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The **eBook Business Library** is available for state employees of Iowa. It includes over 700 titles covering subjects such as process management, marketing, leadership, human resources, training, finance, career advice, and business skills. Books can be read on your computer or mobile device after they are checked out.

The collection is easy to access, contact the reference desk at is@lib.state.ia.us, 800-248-4483, or 515-281-4102 for the username and password for this valuable resource, and then go to <https://mhebooklibrary.com/> to log in.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources Water Quality Bureau archives its *Water Summary Update* reports in **Iowa Publications Online**. <http://tinyurl.com/o4vxdl8> The benefit is a cleaner webpage with only current reports listed, and the assurance that interested users will find older documents permanently available in the State Library's digital archive.

Digital documents are stored and made available to the public in **Iowa Publications Online** (IPO) at <http://publications.iowa.gov/>. IPO received over a million hits last year, which shows that it's an effective way for state agencies to make their publications available. Paper state documents stored in our extensive archives are also available to the public at <https://koha.silo.lib.ia.us/>.

If you produce state publications meant to inform the public, contact us about archiving your materials today! For contact information and an FAQ about depositing state publications go to <http://tinyurl.com/3jmyvcp>.

The purpose of the All Iowa Reads program is to encourage Iowans statewide to read and talk about a single book in the same year. The 2016 All Iowa Reads selection is *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. Iowa's libraries of all types will hold discussions of this book throughout 2016.

Marilynne Robinson has lived in Iowa City since 1989, when she began teaching at the renowned Iowa Writers' Workshop. Her novels have been published in 30 languages and she is the winner of many prizes for her writing, including the Pulitzer Prize and the National Humanities Medal.

Although *Lila* is part of the Gilead trilogy, the novel stands on its own as a powerful story of a woman who, homeless and unschooled, nevertheless leads those around her from doubt and sorrow to compassion and understanding.

For more information about the 2016 All Iowa Reads program, and this selection, visit www.iowacenterforthebook.org/AIR-2016. Check with your local public library to participate in programs related to this book.

The State Law Library is hosting an exhibition of **photography by Mark Hirsch**, photographer and author of *That Tree*, through December 30, 2015. The exhibit will then move to the Main Library through January.

That Tree, a book that documents a year in the life of a bur oak with iPhone photos taken by Hirsch, has been featured on local and worldwide media including NBC News, The Daily Mail (UK), The Des Moines Register, and The Sierra Club. www.thattree.net/.

The State Law Library is located between the House and Senate chambers on the second floor of the Iowa State Capitol. Visitor entrances are located on the West and South sides of the building. The Main Library is located in the Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th St. and Grand Ave.

The Libraries are open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except state holidays. For more information call: 515-281-4102 or 800-248-4483, or email is@lib.state.ia.us.

New Books Available:

- *Our Kids: The American Dream in Crisis* by bestselling author of *Bowling Alone*, Robert Putman, examines the growing inequality gap and how it is affecting the American Dream of achieving success and prosperity through hard work. <http://tinyurl.com/jlgoefo>.
- *Left Back: A Century of Battles Over School Reform* by Diane Ravitch is an authoritative history of American education reforms in this century and makes a compelling case that our schools fail when they consistently ignore their central purpose—teaching knowledge. <http://tinyurl.com/hwa6oue>.
- *Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success* by Adam Grant. An innovative, paradigm-shifting book that will captivate readers of Malcolm Gladwell and Daniel Pink. In his landmark book, Grant illuminates why some people rise to the top of the success ladder while others sink to the bottom. <http://tinyurl.com/hxdqebk>.

To see more new titles go to <http://library.booksite.com/7168/nl/?list=CNL15>.

State employees may place a hold on a title and have the book delivered to their desk. To find out how go to <https://koha.silo.lib.ia.us/>.

Other services that the Iowa Library Services/State Library offers:

- The State Library provides access to **EbscoHost**, a magazine database, which brings the full text of articles from thousands of journals directly to your desktop. You can log on to EbscoHost on the State Library's web site www.statelibraryofia.org. Under "For Iowans", click on "Log in to Online Resources". You will need a State Library Card number. If you don't have one:
- To register for a **State Library card** on-line go to www.statelibraryofia.org. Under "For Iowans", choose "Get a State Library Card" and fill out the registration form, or contact our reference desk at 800-248-4483, 515-281-4102, or e-mail is@lib.state.ia.us.

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