**State Library Update**

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**Here's what's new at the State Library**:

\*Mark your calendars for the upcoming **State Data Showcase**, March 1-4, 2005. 13 different classes will be offered to help state employees find exactly the data they need from state agency web sites and databases.

\*Many **tax forms** **are available** in the State Library reference area in the Miller Building.

\*A wide variety of **free classes, a display in the Capitol Building, and a “Lunch and Learn” discussion** featuring State Ombudsman William P. Angrick II will be part of the State Library's celebration of **National Library Week**, April 10th – 16th, 2005.

\*Contact the State Library on-line to ask for information by using the **Ask a Librarian** button on the state of Iowa’s website.

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The State Library is sponsoring a **State Data Showcase** March 1-4, 2005. Experts from nine state agencies, Iowa Kids Count, and Iowa State University will present 13 classes to help state employees find exactly the data they need from state agency web sites and databases. Participating state agencies include:

Economic Development

Education

Human Rights - Criminal and Juvenile Justice

Human Services

Management - Community Empowerment

Public Health

State Library - State Data Center

Transportation

Workforce Development - Labor Market Information, Iowa Trends, and Local Employment Dynamics

As a bonus, we're offering two sessions about the new **Grants Enterprise Management System (GEM$),** a web site to enhance your agency's abilities to identify, coordinate, and track grants.

If you need statistics for a grant application, needs assessment, performance measure, policy analysis, or presentation, these classes will make your job easier. If you have questions about how state agency data are collected and reported, these classes will introduce you to the experts who have the answers.

There is **no charge** for the training and all classes will be held in the State Library's computer lab, room 372, in the Ola Babcock Miller Building at E. 12th and Grand in Des Moines.

Space is limited so register soon. You can find the class descriptions and online registrations on the State Library's web site at <http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/>. Under "For State Government", click on "Training".

For more information contact Beth Henning at the State Data Center at 515-281-4350, 800-248-4483, or [beth.henning@lib.state.ia.us](mailto:beth.henning@lib.state.ia.us).

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**State and federal tax forms** are available at the State Library in the Miller Building.

The State Library offers a wide range of state and federal tax forms and instruction booklets for tax year 2004.

·        State: The Iowa 1040 long form and 1040A Itemized form are available in paper. Form 1040A short form and various state schedules can be photocopied upon request.

·        Federal: Form 1040 (plus Schedules A, B, C and EIC); 1040EZ; 1040A (plus Schedules A, B and EIC); and Form 4868 (application for extension of time when filing) are available from us in paper. Separate instruction booklets are available for each federal form.

All of these tax forms can be found on display in the State Library on the first floor of the Miller Building, or contact the State Library at 800-248-4483, 515-281/4102, or e-mail [is@lib.state.ia.us](mailto:is@lib.state.ia.us). Forms can be mailed to state employees.

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The State Library will **celebrate National Library Week** this year with a wide variety of free training opportunities for state employees. Classes will include the popular internet searching class, a grants class and classes on searching our on-line article databases. Several new classes will be offered this year including an opportunity to learn how to use the National Library of Medicine’s PubMed, a must for any medical researcher.

In addition, the State Library will be sponsoring a “Lunch and Learn” session, an opportunity to listen to the **State Ombudsman, William P. Angrick II**, tell us about his office and how it serves Iowans.

The State Library Update in April will include complete information about these activities.

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**Ask a Librarian**

State employees who are having trouble locating information on the State of Iowa's website have quick access to on-line help.The **Ask a Librarian** button, located on the top of the state of Iowa's home page, allows state employees and others to send a request for information to an expert: a reference librarian at the State Library of Iowa.

Check it out at <http://www.iowa.gov/state/main/index.html>.

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OTHER SERVICES that the State Library offers state employees free of charge are:

\*The State Library provides access to **EbscoHost,**  a magazine database, which brings the full text of articles from thousands of journals directly to your desk top. You can log on to EbscoHost on the State Library's web site at <http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/>. Under "For State Government", click on "EbscoHost and FirstSearch".

\*To register for a library card on-line go to <http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/>. Under  “For State Government”, choose “State Library Card” and fill out the registration form or contact our reference desk at 800-248-4483, 515-281-4102, or e-mail [is@lib.state.ia.us](mailto:is@lib.state.ia.us).

\*The State Library's on-line catalog  <http://catalog.lib.state.ia.us/>  gives you instant access to thousands of resources. If you find something you want, request it with a click of your mouse.

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