

Monday Morning Eye-Opener April 4, 2022

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA



Happy National Library Week!
April 4, 2022

Enrich Iowa Letters Of Agreement



Ready To Sign For FY2023

Iowa library directors should have received a message from Consultant Scott Dermont regarding **Enrich Iowa Letters of Agreements (LOAs)**. It's time to renew your library's participation in the **Enrich Iowa Program**.

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 is needed to renew your library's participation in **Enrich Iowa**. So to continue in the program in fiscal year 2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) your **Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement** is due at the State Library on or before **April 30, 2022**. Note that the **EI Agreement** is available as a digital form only, we no longer accept faxed copies.

Follow These Steps-to-Completion

- Find the **Enrich Iowa Agreement** by clicking on the button below. Note there are various agreements for various types of libraries, so be sure to open the agreement that matches your library type (public, college, school, etc)
- 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 Reimbursement 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; the form uses digital signatures.

- Submit the **EI Agreement** by clicking the blue “**Submit & Sign**” button at the bottom 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, 2022.**

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 **Director State Aid** (meeting standards) outline the rules and regulations behind each program, find each one at the button below.

Scott will begin posting the **EI Agreements** to our website as they are received at the State Library. This is a convenient way to check the status of agreements coming in from neighboring libraries, helpful for Open Access purposes. Contact Scott Dermont with questions scott.dermont@iowa.gov This is an opt-in proposition, thanks for doing so!

[Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement](#)

Nominate Kids and Teen Books

For All Iowa Reads Consideration in 2023

This news comes from Youth Services Consultant Tegan Beese and concerns the **All Iowa Reads** program (**AIR**). Tegan is making a change to the children’s and teen’s part of the program. This year, nominations for the **All Iowa Reads** titles for kids and teens will be extended to all libraries statewide.



In the past, suggestions for **AIR** titles came from the **AIR** committee. Members of the committees read widely, finding books with broad appeal. In a series of meetings, the committee discusses the criterion for the selection, then narrows the list to approximately five titles; the final choices are made by consensus.

So that group is still in play and still with lots of work to do. But extending nominations to the broader library community widens the number of books to be considered in the running for **AIR** winners, helping the committee discover great books that they might have missed themselves. Tegan has designed some Google forms to help with this new nomination process; these forms are linked at the buttons below.

ABOUT ALL IOWA READS

The purpose of **All Iowa Reads** is to foster a sense of unity through reading. We encourage Iowans statewide to come together in their communities to read and talk about a single book in the same year. Libraries, book clubs, schools, and other local organizations are encouraged to sponsor discussions of the title.

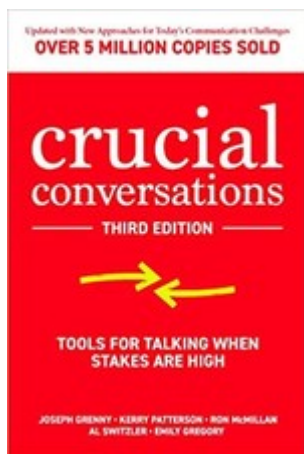
Click the buttons below to find the suggestion form.

Note the forms close on April 15 ...

Kids AIR Suggestion Form

Teen AIR Suggestion Form

Next Big Ideas Book Discussion



[Crucial Conversations on May 17](#)

The next title in the **Big Ideas Book Discussion** series happens on **May 17** (9:30-11:00AM) when we take up the title [Crucial Conversations: Tools For Talking When the Stakes Are High](#) by Joseph Grenny, et.al. (c2021, third edition) When first published in 2002, [Crucial Conversations](#) quickly became a New York Times best seller, leading to three revisions and a companion title [Crucial Accountability](#).

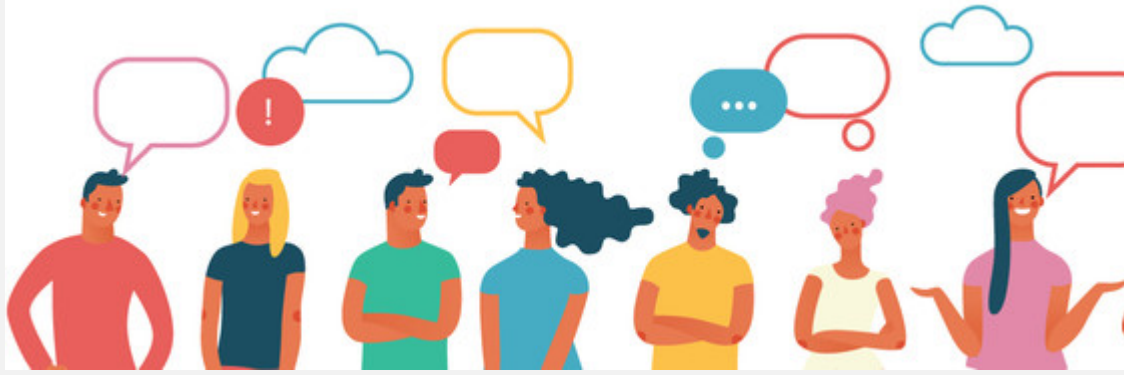
Given the spate of book challenges in school and public libraries last year and this, staff and trustees need to be ready with a cogent defense of intellectual freedom. Book challenges are always crucial conversations, as are budget talks, job evaluations, and working with stressed-out patrons.

From Amazon: *“When stakes are high, opinions vary, and emotions run strong, you have three choices: avoid a crucial conversation and suffer the consequences; handle the conversation poorly and suffer the consequences; or apply the lessons and strategies of [Crucial Conversations](#) and improve relationships and results. Written in an engaging and witty style, this book teaches readers how to be persuasive rather than abrasive, how to get back to productive dialogue when others blow up or clam up ... offering powerful skills for mastering high-stakes conversations, regardless of the topic or person.”*

We encourage participants to purchase books used throughout the **Big Ideas** series for your own collections. If you don't already have this particular title in your library and are planning to purchase it, be sure to buy the 3rd edition published in October 2021. Then join us for the next good read: [Crucial Conversations](#).

Register for Big Ideas Book Discussion May 17

This Week



Youth services staff are gathering today and tomorrow in **Ames = April 4-5 =** for the **PopYS Conference**. Formerly known as Kids First, this conference is sponsored by the State Library. **PopYS Con** is designed for and about youth services staff in Iowa libraries.

Combining 35 keynote presentations and breakout sessions, this is an ambitious education event. We're delighted to see so many attending and we hope many of you will share your favorite sessions with each other—Library Talk is a great venue for that.

Safe travels to Ames and home again, enjoy the conference!

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