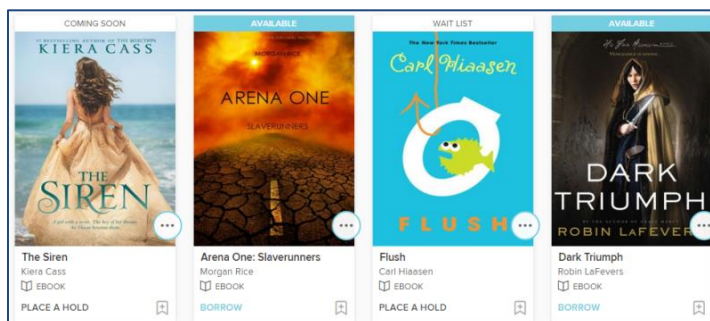




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1) BRIDGES Website Re-Vamped: If you've not tapped into the BRIDGES website since last week, your patrons probably have! Enhancement to the BRIDGES site went live on December 1st, so don't be caught by surprise by patron comments or questions—check out the new look <https://bridges.overdrive.com/>

At the top of the screen, you'll still see the SIGN-IN button, but now 4 tabs: SUBJECTS, COLLECTIONS, KIDS, and TEENS. The pull-down arrow next to COLLECTIONS displays choices like:

- Available Now
- New eBooks / New AudioBooks / New Videos
- Most Popular
- Try Something Different

Other enhancements include:

- Availability banners displayed on the book covers
- Actions like “Borrow” or “Place a Hold” displayed on the book covers
- Improvement for placing and receiving titles on HOLD
- “Return Book Early” more evidently displayed

There’s a short video clip worth watching on OverDrive’s website [“What’s the new OverDrive and what features does it have?”](#) Download graphics from the [Resource Center’s Marketing & Outreach Digital Resources tab](#). And access a [full press release](#) to explore more about how the new OverDrive offers a fast, streamlined user experience and improved tools. Feel free to adapt the highlights from that press release to share in your own local announcements about the updates to your BRIDGES digital collection. Learn more at <http://app.overdrive.com/the-new-overdrive>. And enjoy!!

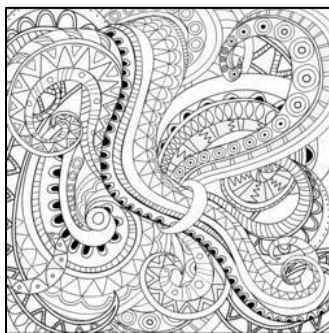


2) Christmas Gifts For Your Library: Time to start making a list and checking it twice—these are Christmas gift ideas for your library! If your budget allows, that’s super. Or if your Friends Group is standing by—and ready to BUY—even better! Today’s first installment of **Christmas Gifts For Your Library 2016:**

Power Tower: Example shown in photo is from Demco (\$399.00) This unit has 8 AC outlets and 8 USB ports, aluminum frame on wheels.



WiFi HotSpots: Grimes PL is one library doing this: checking out WiFi HotSpots. Grimes director Cheryl Heid *explains* “we purchased through Tech Soup; there is a one-time fee to TechSoup, then a monthly fee for the unlimited data as well as a device cost. You can purchase one, five, or ten devices...”



Many libraries put out puzzles for patrons to while away the time. Or board games like checkers or chess; some libraries host card players. Well, what about a **giant table-top sized coloring page?** **Northwest AEA Creative Services Department** has a wide array of printing services, and many of their products are available for public libraries to purchase. Like... **giant table-top sized coloring pages!** Many of you saw the sample I’ve been toting around this fall, selling for only \$16.00. Contact Patty Bryan at Northwest AEA 800-352-9040 or email pbryan@nwaea.org Note: you’re welcome to contact the AEA that serves your school district, although not all AEAs offer exactly the same services.

3) The Year in Books: Roy Kenagy is on web patrol this month, sharing links to notable books published in 2016. Roy is now retired, but spent many years of his library career with Iowa's Regional System as well as with the State Library, specializing in collection development.



