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Looking Ahead To Annual Survey Time

FY24 PL Annual Survey Ready To Go



Labor Day Weekend is just a few weeks away, ushering in the fall season. And among other things to plug onto fall calendars is the **FY24 Public Library Annual Survey**, which is due on **October 31**. This article is a reminder of that deadline, as well as a good time to repeat [Scott Dermont's](#) notice from last week. Scott emailed all library directors with the message that the **Annual Survey** software is now open; he included survey instructions,

along with login information.

Back in May, Scott sent to Iowa library directors this news about changes to the **Annual Survey**: *“Starting July 1, 2024, there will be several new changes to the way we collect data for the electronic resources portion of the survey. We’ve had several of these questions for many years now. IMLS, the federal agency that provides and supports the annual survey, reviewed many of these questions and decided to make some changes. When we change the Iowa version of the annual survey, we will be consistent with the electronic resources data collected nationwide. Please note that we do not expect libraries to begin any new services. This is a new way of counting **existing** services that libraries may, or may not, already offer. The way you answer these new questions will have no bearing on your current or future accreditation status.”*

Seven questions will actually be deleted, including the question asking for total website visits. Scott explains that the new questions are all Y/N replacements for the more data-intensive questions that were removed. Rather than asking for total number of downloadable items, or use of databases, instead the questions will ask if your library provides those services. For instance, new questions will ask

- Did the library provide access to e-books purchased solely by the library?
- Did the library provide access to e-books purchased via a consortium, cooperative, or other similar group at the local, regional, or state level?

- Did the library provide access to e-books provided by the state library agency or another state agency?

Again, the **FY24 Public Library Annual Survey is now open**, the due date is **October 31**. Remember: library directors should have received Scott's email of last week with the link to the survey, library user name / password, and instructions. You will be able to download a print version of both the survey and instructions. However, the final report must be submitted using the online form only.

Learn more at the button below ...
Our thanks for your efforts!

Public Library Annual Survey Info



This happy news is thanks to Janeé Jackson-Doering, State Library Youth Services Consultant. We now have more **STEM-To-Go Kits**, along with more **Storytime Kits**, all available to borrow from the State Library. Kits check out for 5 weeks.

Among the new STEM Kits: Build A Fort, Straw Building, Bulk Dominoes, and Premium Tower (Jenga) Game. These new additions join other STEM Kits including Let's Go Code, Jumbo Magnetic Tiles, and Building Contraptions, and several more. **Among the new themed Storytime Kits:** Shapes, At the Zoo, and Foods. These new additions join other Storytime Kits including Music Storytime, Parachute Play Kit, and Alphabet Mats—plus several more. And Janeé promises more kits will be added to our collection in the coming months 😊

About The Kits

- Kits are only available to Iowa public libraries for use inside their library and are not intended for checkout by local patrons.
- They are available on a first-come-first-serve and cannot be reserved for specific dates.
- They will be sent to and from libraries via IA Shares
- Checkout period for the kits is five weeks, there is no option for renewals

How To Borrow

Submit a request for kits within the [State Library catalog](#) by following these steps:

1. On the page linked at the button below, browse the collection of kits. For convenience, the links below each kit go directly to the catalog item record.
2. Once inside the State Library catalog, click the "Place Hold" link on the right side of the webpage.
3. Log in to your library's account in the [State Library catalog](#) with your Library's username and password. (Don't remember your library's login information? Contact the [State Library Reference Desk](#))
4. State Library staff receive the request and send the kits via IA Shares.

The link below allows you to browse the full collection of kits; the same webpage also displays detailed policy information. Janeé is happy to answer your questions, so don't hesitate to reach out janee.jackson-doering@iowa.gov

STEM-To-Go and Storytime Kits are made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the State Library of Iowa.

[Browse the Kit Collection !](#)

Scholarships To ILA Conference

Iowa Small Library Association



Empowering Iowa's Small Libraries

October 9-11 In Des Moines

The **Iowa Small Library Association (ISLA)** is offering two scholarships to any of its **ISLA** members to help defray expenses to attend the **Iowa Library Association fall conference**. This year's conference is in **Des Moines October 9-11, 2024**. Each of these scholarships is for \$250.00

Eligible expense reimbursement includes conference registration, hotel accommodations, and mileage. Assuming there will be more than two applicants, the winners will be determined through a random drawing.

This opportunity appeared in the *Eye-Opener* last Monday, now time is fleeting: the deadline to apply is August 14. Organizers will contact the scholarship winners no later

than August 20. Note that early bird pricing for conference ends August 30. Hotel reservations should be made by September 17.

About the Iowa Small Library Association

ISLA is a subdivision of the **Iowa Library Association**. This subdivision provides a channel for information on issues affecting small public libraries and provides a means to share problems, solutions, programs, experiences, and ideas of concern to small public libraries in Iowa. **ISLA's purpose:**

- To discover the consensus among small libraries on issues that affect them
- To act in an advocacy role to communicate the concerns and views of small public libraries to the Iowa Library Association, the State Library, community leaders, elected officials, and the general public
- To provide a channel for receiving information on issues affecting small public libraries
- To encourage active participation in other organizations relating to the library profession

Learn more about the work of the [Iowa Small Library Association](#) at their website. And if you are already a member of **ISLA**—and thinking about attending ILA's fall conference—why not apply for one of these scholarships?! Open the application at the button below.

[ISLA Scholarships To Fall Conference](#)

Webinars Next Week ...

Pop YS Live: Shake Up Your Storytimes. August 21. 1:00-2:00PM. Online

Are your storytimes stuck in the same routine? Do you want to make your storytimes more engaging for kids and caregivers alike? Then join us for another exciting Pop YS Live with Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering. This

session will cover the best practices for engaging families and kids during and after storytime. We'll also share why integrating early literacy and school readiness activities benefits young children and resources to make your storytime planning a success.



The Boardroom Series: Introducing the Public Library Compensation Toolkit. August 22. 6:00-7:00PM. Online

This webinar will introduce attendees to a new resource from the State Library: **The Public Library Compensation Toolkit**. Intended for directors and boards, this toolkit is a resource to understand the value that library employees bring to the community and establish a basis for determining the fair market value of library staff positions. Whether your board is hiring a new director or you're handling something a bit simpler – like freshening job descriptions – the new toolkit offers great guidance. This webinar will explain how this came about, how to use it, and why it's sure to be a valuable go-to resource for library boards.

About the **Boardroom Series**: In these sessions, we aim to inform and encourage Iowa library trustees. We present best practices and current trends in library board service. Participation in these webinars helps satisfy Standard #8: *“All members of the library board of trustees participate in a variety of board development training each year.”*

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