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Good Morning! June 18, 2018

Iowa Libraries Have the Edge

A Technology Assessment Toolkit

Last week, you received a letter from State Librarian Michael Scott, announcing that **the Edge** is coming to Iowa libraries. As Michael wrote "...the State Library of Iowa is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring your participation in **Edge** for the coming year, allowing you the opportunity to assess your library's technology, communicate its impact, and plan for the future. All intended to support the local economy, the broader workforce, and citizens' lifelong learning. **The Edge** marks an important commitment from the State Library toward digital inclusion and digital equity throughout our state..."



The Edge originated with the Urban Libraries Council in 2011, along with a host of national partners such as Tech Soup, WebJunction, PLA, ALA, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, among others. The project mission reads "**The Edge** is a management tool that helps libraries align their technology resources to community priorities. **Edge** guides libraries to set measurable goals for digital inclusion and to engage government and community leaders in meaningful discussion about technology needs and plans."

Again, the State Library of Iowa is paying for all Iowa libraries to access **Edge** resources, beginning with a comprehensive technology assessment. You will need to set up an **Edge** account for your library, a needed early step. **Note the**

assessment tool will be open from now until December 31st. We urge all Iowa libraries to participate, as this project will benefit communities of all sizes.

First things first: **catch an informational webinar today OR tomorrow at 2:00PM either day.** If you can't attend the live webinar, there will be a recording available later. Register here <https://bit.ly/2JLpktd>

Refer back to Michael's memo from last week for background. And stay tuned for more information here in **Monday Morning Eye-Opener.** You're sure to hear more about **The Edge** in the coming weeks and months, as District and Des Moines staff continue with communication, instruction, and assistance. Be sure to share this important opportunity with your boards, too. Then together--**Take the Pledge, Join the Edge!**

The Edge

Summertime Reminders



Deadlines, Invoices, and Website Updates

As seen in a recent Southwest District bulletin, the following summertime reminders will benefit libraries across the state. With thanks to Sue and Misty for this compilation, please take note of these program deadlines and website updates:

Enrich Iowa Program == Direct State Aid monies must be spent by June 30.

Also, the **Enrich Iowa** report indicating what the EI funds were spent on @ your library is due on July 31.

GALE Resources Invoice == Be on the lookout for a GALE invoice coming in July. This invoice bills your library for its annual subscription to the GALE Resources for fiscal year 2019; payment is expected in August.

Speaking of GALE Resources == Double check your own website to be sure that you've removed all buttons and all references to the EBSCO products (unless your library pays for EBSCO on its own) The GALE suite has replaced the EBSCO suite through the State Library's contractual access.

Remove Health Info Iowa == Look to your own website and remove all buttons and all references to Health Info Iowa; that product is no longer available.

SLP Artwork == Scan your website for any lingering Summer Library Program artwork from previous summers; keeping these images on your website past March 31 of the following year is a violation of the terms of use.

State Library Phone Numbers Have Changed == When calling the State Library, note that there is now a solo 800# for the agency: 800-248-4483. Choosing option 3 on the menu will connect you with the Library Resource Technician handling the

phones for the day, who can transfer your call to any Des Moines or District staff person. Since there are no longer individual 800#s for each District office, please delete those from your contact information.

MakerSpace Workshop

July 31st in Cedar Falls

Does your library have a MakerSpace? Are you interested in beginning one? Central Rivers AEA in Cedar Falls is sponsoring a MakerSpace workshop on **Tuesday July 31st** and public libraries are welcome to attend. The event is titled **Maker Meet-Up: Let's Make & Create** and takes place at **Central Rivers AEA, 1521 Technology Parkway, Cedar Falls.**



Attendees will learn practical strategies for beginning MakerSpaces and have the opportunity for hands-on maker activities. The day features keynote speaker Kevin Jarrett, a teacher with 14 years of experience in designing, building, and leading K-8 technology programs including STEM programming. He currently consults full-time for educational institutions across the country, specializing in the creation and support of maker-based learning programs.

The **Maker Meet-Up** event runs from **9:00AM-3:00PM** on **July 31st**. The fee for public library staff is \$25.00 which includes lunch; the cost for teachers is higher as this workshop counts toward license renewal. Visit the Central Rivers AEA website for more details as they become available, click the button for registration. You're welcome to contact Cari Teske with questions cteske@centralriversaea.org.

[Maker Meet-Up Registration](#)



This Week ...

This week, the State Library offers another webinar in our HR Topic Track—**“Great Expectations: Performance Evaluations with Less Stress and Better Results.”** This webinar happens on **Wednesday June 20** from **10:00-11:30AM**.

Learn more about **The EDGE** project through informational webinars from Urban Libraries Council. Choose from either today or tomorrow—**June 18 OR June 19—2:00PM each day**. Find registration here <https://bit.ly/2JLpktd>. If you can't attend the live webinars, there will be a recording available at a later date.

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