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State Library Update

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A "staycation"? With the price of gas, many Iowans are planning to stay close to home for vacation this year. On our Web site you'll find a list of 25 books available at the State Library to help you plan your Iowa vacation. Beautiful parks, bed and breakfasts, quirky sight seeing, and historic landmarks are available throughout the state.

Here is a sample of the titles available. To see a complete list go to www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/newbks.

Bicycle Trails of Iowa
by American Bike Trails and The Iowa Trails Council

Fun With the Family in Iowa: Hundreds of Ideas for Day Trips With the Kids
by Betsy Rubiner

The Great Iowa Touring Book: 27 Spectacular Auto Trips
by Mike Whye

Great Iowa Walks: 50 Strolls, Rambles, Hikes, and Treks
by Lynn L. Walters

Great Iowa Weekend Adventures

by Mike Whye

Iowa Underground: A Guide to the State's Subterranean Treasures
by Greg A. Brick

Oddball Iowa: A Guide to Some Really Strange Places
by Jerome Pohlen

Paddling Iowa: 96 Great Trips by Canoe and Kayak
by Nate Hoogeveen

If you don't have a State Library card go to our Web site at www.statelibraryofiowa.org and click on "Get a State Library Card" in the left sidebar.

Too Busy? No Time to:

- * Find Iowa demographic information?
- * Track down a specific journal article/s?
- * Research a new trend in your area of expertise?
- * Find out how a new law will affect your program?

We can help you look good! State Library information experts are standing by.

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Don't live in Des Moines? No problem.

The State Library can help you wherever you are in the great state of Iowa. Our patrons are located in cities and towns, large and small, all across Iowa.

Full-text journal articles, reference information and much more are available at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/resources from any computer with Internet access and your State Library card number.

Our catalog is on our Web site at www.state.libraryofiowa.org. State employees can request that any item we own be sent to them. Fill out a request form for materials we don't own at www.statelibraryofiowa.org/services/bkrequest and we'll get them to you ... *anywhere in the state.*

Retired state employee, Barb Meckstroth, will have an exhibit in the State Library in July.

Barb says this about her work, "I took several art courses in college, but never became a serious artist until recently. I have struggled to discover the true artist within, trying out a variety of techniques and styles and studying other artists' work. Eventually I developed my own personal style. I have a great love of drama and color, and enjoy creating a vivid interchange of shape and hue on paper and canvas."

Barb's colorful work will be on display during July. The State Library is located in the Ola Babcock Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th and Grand Ave. The building is open 8-4:30, Monday-Friday.

For more information go to <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/services/bmeckstroth>.

Staff in your agency will put in a lot of work to create **this year's annual report**. The purpose is to tell lowans how your agency has served them. Do you know where that report will be five years from now?

Erased from your Web site when you run out of RAM? **Tossed** from the storeroom when it gets too crowded?

Don't let this happen! There is an easy solution. Send a copy of your annual reports, fiscal reports and other documents - that are vital to lowans - to the State Library for permanent access. We accept paper and electronic documents, and we will make them available to lowans for you.

Send five paper copies to:

State Library Depository Program
1112 E. Grand Ave.
Miller Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

For information contact: Karen Kemnitz, 515-281-6812, karen.kemnitz@lib.state.ia.us

To deposit electronic versions of your documents contact: Margaret Noon, 515-281-4315, margaret.noon@lib.state.ia.us

To see if we have your documents go to **our catalog** at <http://iowa.ipac.dynixasp.com/> for paper documents and **Iowa Publications Online** at <http://publications.iowa.gov/> for electronic documents.

Take a break and view some **brehtaking photography**. Retired State Library employee Gerry Rowland's photographs will be on exhibit at the State Law Library during the month of July. Located on the second floor of the State Capitol, the Law Library is open 8:00-4:30, Monday-Friday. For more information go to <http://www.statelibraryofia.org/services/grphoto>.

Other services that the State Library provides **free** of charge:

* Looking for a **quiet place away** from the distractions of your office? Want to use a **computer during your lunch hour**? The State Library offers computer workstations or free wireless Internet access and a comfortable, quiet place to work or study. We're located in the Ola Babcock Miller Building at E. 12th and Grand Ave. in Des Moines. Hours are 8:00 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday.

* The State Law Library offers **free access to online legal information** through the Westlaw databases. Staff is available to help you with legal research. The Law Library is located on the second floor of the State Capitol Building at 1007 E. Grand Ave. in Des Moines. Hours are 8:00-4:30, Monday-Friday.

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