Roy has shared two compilations of notable books in 2016, one from the **New York Times** and one from **School Library Journal**. At this **NYT** link <http://nyti.ms/2gv0GuZ> find blurbs and full reviews; the **NYT list** includes fiction, poetry, general non-fiction, and childrens' titles. Among them:

- [When Breath Becomes Air](#) by Paul Kalanithi (NF)
- [Sing For Your Life: A Story of Race, Music, and Family](#) by Daniel Bergner (NF)
- [The North Water](#) by Ian McGuire (Fic)
- [Larose](#) by Louise Erdrich (Fic)

The second source is **School Library Journal's "Best of 2016."** This listing includes categories like "Best Adult Books For Teens," as well as **SLJ's Top 10 Graphic Novels** and **Top 10 Audiobooks**. Among SLJs list of top children's picture books:

- [I Hear a Pickle](#) by Rachel Isadora
- [We Found a Hat](#) by Jon Klassen
- [One Big Salad](#) by Juana Medina
- [Before Morning](#) by Joyce Sidman

Fun listing to browse through, best pour some coffee first ☺ <http://slj.com/bestof2016/other.php>



4) Digital Storytimes—A Free Course: The Public Library Development Team at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has announced a new professional development course about the role of apps and devices in the lives of young children and their families. The course is called **Digital Storytimes: Kids, Apps, and Libraries**, a free online course designed for public library staff serving youth, as well as other educators.

From the **Wisconsin Libraries for Everyone** blog <https://media.dpi.wi.gov/pld/digital-storytime/story.html> "...course participants will gain a better understanding of why and how apps can be used with young children...which apps are most beneficial, and where to find the best apps..."

There are 4 self-paced learning modules. Earn a badge for each module completed; those who finish all 4 will receive a printable certificate of completion. The modules are:

- ✓ **The Village of Why**
- ✓ **The Forest of How**
- ✓ **Which Mountain**
- ✓ **The Bay of Where**

At the same URL, watch video clips that explain how the course works in more detail. Once you've completed the course, you can submit a **Learning Activity Written Summary** to receive c.e. credit. Find that form here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/learning-activity-written-summary> Thanks to Merri Monks for this story!



5) Meetings / Events This Week: Road day today while meeting with new directors: Dorothy Harper @ Paullina PL and Dan Wetherell @ Sutherland P. L. Wednesday evening I'll join Schaller library board for a look at planning for automation.

There are several **State Library-sponsored webinars** this week. Libraries intending to participate in **E-Rate** can get things started by catching a webinar on filing **Form 470**, the first form in sequence. Choose **either today at 10:00AM or Wednesday at 2:00P.M.**

A reminder for people pre-registered for **Library101**: that takes place tomorrow **December 6 (9:30-11:30AM)** This is an online orientation introducing State Library staff and services. Finally, **Thursday Dec8** offers a **trend-scanning webinar** from staff at **ALA's Center for the Future of Libraries (10:00-11:00AM)**

Close out December with some national webinars. Find description details and registration here <http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted>

December 6. 2:00-3:00PM. *Culinary Literacy: A Library Recipe for Cooking Up Literacy and Community* sponsored by WebJunction <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction.html>

December 7. 10:00-11:00AM. *Technology Classes at Your Library* sponsored by Nebraska Library Commission <http://nlc.nebraska.gov/scripts/calendar/eventlist.asp?Mode=ALL>

December 7. 1:00-2:00PM. *Civil Rights and a Civil Society: A Library-Law Enforcement Partnership* sponsored by Programming Librarian <http://programminglibrarian.org/learn>

December 7. 2:00-3:00PM. *Get Happy and Healthy: How to Avoid Burnout and Have More Impact Through Your Work* sponsored by Charity How-To <https://www.charityhowto.com/nonprofit-live-webinars>



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