



Monday Morning Eye-Opener July 2, 2018

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Good Morning! July 2, 2018

Grants Available For Coding Clubs

Expressly For Small & Rural Libraries



This story comes from State Librarian Michael Scott. IMLS (Institute for Museum & Library Services) has issued a grant in the amount of \$249,000.00 to be awarded to 50 libraries in the U.S. through a program called **Code Club for Small & Rural Libraries**. North Dakota State Library will administer this grant that will help support young people in learning computer coding.

The project rational is explained this way: small, rural communities are at risk of being left behind as computer programming emerges as a critical skill. Plus, the access gap to computer science education is widening between urban and rural America. **Code Club for Small & Rural Libraries** helps libraries in rural communities introduce computer coding to thousands of youth aged 8-14, enabling them to gain important skills needed for college and career readiness.

From IMLS Director Kathryn Matthew: *"As centers of learning and catalysts of community change, libraries and museums connect people with programs, services, collections, information, and new ideas in the arts, sciences, and humanities. IMLS is proud to support their work through our grant program..."*

North Dakota State Library will partner with ARSL (Assoc for Rural and Small Libraries) YALSA (Young Adult Services Assoc. of ALA) and El Camino Community College District. Learn more about this grant project through their official [Facebook group](#)

There is also an **informational webinar** scheduled for **July 9**. Details about the webinar on the **grant application page** linked below. If you want to pursue this grant opportunity for your library, **the deadline is July 16; recipients will be notified by August 1**.

[Grant Application Page](#)

Get an Edge Up:



Download the Assessment Workbook

For several weeks in the **Eye-Opener**, we're breaking down the process of getting started with the **Edge** program. In last week's **Eye-Opener**, you read about how to create your library's **Edge** account, a needed first step to fully participate.

Now that you've created your library's **Edge** account, the next step is to download a PDF copy of the **Edge Assessment Workbook** linked **below**. This document displays the **Edge**

assessment in its entirety. Easiest to print it and read through the assessment to familiarize yourself with the types of questions asked and the information required to complete each question. You can also browse the [Edge Support Center](#) for more guidance as you prepare to complete the assessment

Remember, the State Library of Iowa is paying for full access to the **Edge** resources for Iowa's **public** libraries. We urge all **public** libraries to participate, as this project will benefit communities of all sizes. Keep watching this space for more tips and be sure to share this important opportunity with your boards, too. Then together, **Take the Pledge, Join the Edge!**

[Edge Assessment Workbook](#)

Video Clip From GALE

Libraries Lessen "The Summer Slide"

As one way to combat the summer learning slide, the Gale Company has created a new video to help promote their online resources. Gale is the company on the scene in Iowa, providing a wide array of digital content thanks to its partnership with the State Library of Iowa.



Public libraries that subscribe to this suite of online resources via our contract with Gale can post this video on their website, as well as on their social media outlets. The video clip features Emma, who learns how valuable public library visits can be during the summer months. Here's a snippet from the video: "...*Just because school's out doesn't mean that libraries are closed. The same trusted materials that helped Emma ace her exams during the school year are still available at home or on-the-go 24/7. Emma can visit her public library to participate in the summer reading programs or get ahead by mastering skills she'll need next school year...*"

Watch the video by clicking the button below; on that page, you'll also find the link that you're able to copy to your local sites. This video is a great way to promote your public library as the premier place for lifelong learning—summertime or anytime!

And be on the lookout for the invoice you'll need to renew your Gale subscription for FY19. Let us know if questions about these Gale resources—this makes for a good staff and / or board education topic!

Summer Slide Video



This Week ...

No webinars or workshops during this holiday week. But here's a follow-up to last Monday's **Eye-Opener** story about Jimmy Fallon and the **Tonight Show's Summer Reads**.

Tonight Show viewers were asked to vote on their pick from among 5 titles to read with Jimmy in book club fashion during the month of July. Viewer votes were cast throughout the past week, with the favorite announced on the show last Friday night: **Children of Blood & Bone** by Tomi Adeyemi. Buy a copy for your library and read along with Jimmy!

**All State Library offices will be closed on
Wednesday for the July 4th Holiday.
Cheers to a Yankee Doodle Day!**

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