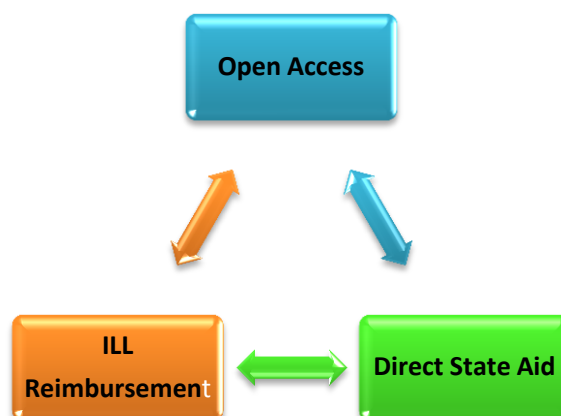
What excites you about working for Iowa Library Services? *"...Libraries are so important to communities and often underappreciated for the value and services they provide. I am looking forward to promoting the services we offer to help Iowa libraries achieve success and also to showcase local library accomplishments..."*

What is your favorite book and what are you currently reading? *"...I have many favorites! I recently reread Outlander by Diana Gabaldon and remembered why I loved it so much the first time. I just finished The Invasion of the Tearling by Erika Johansen, which is the second of a trilogy. I don't know why I torture myself reading series before all of the books are released- it's agony to wait for the next installment!..."*

What is a unique fact about yourself? *"...Here's two: I played the cello for nine years in school and was an art major in college..."*

Welcome again, Emily! And thanks to you and Kim for this introduction!

2) Enrich Iowa Reports Due July 31: In April, all Iowa libraries were asked to renew their intention to participate in **Enrich Iowa**. That was done by completing a super easy form called the **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement** and checking all 3 boxes—**Open Access**, **ILL Reimbursement**, and **Direct State Aid**. So renewed participation comes first, reporting your library's activity in these programs comes next.



By **July 31** each year, all Iowa libraries are required to report their level of activity in these same programs. For **Open Access**, report the number of checkouts your library made to **Open Access** patrons—those people visiting your library from other participating **OA** libraries in Iowa—and checking out physical items. Downloading eBooks or using other digital products does not count as **Open Access** checkouts. For instructions, along with the **OA** reporting form, click here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/open-access>

For **ILL Reimbursement**, we need to know the number of books your library loaned through SILO. Lending libraries are reimbursed in this program to compensate for postage costs. Tracking loans made through SILO or OCLC is easy because their software tracks it for you. Iowa Library Services can look this data up, so we can save you the time of reporting those transactions. The exception is if your library loaned materials to other Iowa libraries through other means. If that's true for you, then you need to report those numbers on a log and submit it to us. For **ILL Reimbursement** instructions, along with a reporting form for loans made outside the SILO or OCLC systems, click here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/ill-reimb>

Finally for **Direct State Aid**, simply report how you spent the money! **Direct State Aid** is the money awarded to Iowa libraries for meeting standards. The standards are fully described in the booklet In Service to Iowa (c2010). Under broad categories, the **Direct State Aid** report asks you to describe how this funding was used in FY15. Simply indicate the amount spent in categories such as *Materials & Supplies / Technology & Equipment / Programming / Furniture /* etc. This report form also asks for stories about the impact of this funding on your library operation. The stories you tell us become the stories we tell legislators every year when seeking increased funding for **Enrich Iowa**. To find the form and instructions, click here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/e/enrich-ia/Direct-state-aid>

Note that both the **Direct State Aid** and **Open Access** forms are online again this year. All directors should have received email messages containing links, user names, and passwords. Questions about the **Enrich Iowa** reports? Just call ☺



3) **Clear Lake Storytelling Festival:** The **2015 Iowa Storytelling Festival** takes place the weekend of **July 24-25** in **Clear Lake**.

