



# DISTRICT NEWS

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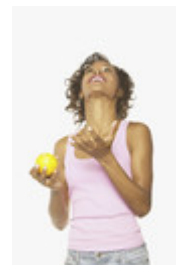


Southeast District - March 30, 2022

## Happenings Around the District

### OPEN FORUMS

It seems I have dropped the ball on our Zoom Open Forums. Last month, I forgot to send the reminder, so no one showed up. This month, I'm not able to be there on Friday. Attendance has been smaller lately, so I'm wondering about continuing. I'd love to see some new faces, especially those of you who are new to the Southeast District or even new to library work! These are super informal conversations, where you can talk to other library directors about whatever is on your mind. We can problem solve together or just listen!



I'd like to suggest we move to the 3rd Friday of the month-maybe that will help me remember to send a reminder notice! Let's try for the following dates and times:

Friday, April 15 10:00-11:00

Friday, May 20 10:00-11:00

Friday, June 17 10:00-11:00

We can evaluate if you find these sessions helpful or not after the June meeting. I hope to see you all there! The link to join is in the box below.

Becky's Zoom Room



### ALL IOWA READS

Have any ideas to share for the next (2023!) All Iowa Reads selection? The committee wants to hear from you. Use one of these forms to suggest something you think should be considered.

[Kids AIR Suggestions](#)

[Teen AIR Suggestions](#)

### AND MORE ...

Some of you may have already heard about a couple of staffing changes at the State Library. My former boss, Nancy Medema retired at the end of the year so now we welcome Brenda Hall! I'm delighted to have her on board and I particularly liked hearing that she has an interest in strategic planning, as you all know that is one of my favorite things to do with libraries! She comes to us from the Des Moines Public Library, as a branch

manager. She likes working with teams and making connections. I hope to put together a road trip through Southeast with her soon!

And, we are sad to see Marie Harms leave the State Library. She has been our tech guru for a long time and I'm sure many of you had an opportunity to take a class or work with her on a project. I've always appreciated her leadership at the state library, even back when I was a library director. We wish her well in retirement!

I will be in Ames on Monday and Tuesday of next week attending the Pop YS Con (FKA Kids' First). I hope to see some of you there-we have a great lineup of speakers. I know you are all ramping up for summer events, prepping for all those great programs-don't forget to stop and take a breath.

Have a great week!

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