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Welcome to the new Director Digest!

Last month we sent out a message with brief summaries of recent State Library news and information along with links to additional details. The email included a link to a brief survey. The feedback was unanimous that the digest-style email was helpful and more than 90 percent preferred a monthly frequency. Thus, the **State Library Director Digest** was born!

We know that as library directors you're busier than ever. We hope the Director Digest will be a handy go-to resource to access the important information you need. It is designed to be quickly scanned and mentally "filed away" until you're ready to come back and act on any of the links. Based on feedback, we've also added a section at the end with State Library events and deadlines.

The Director Digest will be sent on Wednesdays mid-month and will focus on State Library programs and resources. Feel free to forward it on to any staff members who may benefit. You'll also still get other occasional important director messages from us, including updates from State Librarian Michael Scott. Consider the Director Digest a bonus!

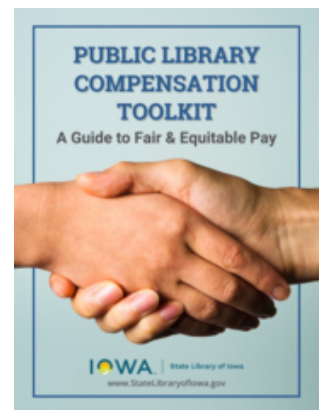
The survey remains open in case you have feedback or ideas for future digests: [Director Digest Feedback](#). **Enjoy the June Director Digest below!**

NEW Public Library Compensation Toolkit

A new resource is now available on the State Library website to help assess and plan for equitable compensation for library positions in Iowa.

The **Public Library Compensation Toolkit** provides library boards, directors, and staff a resource to understand the value a position provides to the local community and establish a basis for determining the fair market value of a position. Also, watch for August trainings for directors and boards to be announced soon in the CE Newsletter!

[Find out more and access the Toolkit](#)



Viral Social Media Post on FY23 Iowa Public Library Stats



Last week we shared a post on the State Library Facebook and Twitter accounts that included some impressive Iowa public library infographic statistics. The data was sourced from the FY23 Big Stats Book, which is made possible thanks to your responses to the Annual Survey.

The post went viral on Facebook, with more than 440 shares and 43,000 impressions (and counting)! Check out the post below and feel free to share it on your library's Facebook account:

[FY23 Library Stats Facebook Post](#)

Have You Tried WhoFi Question Sets Yet?

With the start of FY25 in a few weeks, now is a great time to plan on utilizing **WhoFi Question Sets** to easily track the statistics you keep for your library throughout the next fiscal year. Question Sets removes the many burdens involved with data collection and reporting process and standardizes and centralizes the unique information libraries collect. Some questions even auto-fill into the Annual Survey for you! Do your future self a favor and try out Question Sets (if you haven't already!).



[Find out more about Question Sets](#)

Heads Up: Survey on State Library Programs & Resources Coming in July

Last year, 370 library directors and staff responded to a survey about State Library programs and resources. We are grateful for the feedback, which is used to help gauge success, identify potential improvements, and as part of our federal reporting requirements. We aim to keep the survey brief and it should take you about 15 minutes to complete.

Look for a link to the survey coming to your inbox after the 4th of July holiday!

Upcoming State Library Events & Deadlines

- **New Fiscal Year Begins**
July 1 | FY25 starts and runs through June 30, 2025.
- **State Library Offices Closed**
July 4 | Independence Day
- **Deadline: WhoFi Question Sets Data for FY24 Annual Survey**
July 16 | All attendance, programs, and other answers must be entered into WhoFi Question Sets in order to be pre-populated into the FY24 Annual Survey. Information entered after this date will not be included in the survey but can be adjusted manually.



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