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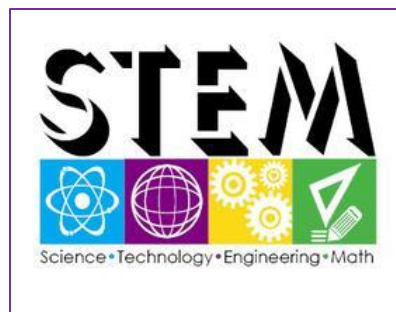
1) **One Book, One Siouxland 2016.** This is the 11th year for the popular tri-city reading venture known as **One Book, One Siouxland**. And for 2016, the title chosen is One Summer: America 1927 by Iowa author Bill Bryson. You probably know an earlier Bryson book, A Walk in the Woods, the basis of last year's movie starring Robert Redford and Nick Nolte.

1927 was an epic year in American history, the **One Book** website (<http://www.onebookonesiouxland.org/>) explains: *"... The summer of 1927 began with one of the signature events of the 20th century: Charles Lindbergh's nonstop flight across the Atlantic. Meanwhile, Babe Ruth began his assault on the home run record, which would culminate in September with his sixtieth blast, one of the most resonant and durable records in sports history. In between those dates...unprecedented rain clobbered the American south, Al Capone tightened his grip on the illegal booze business, and the first true 'talking picture' starring Al Jolson in the Jazz Singer forever changed the motion picture industry. Moreover, the four most powerful central bankers on earth met in secret on Long Island and made a fateful decision that virtually guaranteed the future stock market crash and the Great Depression of the 1930's..."*

Even more happened that summer of 1927 and this book has it all. *"...Bill Bryson captures its outsized personalities, exciting events, and occasional just plain weirdness with his trademark vividness, eye for telling detail, and delicious humor. In 1927 America stepped onto the world stage as the main event and One Summer transforms it all into narrative nonfiction of the highest order."*

The mission of **One Book One Siouxland** is *"to foster a sense of community through the shared experience of one great book."* **One Book One Siouxland** is a collaboration among the public libraries in Sioux City (IA) South Sioux City (NE) North Sioux City (SD) as well as Morningside College and Western Iowa Tech. On the **One Book** website above, you'll find a full listing of community events this winter. And should your library choose to use One Summer: America 1927 in your own book groups, you'll also find discussion questions there. One Summer is sure to be a fun choice for **One Book One Siouxland**—and a good choice for your book groups, too!

2) Grants for Science-Based Programs: The Califa Library Group is awarding mini-grants to rural public libraries interested in providing STEM programming for adults. The STEM acronym stands for science-technology-engineering-math. This project, funded by the National Science Foundation, helps build up a library's capacity to plan science programming and promote discussion.



The professional development aspect of the project includes interactive webinars, online learning materials, peer support, and video case studies of adult STEM programs. Participating libraries will receive program materials, a planning guide, marketing and promotional templates, and grants up to \$3,500. Communities will receive a series of engaging, thought-provoking programs and find another reason to love their local library!

Deadline to apply for these science-based mini-grants is February 15—find the application and other information here <http://califa.org/rural-gateways/>

Thanks to Becky Heil for passing along this story...

3) STEM Scale-Up Programs: Sue Gruber shares this news is from the Governor's STEM Advisory Council. Eleven programs have been announced for the **2016-17 Scale-Up Initiative**. These **Scale-Up Programs** are not cash grants; rather they are packaged programs that can be replicated in schools and libraries elsewhere in the state. But to be considered, there is an application process. Applicants from educators, schools, community groups, and public libraries are welcome to complete a **Scale-Up** application to be considered.



Note that applicants who propose their own cost-sharing by absorbing some expenses (supplies, travel, administration, etc.) or by bringing additional funding to the project (private sector donations, etc.) will be considered favorably during the review process. Some **STEM Scale-Up Programs** actually require cost sharing, as noted in their descriptions.

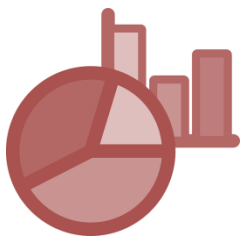
Programs like "*Engineering is Elementary*" for grades 1-6 and "*Making STEM Connections*" for grades K-6 would make great after-school library programs. More information about each of the programs is available at <http://www.iowastem.gov/scale-up/2016-17-menu>.

The application is available at <http://www.iowastem.gov/2016-17-Scale-Up> **The deadline is March 1st**. A review panel will select recipients in March for implementation July 1st.

To learn more, join one of two online information sessions to learn more about a new **2016-17 Scale Up offering -- Making STEM Connections** -- a makerspace program provided by the Science Center of Iowa that encourages STEM learners to explore materials and creativity. It is for formal and informal program use. Here is the choice of webinars:

- Wednesday February 10 from 3:30-4:30PM
- Friday February 12 from 10:30-11:30AM

Join these sessions using Zoom from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device. Click this link to join <https://uni.zoom.us/j/9912313680> (Meeting ID: 991 231 3680).



4) Accreditation Applications Due in February: If your library's accreditation or tier level status expires in June 2016, then February 2016 is your turn to re-apply for accreditation or to report changes in the standards you've met which likely changed your tier status. The accreditation / report form, background information, and a listing of libraries' tier status is found on our website here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards>

Scott Dermont has more: *"...we sent out email reminders to all library directors in late November. That message indicated whether your library needs to re-apply this year or not. That message also included your library's login information for the online form. All applications should now be submitted online. The print forms are for information gathering purposes only. If you are having trouble with the online form or have any questions about the accreditation program, please email me scott.dermont@lib.state.ia.us or call 1-800-248-4483..."*

Scott continues with some Q&A, answers to frequently asked questions about the Standards and Accreditation program:

- The Public Library Standards and Accreditation program exists to encourage the ongoing development of high quality public library services in Iowa.
- Accreditation and tier level status is determined on a three-year cycle
- Any library can re-apply during that cycle if they meet additional standards that then changes their status; in other words, libraries do not need to wait for the 3-year cycle to expire before applying again

- Direct State Aid funding is based achieving standards required in Tier 1, Tier 2, or Tier 3. See In Service to Iowa for a look at the standards required in all three tiers <http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards/5thed>
- Only Tier 3 libraries are considered accredited.
- Iowa Library Services is required by Code of Iowa 256.51(k) to administer the Public Library Accreditation program.

5) Meetings / Events This Week: Rough weather this week has cancelled meetings for many. But this is a new month, meaning a new menu of national webinars. A few show below, find the full listing and registration details here <http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

February 2. 1:00-2:00PM. *Social Media and Volunteer Engagement* sponsored by VolunteerMatch.org <http://learn.volunteermatch.org/training-topics>

February 2. 1:30-3:00PM. *Responding To Challenges—Ensure Your Library Is Prepared* sponsored by Texas State Library and Archives Commission <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html>

February 3. 10:00-11:00AM. *Teaching Digital Literacy with TechBoomers.Com and Other Online Resources* sponsored by Nebraska Library Commission <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

February 4. 1:00-2:00PM. *Managing Difficult Volunteer Transitions* sponsored by VolunteerMatch.org <http://learn.volunteermatch.org/training-topics>

February 5. 1:00-2:00PM. *People—Difficult or Different* sponsored by Effectiveness Institute http://www.effectivenessinstitute.com/index.php?option=com_dtregister&Itemid=54

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