

Monday Morning Eye-Opener June 2, 2025

Having trouble viewing this email? [View it as a Web page.](#)

MONDAY MORNING EYE-OPENER



State Library of Iowa

June 2, 2025

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 Iowa 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 Iowa Legislature adjourns (typically in May). This will ensure that the appropriation for **Enrich Iowa** is confirmed by the Legislature for the upcoming fiscal year. The rest of the program timeline will not be affected.

Remember that **Enrich Iowa** comprises **three distinct programs**, with reimbursement awarded to *lending* 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 **EI Letter of Agreement** soon!

Enrich Iowa Letter of Agreement

Contracting Cities Questionnaire

Deadline Also June 20th

In addition to the **Enrich Iowa 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 cities pay an annual fee for library service to a library nearby.

We ask that you report all incorporated cities in Iowa 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 [Iowa Library Directory](#).

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 **Iowa Workforce Development (IWD)**. Sam explains that the State Library has been in touch with **IWD** about major changes to the user experience within the **IowaWORKS** 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. Iowans 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](#).

More to learn at the button below

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 Iowa 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. Distant Sons by Tim Johnston (adult title)
- **Wednesday June 18.** 1:00-2:00PM. Jawbreaker 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 😊

Register in WorkDay Learning



Monday Morning Eye-Opener

Editor: [Bonnie McKewon](#)



1112 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

The State Library is supported in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act.



Stay Connected with the [State Library of Iowa](#):



[Manage Subscriptions](#) [Help](#)



Powered by



[Privacy Policy](#) | [Cookie Statement](#) | [Help](#)