This year's festival features three performers: Janice Del Negro of Brookfield (IL) Jeff Doyle of Brighton (MI) and Maureen Korte of Des Moines. They begin on Friday July 24 at 9:00PM with stories on the "Ghost Boat" aboard the Lady of the Lake paddlewheel boat. This event is intended for ages ten through adult; children under age 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets for the "Ghost Boat" are \$15.00 and non-refundable; advance purchase is recommended. In case of threatening weather the ghost stories will be presented at

the Lakeview Room behind Clear Lake City Park's band shell.

The stories continue on **Saturday July 25** in the Story Tent in Clear Lake City Park. "Stories for Kids of All Ages" at 10:30AM and "Teller's Choice" at 2:00PM. All Saturday storytelling activities are free. Other visiting storytellers will also be performing at the "Story Exchange" at noon. The rain location will be the Lakeview Room.

The **Iowa Storytelling Festival** is funded by the Clear Lake Library Foundation with assistance from the Friends of the Library. For more information on the **Iowa Storytelling Festival** or to sign up for the story exchange, contact the library at 357-6133 or librarylady831@yahoo.com.

Thanks to North Central District's Trisha Hicks and Clear Lake Assistant Director Martha Boyes for contributing this storytellers' story!



4) **Spirit of '45 Commemoration Week:** The week of **August 16-23** is designated as the "**Spirit of '45 Commemoration Week**" in Iowa. Governor Brandstad recently signed a proclamation and encourages Iowa communities to participate. This is also a good opportunity for library programming because this week honors WWII veterans.

An opening **Spirit of '45** ceremony is scheduled for Sunday August 16, 1:00PM at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery. Governor Brandstad and WWII fight pilot Capt. Jerry Yellin of Fairfield, will both give remarks. The public is invited to attend. This marks one of many such ceremonies expected to take place around the country that day, including at Arlington National Cemetery, all U.S. Parks, all American Battlefield Monument Commission sites, and all cemeteries operated by the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs.

Monday August 17 is the annual Iowa State Fair Veterans Day parade, where Spirit of '45 ceremonies continue. Parade grand marshals this year will be WWII veterans. The Iowa State Fair Veterans Day parade is a long-standing fair tradition. Many are Iowan vets, many come from across the country and around the world.

Congress declared a national **Spirit of '45 Day** several years ago; 2015 marks the 70th anniversary of V.E. Day—Victory in Europe Day. More information about the **Spirit of '45 Week** found here <http://www.spiritof45.org> Thanks to Central District's Maryann Mori for this story...

5) Meetings / Events This Week: Busy travel week ahead: thanks to their invitation, I'll join Le Mars Board tonight with an orientation program for their newest trustees. Also on the road Tuesday and Thursday, Amanda is road tripping on Friday.

Look at July's menu of national webinars, with registration and other details here
<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

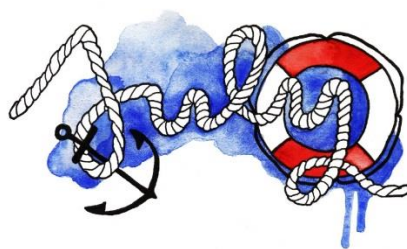
July 14. 12:00-1:00PM. *The Happiness Advantage at Work Part 2: Changing Social Scripts to Positive* sponsored by Training Magazine Network <http://www.trainingmagnetnetwork.com/calendar>

July 14. 1:00-2:00PM. *Book Group Crystal Ball: Summer and Fall 2015* sponsored by Booklist
<http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars>

July 14. 1:00-2:00PM. *Nuts and Bolts of Social Media* sponsored by InSync
<http://us.insynctraining.com/complimentary-programs/>

July 16. 1:00-2:30PM. *Crafting a Successful Adult Education Program for Small, Rural and/or Part-time Libraries* sponsored by WebJunction
<http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>

July 16. 1:00-2:00PM. *Telling the Story of Volunteer Impact* sponsored by VolunteerMatch
<http://learn.volunteermatch.org/training-topics>



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