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Bridges User Group Meetings in October

All libraries subscribed to [Bridges](#) are encouraged to join one of three user group meetings in October, online via ZOOM. Attendees will hear about the present structure of **Bridges**, the selection committee, the current budget, and recent changes to the service. There are currently 491 Iowa member libraries in the consortium.

On The Agenda

The Overdrive service contract is administered by State Library staff and volunteers from member libraries. The **Bridges Team** facilitators have important issues to discuss with member libraries, including:

- Hold ratios & license renewals
- Collection development & budget issues
- Bridges changes—Libby & Notify Me Tags
- Other news of interest

The State Library wants to hear your feedback in these user group meetings to help us determine the best way to use consortium funds. But do note that is a non-binding, advisory-only user group meeting; ultimate decisions rest with State Library management.

There are three sessions to choose from in October to accommodate the most people-- you only need to attend one. This is sure to be helpful information for library directors and staff alike. But because this is a user group meeting and meant for information exchange,

there is no CE credit given. Also no need to pre-register—simply choose the session that best matches your schedule and log in. The ZOOM room link will be provided prior to the first meeting.

Bridges User Group Meeting Schedule

- October 4 @ 1::30-2:30 PM
- October 19 @ 10:00-11:00 AM
- October 23 @ 1::30-2:30 PM

We hope that you can attend one of these Zoom meetings to help us shape the future direction of this valuable service. Mark your calendars and look for more announcements in the **Bridges** newsletter. And if you have questions, contact any of these State Library staff people on the **Bridges** Team:

[Misty Gray](#) / [Becky Heil](#) / [Jay Peterson](#) / [Eunice Riesberg](#)

Bike Rodeos This Fall

A Fun Library Program

This article is thanks to Maryann Mori, Central District Consultant, and it's all about a healthy programming opportunity surrounding biking. With kids back in school and warm autumn weather, many kids are likely riding bikes to school. Leading the Iowa Bicycle Coalition to promote **bike rodeos** and encourage libraries to get in on that action!



Maryann has this information from Matt Burkey, Coordinator of Iowa Safe Routes to School. Matt is eager to work with public libraries throughout the state and writes: *“Are you eager to organize a bike or pedestrian rodeo, but unsure where to start? Our **Bike Rodeo Toolkit** is your ultimate guide, with 24 information-packed pages and an additional 36 pages of valuable templates. It contains step-by-step instructions to help you plan, organize, and execute a successful bike rodeo that engages and educates participants on essential cycling safety skills.”*

The **Bike Rodeo Toolkit** covers everything from station setups and volunteer coordination to promoting the event and partnering with local organizations. With comprehensive how-to guides for each station and detailed checklists, you'll have all the resources you need to make your bike rodeo a hit. This has proven to be a popular program--springtime works, too 😊

Maryann Mori is an avid cyclist herself, so it was right up her alley to work with Matt Burkey in recording a [Kernels episode](#) about bike rodeos. You can view that Kernel

recording on our Continuing Education YouTube Channel or watch it for CE credit in IA Learns.

Contact the Iowa Bicycle Coalition for guidance on hosting a local rodeo and customizing it for your community. And you're welcome to contact [Matt Burkey](#) with questions.

[Read More About Bike Rodeos](#)

Summer Library Survey Open

Prize Pack Available, Too!

Library directors and youth services staff should have received a bulletin regarding a summer reading survey. State Library Consultant Janee Jackson-Doering sent that bulletin earlier this month, seeking for an evaluation of your summer programming.



This survey asks about in-person, online, and passive summer programs, plus feedback on the 2023 **"Find Your Voice"** theme. The survey also asks about the resources, training, and support offered by the State Library.

Janee writes: *"The main goal of the survey is to gauge the impact of Iowa's summer summer library programs. Results from the survey will be shared with the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, which provides funding to the State Library, enabling us to provide the SRP resources to Iowa public libraries. The feedback will also help us know how to improve or enhance the program for next year and beyond."*

Note: This survey should be completed by the person directly responsible for managing the library's summer reading program. So please forward this bulletin with the survey link to the appropriate staff member.

By entering your contact information and completing the survey, your library will be entered to win a prize pack of books for children and teens! Complete the survey at the link below **by Friday September 30th** in order to qualify for the drawing—one entry per library.

Thank you in advance for your participation and feedback!

[2023 Summer Library Program Survey](#)

This Week ...

The Boardroom: Intersections—Where City and Library Meet. September 21. 6:00-7:00PM.



This Thursday evening begins the first-of-three webinars titled “*Intersections: Where City and Library Meet.*” The three topics will be buildings, budgets, and personnel, with each webinar highlighting best practices for city governments and city libraries to meet in the middle by understanding policy and practice.

- **Part 1: Buildings | Thursday, September 21 | 6:00-7:00PM**
- **Part 2: Budgets | Thursday October 26 | 6:00-7:00PM**
- **Part 3: Personnel | Thursday November 30 | 6:00-7:00PM**

Our thanks to the Iowa League of Cities for promoting these programs through their channels. **Please Note: for this series, we’re collecting registrations via Zoom instead of IALearns** to make it easier for city colleagues to join the programs. Register at the link below; a full description of each session is available on the Zoom registration page.

These sessions will be worth one CE Credit for library staff and trustees in attendance; the credit will be awarded upon completing an evaluation following each session. Attending the **Boardroom webinars** helps fulfill **Standard #8 [Tier1]** “*All members of the library board participate in continuing education each year...*”

[Webinar Series Registration](#)

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