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Enrich Iowa Letters of Agreement



Due By April 30th

This announcement comes from State Library Consultant Scott Dermont. It's time to renew participation for your library in the **Enrich Iowa Program**. Remember that **Enrich Iowa** is made up of three distinct programs: **Open Access**, **ILL Reimbursement**, and **Direct State Aid** which is the funding awarded for meeting public library standards.

Every April, this annual sign-up period renews your library's participation. So to be part of **Enrich Iowa** in fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022) your **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement** is due at the State Library on or before **April 30, 2021**. Note that **EI Agreement** is available as a digital form only, we are no longer accepting faxed copies.

Follow These Steps-to-Completion

- Open the **Enrich Iowa Agreement** by clicking on the button below
- Mark the boxes on the **Agreement**, making sure to check each box next to the program that you wish to participate in. **You must check at least one box to submit the form.** If you intend to participate in Direct State Aid reimbursement, you also need to participate in the Open Access and Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement programs. **NOTE: Tier 0 libraries** may only participate in Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement as of July 1, 2017
- Within the orange text box, fill out the contact information and sign the **Enrich Iowa Agreement**. It can be signed by the library director or other signatory authority; we are now using digital signatures.
- Submit the **EI Agreement** by clicking the blue "**Submit & Sign**" button on the bottom right hand corner of the screen. Once submitted, you will receive an email notice with an attached version of the completed document. You can keep the attached file for your records. Remember the deadline is April 30, 2021.

Library directors and trustees will benefit from reading the **Terms of Agreement** for each individual **Enrich Iowa** program. The **Terms of Agreement** for [Open Access](#),

[Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement](#), and [Direct State Aid](#) outline the rules behind each program.

Later this month, Scott will begin posting the **EI Agreements** as they are received at the State Library, so you can track your library's status. Contact Scott Dermont with questions scott.dermont@iowa.gov Access the **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement** at the button below and thank you for participating!

[Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement](#)

PBS Kids Summer

Offering Clifford the Big Red Dog Kit

This news comes from Youth Services Consultant Angie Manfredi. PBS Kids is offering fun kits for any Iowa libraries interested. The reimagined animated series **Clifford the Big Red Dog** is the focus of this year's Iowa PBS Kids library kit. The **Clifford the Big Red Dog** story time and screening kit is available for free for any interested library in Iowa.



It's a quick turn-around, though, the program organizers at PBS are asking for **sign-ups by March 31 or sooner**. Here's more about what the kits contain: *"The kit will include a variety of items, including a book to read during story time as well as activity guides and promotional materials related to the program. The physical items will be for the library to keep. We will include some digital files as well, including a link to suggested episodes of Clifford the Big Red Dog. Based on the best-selling Scholastic book series by Norman Bridwell, the re-designed Clifford the Big Red Dog still features larger-than-life Clifford and also offers fresh and colorful new locations. With a strong emphasis on social-emotional skills such as empathy and a curriculum designed to boost early literacy and imaginative play, this kit will be a perfect addition to your library's summer program."*

Expect the kit to arrive by June 1; youth library staff are welcome to use the materials whenever it best fits into your summer programming schedule. Questions should be directed to Caryline Clark, Iowa PBS Engagement Manager, at caryline.clark@iowapbs.org or call 515-725-9704. Click the button below to fill out a short order form to receive your free Clifford kit!

[Clifford Kit Order Form](#)

Celebrate School Libraries in April

The last two issues of *Monday Morning Eye-Opener* included a preview of **National Library Week**—this year **April 4-10**—followed by a look at **Library Giving Day**, designated on **April 7**. Today, a look at **School Library Month**, sponsored by the American Association of School Libraries (AASL) and celebrated throughout April.

During **School Library Month**, school librarian, assistants, and colleagues are encouraged to communicate to their local community the essential role that strong school libraries play in a student's educational career. Toward that end, ALA's website contains proclamation templates, which school board members, mayors, and city council members can use to promote the importance of school libraries. The template samples are based on actual proclamations shared with AASL by its members. In addition to the proclamations, find an assortment of bookmarks, posters, and video clips to use in promoting School Library Month @ your library. Of course, public libraries are a natural partner in promotion!

About School Library Month

School Library Month was first celebrated in 1985 as School Library Media Month; the name was changed to School Library Month in 2010. The theme of the first national observance of **School Library Month** seems to be evergreen "*Where Learning Never Ends: The School Library Media Center.*"

[Learn More About School Library Month!](#)

This Week ...



YACHT Club Discussion

For youth services staff, the **Yacht Club Discussion** this month is titled "*Evaluating Digital Learning and Programming in the Age of COVID.*" Catch it online **Wednesday March 17** (2:00-3:00PM) with Angie Manfredi.

PLOW Website Instruction

Wednesday March 17th (2:00-3:00PM) Marie Harms continues instructional sessions on using the new Concrete5 PLOW websites.

POP YS Live!

Join Angie Manfredi and youth services librarians on **Thursday March 18** for another **Pop YS Live** (1:00-2:00PM) Online, the topic is "Virtual Maker Programming For Virtually Anyone." Register inside IALearn

[Register for this week's webinars inside IALearn](#)

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