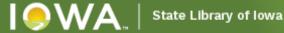
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Enrich Iowa Letters of Agreement Ready



Deadline June 20th

On May 15, public library directors should have received an email from Amy Rollinger with information and links to the FY26 Enrich lowa **Letter of Agreement**. These agreements are now ready to sign; note the deadline for returning them this year is June 20.

Note also that with this year and moving forward,

the Enrich Iowa Program will align with the close of the legislative session, meaning that Letters of Agreement will become accessible once the state budget is set and the lowa Legislature adjourns (typically in May) This will ensure that the appropriation for Enrich lowa is confirmed by the Legislature for the upcoming fiscal year. The rest of the program timeline will not be affected.

Remember that Enrich lowa comprises three distinct programs, witth reimbursement awarded to <u>lending</u> libraries in (1) Open Access and (2) SILO-ILL. Public libraries also receive funding for meeting standards via the (3) Direct State Aid program.

If you did not receive the May 15th email or if you have questions about the program, you're welcome to contact Amy at Amy.Rollinger@iowa.gov or 515-281-5125. Our thanks for returning your El Letter of Agreement soon!

Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement

Contracting Cities Questionnaire

Deadline Also June 20th

In addition to the Enrich lowa Letter of Agreement, the State Library is also asking that all public libraries providing service to other towns via a contractual arrangement complete a brief questionnaire. A contracting city is one that is still incorporated but does not have its own city library; instead, these cties pay an annual fee for library service to a library nearby.

We ask that you report all incorporated cities in lowa that will contract with your library for service in FY2026 (July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) as well as



the contracted amounts. Do not include your own city or other governmental agencies like counties or townships. The contract should be written and include a monetary obligation.

If you do not contract with other cities, you do not need to fill out the questionnaire. However, if you have contracted in the past, but will not be doing so in FY26, it will be helpful if you can fill out your library name and answer "No."

Why Needed? This is important information used to help library staff determine whether an out-of-town patron is eligible for Open Access. Patrons checking out materials from your library—whose own city does not have a library but **IS** contracting for service—those patrons are considered eligible for Open Access. Those cities will be listed on the Open Access form and on the Contracting Cities list in the <u>lowa Library Directory.</u>

The questionnaire should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Once you've completed it, be sure to click the "Submit" button at the bottom right side of the page. **Deadline for this questionnaire is June 20, 2025**. You're encouraged to contact your **District**Consultant with questions about contracting for library service.

FY26 Contracting Cities Questionnaire

Changes to Iowa Workforce Website



Thanks to Continuing Education Consultant Samantha
Bouwers for this news concerning **lowa Workforce Development** (IWD) Sam explains that the State Library has been in touch with **IWD** about major changes to the user experience within the **lowaWORKS** online system.

Described as a "modernization project," changes to the new unemployment system go live tomorrow June 3 with a new user interface replacing a decades-old system for both

employers and job seekers lowans will be able to file unemployment claims in a much more efficient way with an improved system.

The State Library is planning to host representatives from **IWD** after the launch of the new system for an informational webinar for librarians; stay tuned for more information on that event. In the meantime, library staff can explore the **IWD** site and help point patrons to information for **INDIVIDUALS** and for **EMPLOYERS**

IowaWORKS System Upgrade

Coming Mid-June ...



All Iowa Reads Author Webinars

Later this month, there are three—Free—one hour webinars featuring the **2025 All lowa Reads authors**. Each author will share insights about their book, their writing process, and answer your questions.

These webinars are a classic reason to hold watch parties at your library. Why not hold 3, one for each author talk! It's easy summer programming for all ages to enjoy. Schedule shows

below, the button below takes you to registration.

- Tuesday June 17. 6:30-7:30PM. <u>Distant Sons</u> by Tim Johnston (adult title)
- **Wednesday June 18**. 1:00-2:00PM. <u>Jawbreaker</u>by Christina Wyman (kids title ages 8-12)
- Wednesday June 25. 3:00-4:00 PM. Rez Ball by Byron Graves (teen title ages 13-18)

Register for AIR Author Talks

Check It Out! June 24. Online 11:00AM

Check it Out! is a monthly webinar series spotlighting the best new books for children and teens. Youth Services Consultant Janeé Jackson-Doering will share collection development tips, programming ideas, and best books to use for storytimes. And be assured, lots of new titles for kids and teens to fill your shelves \bigcirc

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