

# Monday Morning Eye-Opener February 5, 2024

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FROM THE STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA



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### Annual Bridges Enrollment In March

For current **Bridges** member libraries and those not yet members, next month marks the annual enrollment period. Current members will need to complete a **Bridges Letter of Agreement**; libraries wishing to join **Bridges** for the first time this year will need to sign a **Bridges Letter of Agreement For First-Time Participants**. Both forms are now accessible on our website, both are **due on March 29, 2024**, found at the button below.

Note: In the first year of membership, there is a **\$400.00 start-up fee** for first-time libraries, in addition to the annual subscription. Service will be activated for first-time libraries on July 1, 2024. Whether a current member or a soon-to-be member of the **Bridges** group, find your **Bridges** annual fees for FY2025 and FY2026 linked at the button below.

There are currently **492 Bridges** member libraries, with 87,900 unique users. At the end of FY2023, the **Bridges** collection held 101,997 eBook copies, 45,606 e-audiobooks. In FY2023, circulation numbers showed over 1,200,000 eBook downloads, over 1,200,000 e-audiobook downloads, and 103,645 magazines checkouts.

### About Bridges

This is an eBook and audiobook buying consortium for Iowa public libraries. The State Library facilitates this program and manages the contract on behalf of all participating libraries. OverDrive is a leading digital distributor of eBooks, e-audiobooks, and e-

magazines. Libraries that participate in **Bridges** pay an annual formula-based fee to the State Library that covers the materials budget, the purchase of MARC records, and a small packet of promotional materials for new members.

[Read More: Bridges E-Library](#)

## Big Talk From Small Libraries 2024



### Nebraska's Online Conference

Just 2 weeks ago, our State Library sponsored our annual ILOC Conference, an all-day online learning event. Just a few weeks from now, it's Nebraska's turn: their all-day online conference is titled **Big Talk From Small Libraries** and it's scheduled for **Friday February 23 ( 8:45AM—5:00PM CST )**

From their website: *"...This free one-day online conference is tailored for staff from small libraries, the smaller the better. Each of our speakers is from a library serving fewer than 10,000 people or is directly partnered with a small library. Topics range from technology to programming to new roles for the library. This event is a great opportunity to learn about the innovative things your colleagues are doing in their small libraries. Everyone is welcome to register and attend, regardless of how big or small your library. But, if your library serves a few hundred to a few thousand people, this is the day for you!"*

A handful of breakout sessions show here, find more on the **Big Talk From Small Libraries** site at the button below

- Page Public Library (AZ): 2023 Winner of the Best Small Library in America Award
- Accepting Credit Cards With PayPort
- No More Summertime Blues: Shaking Up SRP To Make It Work For You
- Farmers' Day Fundraising

**Big Talk From Small Libraries** is broadcast online using the GoTo Webinar web-conferencing platform. Login instructions will be emailed to registered attendees the day before the conference. Nebraska does plan on recording all **Big Talk** sessions, with recordings posted to their conference website. Just like our own *ILOC*, this marks a great opportunity for watch parties and/or a staff training day. And just like our own *ILOC* conference, Nebraska's **Big Talk Conference** is a free, fun day of learning and all from the comfort of home.

One more bonus: Iowa library staff can earn CE Credit for attending this event. Visit our webpage [Continuing Education Opportunities](#), scroll down to read about **CE Opportunities From Outside Organizations** and find the form you'll need. Registration is open at the button below.

[Register For Nebraska's Big Talk Conference](#)

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## E-Rate Form 471 Filing Window Is Open

**Now Through March 27th**

For all libraries participating in the E-Rate Program, the FCC announced that the window is open to file Form 471. This is the second form in the sequence, it will remain **open through March 27**.



Form 471 is used by schools and public libraries to select an Internet service provider and a price for Internet service. Libraries familiar with the E-Rate Program know that Form 471 can only be filed after filing Form 470 and only after that form has been in place for 28 days.

Actually, if you are a past E-Rate participant and would like to again this year, there is still time to get started because Form 470—again, this is the first form needed in the filing sequence—is still open until February 28. Click the button below for more information, as well as examples for how to file Forms 470 and 471. For added help, you're welcome to contact **your District Library Resource Technician** (LRT) They can provide screen-sharing assistance to help you with filing these forms.

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## This Week ...



### Pop YS Live: Prep for the Eclipse! February 7. 1:00-2:00PM

Get ready for the April 8th eclipse by joining Children's Librarian Dr. Zachary Stier of the Ericson (Boone) Public Library, along with Dr. Sara Nelson, Director for the NASA Iowa Space Grant Consortium. They will share program ideas, resources, and partnership opportunities for you to have a successful eclipse program in your community.

### Lunch with the State Library: OCLC Services. Online. February 8. 12:15-12:45PM

This webinar reviews the many benefits Iowa public libraries receive from the State Library's FirstSearch / WorldCat Discovery subscription, benefits that include how to optimize your library's visibility on the web. Hear the latest on CatExpress, OCLC's copy cataloging solution. Lunch with the State Library is a series of short sessions designed to give library workers a high-level overview of a featured product or service available to them through the State Library of Iowa so they can most effectively take advantage of that product or service with the aim of more effectively serving patrons.



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