



Monday Morning Eye-Opener December 4, 2017

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Good Morning! December 4, 2017

Automation System Survey



2017 Marshall Breeding Automation Survey

This is the 11th year of the Marshall Breeding Automation Survey, a valued tool in helping libraries in the U.S. and abroad compare automation vendors. Marshall Breeding is now collecting data for the **2017 International Library Automation Perceptions** survey conducted through Library Technology Guides.

This survey provides an opportunity for library managers to register your perceptions of the automation software used in your libraries, as well as your opinion about product performance and customer service. The survey also asks about plans to migrate to different automation systems and the level of interest in open source products.

Iowa libraries are invited to participate in the 2017 survey. Doing so helps library directors elsewhere who are in the process of evaluating automation systems. Your assessment of software features, product performance, and customer support are valuable to others making similar decisions. This survey also provides constructive criticism to the vendors themselves, helping them to address any prevailing issues. Comments will be published in the survey results, though redacted to conceal any text that might identify the individuals or organization responding.

More information about the survey, participation instructions, and results of previous years at the button below.

[Automation Survey](#)

E-Rate Filing Ahead

Form 470 Filing Window Is Open

The window is open for filing your **E-rate Form 470** and the district LRTs are ready to assist you with this process. If you are seeking funding for the library's monthly Internet bill, or are seeking funds for the hardware necessary to deliver Internet to your patrons, you will want to file a form 470 now.



This is the opportune time to call your District LRT (Library Resource Technician) and set up an appointment to file the form step-by-step with their assistance. Please note that there are changes in the way this form was done last year, making it important to follow the new guidelines for the FY2018-2019 filing year. The instructions for these changes were recently posted to **LibraryTalk** by Jay Peterson; District LRTs are aware of the proper way to file, as well.

Toll Free contact information for your district LRT:

- Northwest: Amanda Grom @ 866-642-7920
- Southwest: Sue Gruber @ 866-642-7922
- Central: Doreen Buls @ 866-642-7917
- North Central: Trisha Hicks @ 866-642-7918
- Southeast: Deb Crane @ 866-642-7921

Northeast = your county's assigned LRT shows here

- Allamakee, Clayton, Howard counties = Trisha
- Buchanan and Linn counties = Debbie
- Benton, Dubuque, Winneshiek counties = Dori
- Black Hawk, Bremer, Delaware counties = Sue
- Chickasaw and Fayette counties = Amanda

[E-Rate Program Info](#)

Additional Stories

Book Club Central

This past summer, *Monday Morning Eye-Opener* reported on a new reading initiative from ALA—**Book Club Central**. This program launched in June, with honorary chairperson Sarah Jessica Parker at the forefront. **From an ALA news release:** *“This online resource is a one-stop shop for engaging content and helpful information for book clubs and readers of all types, including author interviews, book*



recommendations and reviews, as well as discussion questions and information on how to start and moderate a book club...”

Sarah Jessica Parker’s pick for the first **Book Club Central** title was No One is Coming to Save Us by Stephanie Powell Watts.

ALA recently announced her second pick: Exit West by Mohsin Hamid. Parker describes her choice: “*Mohsin Hamid’s Exit West gives a deeply real, beautiful, intricate, and electrifying look at what it means to be an immigrant right now. This tale of*

*two people forced from their homeland and searching for a home elsewhere is transporting and illuminating. I was swept away by this gorgeous, otherworldly novel and I’m so excited to offer it as our second selection for **Book Club Central**, as I’m convinced every reader will feel the same.*”

Book Club Central is really just getting started. If you’re not familiar, the button below takes you there. And here’s an in-depth story at **American Libraries Magazine** <https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/?s=book+club+central>

Book Club Central

Library101 December 12th

New directors, staff, or trustees—take note. The next **Library101** is scheduled for **December 12th (9:30-11:30AM)** Sponsored by the State Library, **LIBRARY 101** is typically offered four times each year. This 2-hour online program introduces newly hired directors to library support systems and services in Iowa.

It’s a friendly, helpful orientation: you’ll meet State Library staff—at least virtually—helping you match names with faces. We’ll discuss public library service standards and provide explanations of popular statewide programs, with plenty of time to answer your questions. People new to support staff positions, as well as trustees, are encouraged to attend.

Look to the c.e. catalog to register for **Library101**. Doing so ensures that you will receive follow-up email with the link to the Adobe Classroom. New to your library job? Then join Alysia Peich and me online for **Library101!**

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