

From the State Library - October 30, 2020

Librarians: Participate in Focus Groups on Online Resources the Week of Nov. 9

Librarians, we will be conducting a series of focus groups the week of November 9 to help in the process to create a framework for the future online resource options offered by the State Library.

The one-hour meetings, facilitated by State Library staff, will meet virtually via Zoom with participants that represent the broad constituency of public libraries in Iowa. Participants will be asked to consider, review, and recommend resources, and focus groups will be organized by library size to ensure equitability and the ability to focus on the needs of the communities those libraries represent.

If you are able, please consider joining in one of the meetings. Staff are welcome to attend in lieu of directors, especially if they manage the library's online resources or regularly answer reference questions. The link below goes to a webpage for individual registrations; multiple staff may attend but should register separately. If you are not able to attend any of the times below, don't worry; we will be offering additional opportunities to provide feedback in the near future.

We appreciate your willingness to contribute and think critically about what resources will be most valued by your library staff and patrons!

Focus Group Dates and Times:

Library Size A, B, C, and I

- Monday, Nov. 9 at 10:00 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 9 at 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Library Size D and E

- Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Library Size F, G, and H

- Thursday, Nov. 12 at 11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 12 at 3:00 p.m.

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