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1) Webinar To Help With Annual Survey: The FY2016 Annual Survey was considerably delayed by circumstances beyond our control. But it's back online and ready when you are! Because of the late release date, the **completion date** has been extended to **December 16**. And to help with completion, especially for directors who are new to working on the Annual Survey, Scott Dermont is offering an instructional webinar later this month.

Scott has more: "*...the data you provide on the survey helps you and your fellow librarians compare library performance, justify budget requests, and describe the condition of public libraries in Iowa.*

Your data is also used by local, state, and federal officials to help them make funding and program decisions. Your efforts are important and they are appreciated! This class will be an overview of the survey questions and electronic interface. Participants will also learn about the questions added to and removed from the FY16 Survey. This webinar is intended for anyone who works on the Survey, especially new directors..."

Choose from two opportunities: either **November 18 from 10:00-11:30AM** **OR** **November 29 from 2:-00-3:30PM**. Please pre-register for this webinar in the c.e. catalog <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cqi-bin/cecat/> Attendees receive 1.5 c.e. credits.



2) Cost for BRIDGES Participation FY2018-2021. The **BRIDGES Team** provides this explanation about cost increases for **BRIDGES** libraries, effective in FY2018. Thanks to many **BRIDGES** libraries who attended User Groups in August, as well as countless Iowa library patrons who answered survey questions, the **BRIDGES Team** has developed a plan to regarding cost increases in order to:

- a) keep the collection robust, growing, and responsive to patrons
- b) ensure the collection is worthy of your membership
- c) keep the cost increase and the overall cost of participation as affordable as possible

Toward that end, the **BRIDGES Team**—with State Library administrative approval—has proposed a step increase in costs for the next several years. These increases should cover the costs of continued collection development and platform fees until the end of the current contract in FY2021. Many libraries suggested a rapid increase, while others preferred no cost increase at all. So we've split the difference and worked through budget numbers to allow for a slower increase to absorb it into budgets over time, while still keeping the consortium viable in the eyes of Iowa users into the future.

The layout of the step increases will work like this:

- FY2018 (July17-June18) \$300 base price plus \$0.13 per capita—an increase of \$0.04 from current year
- FY2019 (July18-June19) \$300 base price plus \$0.13 per capita—NO CHANGE
- FY2020 (July19-June20) \$300 base price plus \$0.15 per capita—an increase of \$0.02 from FY18. Note in FY20 we will have to start the **Request for Proposal** process for a new contract in order to continue offering a downloadable eBook/audiobook service.

A complete chart of this incremental cost increase is posted on the State Library's website so you can begin using it for budget planning purposes: <http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/ld/c-d/download/price-list-2012/bridgescurrentmemberpricing1721>

Thanks to the **BRIDGES Team** for overseeing this important service:
Eunice Riesberg, Becky Heil, Misty Gray, Jay Peterson



3) MakerSpace Activity Kits From DEMCO: Here's something to add to your library's Christmas wish list—DEMCO has MakerSpace Activity Kits for sale in a range of prices. Teacher Geek is one source for STEM kits:

"...TeacherGeek is for schools and libraries alike and is at home in any makerspace, classroom, or children's program. Through all-in-one activity kits, children engage in STEM-based learning. It's fun and affordable inventing at its best.

A few of the 20 various activity kits available through DEMCO www.demco.com show below. There are also instructional videos to guide kids through assembly...check it out and start your Christmas shopping early!

- Wiggle Bots
- Wind Turbines
- Ping Pong Ball Launchers
- Hydraulic Arms & Hydraulic Claws
- Crazy Contraptions



4) International Games Day November 19: Game on, Iowa libraries! Catch up with **International Games Day** next month on **November 19**. 2016 marks the 9th year for this global event, co-sponsored by ALA, the Games & Gaming Roundtable of ALA, and the Australian Library Association. The intention is to bring communities together at their libraries to enjoy the recreational and social value of games, but the educational value as well.

International Games Day (IGD) is run entirely by volunteers and it's totally free to participate. As the official website says *"...it's cheaper than free because after registering with the event, you stand a good chance to get free donations for your library. Register here <http://igd.ala.org/register/> and find a free press kit, complete with press releases and posters..."*

More from **International Games Day** sponsors: *"...In the 21st century, libraries are about much more than books. Gaming at the library encourages young patrons to interact with a diverse group of peers, share their expertise with others—including adults—and develop new strategies for gaming and learning. Plus, it's a way for traditionally underserved groups to have fun in the library and interact with other members of the community. **International Games Day @ Your Library** is a great opportunity for families to get out of the house and play together in the one community institution that welcomes everyone..."*

Over 2,000 libraries around the world are expected to register with the **IGD** event this year. And again, registering with the IGD site makes your library eligible for prizes and donations from supporting vendors. But you can also go low-key by setting up board games, card games, and computer games throughout the library on **November 19**, then promote this as family fun day @ your library. Follow the **IGD** site for lots of ideas and resources <http://iqd.ala.org/>



5) Meetings / Events This Week: I'll join **Ida County** libraries at **Arthur PL** tonight **Nov7** and **Osceola County** libraries at **Ocheyedan PL** on **Thursday Nov10**—at both county meetings we'll discuss the 2016 revised standards.

Northwest library staff are cordially invited to say goodbye to two retiring library directors: **Terri Tesch** and **Ruth Rodvik**. Terri has retired after 26 years with **Paullina Public Library**, Ruth is retiring after 45 years with **Sheldon PL**. Coincidentally, both retirement receptions are scheduled for **Friday November 11**: at **Paullina** from 2:00-5:00PM, at **Sheldon** from 3:00-5:00PM. You're welcome to stop by and wish Terri and Ruth a fond farewell! Which are our sentiments exactly—from the State Library, thank you Terri and Ruth, for your outstanding years of library service!

This **Friday Nov11** is **Veteran's Day** and a state holiday—**State Library offices will be closed**. And **Monday Nov14** is our **monthly staff meeting** in Des Moines; **District offices will be closed**, but you're welcome to call the Des Moines as needed (800-248-4483) Back on Tuesday Nov15...

Because our November staff meeting lands on a Monday this month, I'll skip an edition of **Monday Morning Eye-Opener** on **Nov14**; look for the next MMEO on Nov21...

A new month of national webinars await! Find description details and registration here
<http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

November 8. 2:00-3:00PM. *Lending Wi-Fi Hotspot Devices to Patrons* sponsored by Texas State Library visit: <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/workshops/webinars/index.html>

November 8. 2:00-3:00PM. *Serving Older Adults in a Changing World* sponsored by WebJunction <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>

November 9. 2:00-3:00PM. *Tabletop Games and 21st Century Skill Development* sponsored by Infopeople <https://infopeople.org/training/view/webinar>

November 10. 1:00-2:00PM. *Project Outcome: Communicating Your Results* sponsored by PLA <http://www.ala.org/pla/onlinelearning/webinars>



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