



February 2025

Roses are red, violets are blue. "Check me out," said the library book to you. 📖

Here's the February 2025 Director Digest!

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State Library Launches New Website

The State Library launched a new website earlier this month, and is now on the official platform for state government agencies. The new site is designed with accessibility and readability in mind and was built on the Drupal platform. Check out the new website at StateLibraryofIowa.gov and read more about the new website features below:

New Website Announcement

Bridges FY26 Enrollment Now Open

Renewals and new enrollment requests are now being accepted for Bridges. Letters of Agreement must be submitted by Monday, Mar. 31, 2025. Refer to the link on the Bridges page below for FY26 pricing for libraries; invoices will be sent out in July.



More About Bridges

Summer Reading Canva Templates Now Available



New templates for summer 2025 have been posted on the Summer Library page! The templates feature art from the 2025 iREAD program theme Level Up At Your Library. Choose from a calendar, board game, bookmark, BINGO boards, drawing slips, and a NEW classroom challenge! All are able to be customized to your library's needs in Canva.

Access the Canva Templates

Great IA Shares Bag & Tote Count Returns Feb. 26

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, the State Library will be holding the second Great IA Shares Bag & Tote Count in order to inventory the number of bags and totes currently in use. The data will be used to determine how many new bags and totes should be ordered as replacements and to keep as backup inventory in the future. Librarians are asked to count and report the number of filled and empty IA Shares bags and totes in their library to an online form that will be emailed to libraries that day.



Read More About the Great IA Shares Bag & Tote Count

IA Shares Combines Networks with Iowa Library Alliance & Rivershare Delivery Systems

In other IA Shares news, MOBIUS and StatCourier have worked out logistics to combine networks for the IA Shares, Iowa Library Alliance, and Rivershare delivery systems. Public libraries now have more libraries to borrow from and loan to without incurring shipping costs. Most of the work on this will happen behind the scenes; the bottom line is that if the destination library is in the MOBIUS Label Maker, you can send it there at no cost.

Any questions about the change? Contact Tom Keyser at 515-242-6542 or tom.keyser@iowa.gov.

Reminder: AtMail Email Service Discontinuing May 1, 2025



Several messages went out last week through various State Library channels: **there are now less than three months left until AtMail service is discontinued.**

Libraries are strongly encouraged to start the transition process sooner rather than later if they haven't already. Remember, we've prepared a variety of resources to support you through this process, and District LRTs are also standing by to offer assistance.

[Read the Reminder Announcement & Access Resources](#)

Still Time to Register for STEM Fairs & Summer Reading Summits this March

We're excited to once again offer in-person STEM Fairs and Summer Reading Summits across the state this spring! **STEM Fairs** give librarians ideas on how to incorporate STEM concepts at their library, while **Summer Reading Summits** are designed to help you put the finishing touches on your plans for Summer Library programming. Both events offer the opportunity to connect with fellow librarians! Feel free to share this email with your youth staff who may be interested in attending.



[Read More & Register for the Events](#)

Upcoming State Library Events & Deadlines

All Iowa Reads Exploring the Shortlists Webinar

Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 11:00 a.m. | [Register](#)

Great IA Shares Bag & Tote Count

Wednesday, Feb. 26

STEM Fairs & Summer Reading Summits

In person at six locations throughout March



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