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IAShared Delivery News!

Two Days Per Week Delivery Beginning In August

State Library staff is excited to share this important news: beginning in August, **IAShared Delivery Service** adds a second day of deliveries each week. Starting the week of August 2nd, public libraries across the state can expect an additional **IAShared** delivery two days after their current delivery day and at the same time as their current delivery.

This additional day will help move interlibrary loan items along more quickly, alleviate bottlenecks, and allow for built-in makeup days when a library's delivery falls on a holiday or bad weather causes routes to be canceled.

State Librarian Michael Scott writes *"We are thrilled to offer an additional day of delivery for public libraries. IAShared has been well-received by librarians and has quickly become an essential service offered by the State Library. We believe investing in a second weekly delivery day will benefit Iowa's public libraries and improve this valued service even more."*

New Delivery Schedule

The additional delivery and route information is in the process of being added to the **Mobius website** and to the **Iowa Library Directory** and should be available soon after the August 2 launch. Refer to the chart below for the newly revised schedule reflecting the second delivery day. Again, the second day of delivery will occur at the **same time** as the current day.

Current Delivery Day	Additional Delivery Day
Monday	Wednesday
Tuesday	Thursday
Wednesday	Friday
Thursday	Monday

Friday

Tuesday

Libraries that are typically closed on the second delivery day must contact Tom Keyser at 515-242-6542 (tom.keyser@iowa.gov) to discuss options such as arrangements for drivers to access the library building after hours.

IAShares is made possible, in part, by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of Iowa.

IAShares FAQ Page

"Prepping For Accreditation" Returns



Starting in August

If your library is in the next accreditation cycle, then February 2022 is the time to submit your accreditation application. And if you'd like ample time to discuss the accreditation process and learn more about what's required—well in advance of the deadline—then join our **"Prepping For Accreditation"** series.

Returning in August for Season 3, District Consultants will facilitate these information sessions, focusing on specific standards like strategic planning, policies, board bylaws, board education, and more. We'll have material prepared, but these sessions are largely designed for conversation and Q&A, in a format similar to District Office Hours.

While intended for libraries in the next accreditation cycle (February 2022) these sessions will also be valuable for all other libraries wanting to increase their Tier status and move from Tier 0-1-2. This series will be equally helpful for newly hired directors, certainly any library board members are also welcome to attend.

We'll get started on **August 24 with Planning Part 1**. Programs will then continue on the **fourth Tuesday** each month through January 2022. Actually, there are two sessions planned for January to put more time between the last session and the February 28 filing deadline.

Here's this year's scheduled at a glance, 10:00-11:00AM each time:

Schedule & Topics

August 24: Planning Part 1 Demographics and Community Data

September 28: Planning Part 2 Mission Statement, Goals, Objectives

October 26: Board-Related Standards

November 23: The ADA Checklist

December 28: Personnel Standards

January 18: Policies & Standards.

January 25: Application Submission Process.

Here's the link to the ZOOM Room we'll use each time <https://zoom.us/j/450969235> Plan for one hour, although the length may vary from month-to-month depending on the number of attendees and the number of questions. Because these are consulting sessions, not intended as workshops, c.e. credit will not be awarded; no advance

registration is necessary. While there is no c.e. credit, we do intend to record each session and add the recordings to the State Library's accreditation webpage.

Again: if your library is in the next accreditation cycle—or if you plan to increase your Tier status from 0-1-2-3—then plan to participate in this returning series “Prepping For Accreditation.”

State Library Offering Grants ...

To ARSL Fall Conference in October

A reminder that the State Library is offering five grants to five Iowa libraries to allow a librarian to attend the **Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) Fall Conference**. The conference is scheduled from **October 20-23, 2021** in **Sparks, Nevada, a suburb of Reno**.



The grants will be awarded in the form of a reimbursement up to **\$1,000.00** toward the cost of conference registration, hotel, and travel. The grants will be issued to the winning public libraries, not to the staff persons attending. First time attendees to an **ARSL** conference are strongly encouraged to apply.

The purpose of the grants is to help Iowa libraries improve service to their communities through continuing education and training for library personnel. Because **ARSL** works expressly with small and rural libraries, this annual conference is especially relevant to the majority of Iowa libraries serving populations under 2,500.

The winning libraries that send a staff person to attend will need to pay the conference costs upfront. The State Library will then reimburse those libraries up to \$1,000.00 which includes these expenses only:

- Registration (scholarship recipients are eligible for the Early Bird member rate of \$275)
- Hotel (conference rate lodging is \$99 + tax for single/double occupancy per night)
- Travel to/from conference (air, train, etc.) and ground transportation to and from the airport/train station to the conference site. Parking at and ground transportation to and from the home airport/train station may also be included. **Note:** Due to the travel distance from Iowa to Nevada, the State Library will be unable to pay mileage to drive to the conference.

Other incidentals such as meals will need to be covered by the library or the attendee. Find all details, along with the grant application form, at the link below. All entries will be entered into a drawing. Applications must be submitted by **Wednesday July 28 at 4:30PM**; winners will be notified by Friday July 30.

[Apply For An ARSL Conference Grant](#)

Webinars This Week & Next



Acting on Input: Focus Groups. July 21. 10:00-11:00AM

There is so much to say "yes" to—from tech trends to popular programming—that it's easy for libraries to act on impulse. But the most responsive library services are developed around community input. "Acting on Input" is a three-part series. This first installment looks at gathering community opinion through focus groups, an effective and certainly conversational way to hear people's thoughts about their community and their library. State Library consultants Becky Heil and Bonnie McKewon will share their insight into effectively using local focus groups, including who to invite and how to frame the conversation for best results.

Check It Out. July 27. 11:00AM-12:00PM

Check It Out! is a webinar series spotlighting the best new books for ages 0-18. Angie Manfredi leads booktalks on the latest youth titles, offering collection development ideas and a glimpse at publishing trends.

Technology & Accessibility. July 28. 1:00-2:00PM

The State Library's ongoing series with the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled. July's program provides information on what to look for when purchasing new technology for patron use in libraries

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