



# DISTRICT NEWS

STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA



Southeast District - August 4, 2020

## District Announcements

I am trying hard not to overwhelm your inboxes with newsletters, but it seems there is so much going on, I can't help myself.

### RE-OPENING SURVEY

First, thank you to everyone who filled out the "re-opening" form, I got responses from over 30 libraries and have done some preliminary analysis.

As an example: 92% of libraries responding are providing curbside service.

And, all but one library is providing ILL services, both sending and receiving. I have these broken down by size code, but would like a few more responses before I send out the final report. If you haven't already done it, please fill out this [simple google form](#) by Thursday evening-it should take less than 2 minutes. I will put together a full report and send it out on Friday, via the SE District newsletter.



### BOLD 360 CHAT SERVICE

I am pleased to announce SE has the most libraries that have signed up to get the free BOLD 360 chat service! If you have already sent me your contact information, you will be getting an email either this week or next, with all the information to start using this service. For more information see the State Library website here: [https://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/chat\\_service](https://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/chat_service), then give me a call, send an email or send me contact info via chat and I'll get you signed up! We will have another informal "check it out" session on August 28, if you would like to learn more about it.

### HYGIENE KITS

Many of you have asked about the hygiene kits that the State Library is providing, using CARES Act money. The company that is sourcing them for us is waiting on one item yet, that is backordered. We expect that to be in (or replaced) very soon. Kits will then need to be packed and taken to the delivery hub. Drivers have been told that they can disperse them as they have room in their vehicles. We anticipated this would be out in the beginning of July, we are now hoping for mid- August. They will include things like wipes and cleaners, as well as PPE.

### FRIDAY FORUMS

And, finally, as a reminder, this week is our **Open Forum**. The following week, for Office Hours, we will have a visitor from the Edge project. I've sent special invitations to a few of you, let me know if you would like to attend. The first half hour will be for libraries that would like to hear a little bit more about what Edge can do for you and the second half hour will be to encourage those of you who have already started to get finished up. Remember, this opportunity goes away next spring, so make sure you take advantage of this service provided by the State Library.

Friday, August 7 10-11 Open Forum

Friday, August 14 10-11 Edge Project Office Hours

Friday, August 21 10-11 Open Forum

Friday, August 28 10-11 Bold 360 Office Hours

[Becky's Zoom Room Link](#) for all above sessions

Or use:

<https://zoom.us/j/4091922361>

Meeting ID: 409 192 2361

Passcode: Becky

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