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Next Big Ideas Book Discussion



Reimagining Collaboration August 20th

The third title in **Big Ideas Book Discussions** this year is Reimagining Collaboration: Slack, Microsoft Teams, Zoom, and the Post-Covid World of Work (c2020) by Phil Simon. This is the 11th book from collaboration expert Phil Simon, wherein he urges readers to fully adapt to a new way of working in teams, believing that the year of pandemic has shown us the way. **This program is scheduled for August 20th (9:30-11:00AM)**

From Amazon: *“Every day, people use these über-popular collaboration tools, but only in decidedly limited ways. Because most people are merely scratching the surface of what these robust collaboration hubs can do, they fail to realize the massive benefits. With rare exception, organizations, executives, and rank-and-file employees have historically worked in piecemeal fashion, lacking a holistic framework to fully understand the remarkable power of these applications ... until now.”*

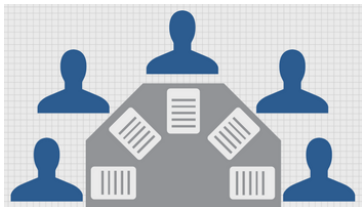
In **Big Ideas Book Discussions**, State Library staff and partners facilitate discussions using books outside of library management, but with plenty of application to library management. Choosing books on leadership, civic engagement, presentation skills, etc. we connect those ideas with public library service. In addition to a great assortment of non-fiction titles there are other spin-off benefits of **Big Ideas**:

- titles help with collection development for participating libraries
- titles are good choices for local book discussion groups
- this program serves as another model for how to facilitate local book discussions

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for your own collections. And join us for the next good read: Reimagining Collaboration

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The Boardroom Series Continues



"It's Great to Collaborate" August 24th

The third installment in **The Boardroom 2021** series—*It's Great to Collaborate*—is scheduled for **August 24**. (6:00-7:30PM) This year's **Boardroom** webinars bring in concepts from a variety of books, as we connect the books' ideas to the business of library boards.

It's Great to Collaborate! points to the success that comes from fostering partnerships to advance projects. Considering logical partners within easy reach—like Friends Groups, other city departments, other libraries—this session looks at how library boards can help accomplish library goals—and even larger community goals—through collaboration.

This program is based on the book [Reimagining Collaboration](#) (c2020) by Phil Simon. This is the 11th book from collaboration expert Phil Simon, wherein he urges readers to “*fully adapt to a new way of working in teams, believing that the year of pandemic has shown us the way.*”

There is no obligation to read the book prior to the program. Attendance at this webinar helps satisfy standard #8 “*...all members of the library board of trustees participate in a variety of board development training each year...*”

<http://www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/ld/a-b/accr-and-standards/6thed.pdf>

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Online Resources Transition

This project update is thanks to State Librarian Michael Scott. A reminder that at the end of this month the contracts for the Gale resources (including Opposing Viewpoints) Transparent Language, Credo Reference, and H.W. Wilson Core Collections will expire.

We are pleased to report that new contracts have been signed to extend access to **Foundation Directory Online** and **OCLC FirstSearch** for FY22. **Foundation Directory Online** meets the need for a grant research tool identified in the online resources review process. And we were able to negotiate a reasonable price to maintain membership to **OCLC FirstSearch** as well.

Access to the other resources mentioned above will expire on July 1st. Please be sure to remove links to the resources from your library website, any shortcuts to them from library PACs, and pull any printed literature, signage, or instructional documents for resources that your library will not be continuing after June 30.

However, if your library is interested in pursuing contracts with the current vendors independently, we have gathered the sales contact information or a link to request a quote



for each of the expiring resources at the button below.

RFP Process

RFPs (Requests For Proposals) for the are being prepared to be released soon. However, with the variable nature of the RFP process, as well as the recent and urgent need for some key staff members to shift gears to launch the [ARPA Grants](#) there is sure to be a gap in service before the new resources are selected, contracts signed, and the rollout process begins.

Priority Categories for New Resources

In their work which began last fall, the Online Resources Task Force has identified the following as priority categories for the new selection of statewide digital resources.

- Online Encyclopedia/General Reference Tool
- Homework Help
- Legal Forms
- Business & Residential Directories
- Library Customer Engagement and Training

Patron Messaging

Understandably, library staff will receive questions from patrons on why the current resources are ending. To help explain the coming changes, you are welcome to share the statement below from State Librarian Michael Scott:

“The State Library partners with libraries across Iowa to cost-share a variety of online resources aligning with our mission of expanding information to Iowans. With input from Iowa librarians, we are currently in the process of acquiring new digital resources that have been identified as priorities. We are excited at the potential these resources have to allow people to learn new skills, give students research and homework help, and provide librarians with more information sources to assist patrons. The process to secure and launch these resources will take a few more months. We appreciate your patience and believe the new resources will be worth the wait. Thank you for your interest and if you have any questions, please reach out to me at michael.scott@iowa.gov.”

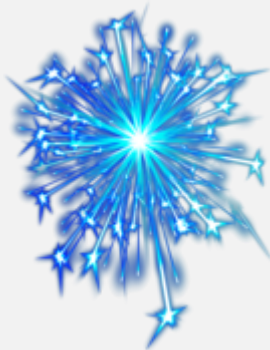
Look for another update once the bids have closed and the process of reviewing bids begins, thanks to our team of reviewers. In the meantime, click the button below for background information.

[State Library's Online Resources FY21 Review](#)

This Week ...

ARPA Grants Deadline--July 2nd

This **Friday July 2** is the deadline to apply for an **ARPA Grant** coordinated by the State Library. Since mid-May, Iowa public libraries have been applying for these grants, provided through federal funding, in amounts up to \$5,000.00. At this writing, we have 230 applications!



Cautionary Grant Tales!

- If you submitted an **ARPA Grant** application, but haven't heard back yet, please check your email spam folder or junk folder. Project managers have been able to keep to a quick turn-around time for approving applications. Once approved, you will receive back an *Award Letter* and a *Letter of Agreement*. We have found that these pieces are landing in spam folders; this has happened to several libraries, so please check that possibility first before calling.

- Check your email for the **SENDER** line which will either read **ARPA Grant Admin** or **DocuSign**

- If you have checked all email folders and do not see a response, **please do not apply again**. Instead, contact [Nancy Medema](#) to inquire about the status of your grant application. Nancy can re-send the *Award Letter* and the *Agreement* if necessary.

Now with 5 days remaining, click the button below to read the details and open the application form

[ARPA Grant Info & Application](#)

Happy July 4th Weekend!

Because July 4th lands on a Sunday this year, the State Library will observe the holiday on Monday. **So all State Library offices will be closed next Monday July 5.** Look for the next issue of *Monday Morning Eye-Opener* on July 12.

Have A Yankee Doodle Holiday!



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