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Relay Iowa and Telecommunications Access Iowa
Join Forces to Connect with Iowa Libraries

Relay Iowa and Telecommunications Access Iowa (TAI) (programs of the Iowa Utilities Board) have joined forces in an effort to educate the public about a service designed specifically for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech disabled. Relay Iowa and TAI are looking for help in promoting this program.

The Captioned Telephone, or CapTel® looks and works just like a traditional phone, with one difference: it has a bright, built-in display screen which displays word-for-word captions of everything the other party says during a conversation.

Relay Iowa and TAI have developed a Captioned Telephone media kit, which includes a CapTel phone, an instruction sheet on how to make a CapTel call and informational brochures describing Captioned Telephone, Relay Iowa and TAI. This kit is available for display at your library at no cost.

Here are some ideas to help promote the programs.

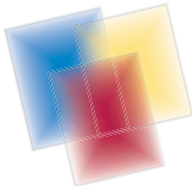
- o Do a presentation to employees regarding relay and equipment provided by the state – (with opportunity to become a Relay Friendly Business for free)
- o Do a presentation in your community in the form of a workshop at your library regarding CapTel and other services provided to the deaf, hard of hearing and speech impaired.
- o Designate your library as a site for a trial CapTel phone and/or brochure information to be set up and available for your community members at no cost. This is an opportunity for your library to offer a program and service to a variety of community members.

The Iowa Utilities Board has implemented new changes to the CapTel program in Iowa. CapTel phones can now be obtained in two ways – by voucher (through Telecommunications Access Iowa) or by direct purchase.

There are a limited number of available phones. If you want to be sure your library is visited by Relay Iowa or TAI, contact them at lori.sporrer@hamiltonrelay.com or TELEIOWA@aol.com or call 888-516-4692.

The State Library is bringing a Captioned Telephone on Town Meetings. It may help librarians decide whether to set up a display and/or have a program about it at their library. Iowa's population is aging and this service may very well meet some needs in the community.





Comings and goings at State Library

Michele Leininger, State Library Continuing Education Consultant, recently announced she has accepted the position as Information Experience Director with the Pierce County Library System in Tacoma, WA. Her last day in the office is Monday, Oct. 13. Her last day with the State Library is Thursday, October 16, which Michele will spend at the Iowa Library Association Conference where she has a number of responsibilities, including planning, coordinating, managing and directing the operations and activities of the Pierce County Library System's Information Services Department.

Said Michele, "One of the greatest things about this job has been traveling around the state, getting to see a variety of libraries and getting to know the librarians. I have grown to love and respect the Iowa library community and will miss the support and camaraderie of such a remarkable group of people."

We will miss Michele and wish her the best in her new position. A reception for Michele will be held 2 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 at the State Library.



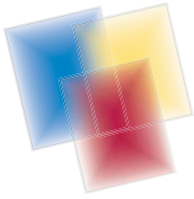
New Staff



Please help us welcome Mark Bockenstedt to the SILO team. Mark is a systems analyst and will be responsible for developing and maintaining SILO's Web hosting services of the PLOW Project. He will also maintain Web-based applications, including the continuing education catalog and the SILO library directory.



Scott Dermont, formerly of the Ames Public Library, joined the State Library on September 8. He will administer the public library standards and accreditation; oversee the collection, analysis and publication of Iowa library statistics; and provide public libraries with training and consulting on library services for older adults.



Remember: Summer Reading Program Workshops Set for October

Mark your calendars now

The State Library has set October 2008 dates for the 2009 Summer Reading Program workshops.

Due to increased demand, there will be four teen workshops instead of three. Children's workshops will be held in the morning and teen workshops in the afternoon. Some of the reasons for the change include fewer cancellations due to bad weather, more time to raise money for programs, and more time to book programs.

Becky Bilby, Orange City, and Sonia Ernst, Sibley, will lead the children's workshops. Kathy Rogers, Bettendorf, will teach the teen workshops.



Workshops

Children's
1 to 4 p.m. Mon., Oct 20
Johnston PL

Children's
9 a.m to Noon Tue., Oct 21
Teens
1 to 4 p.m.
Johnston PL

Children's
9 a.m. to noon Wed., Oct 22
Teens
1 to 4 p.m.
Swan Lake Nature Center, Caroll

Children's
9 a.m. to noon Thu., Oct. 23
Teens
1 to 4 p.m.
NIACC, Mason City

Children's
9 a.m. to noon Fri., Oct. 24
Teens
1 to 4 p.m.
North Liberty Community Center

Children's
1 to 4 p.m. Mon., Oct. 27
SWICC, Creston

Children's
9 a.m. to noon Tue., Oct. 28
Fairfield Public Library

Children's
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 29
Oelwein Public Library

Children's
9 a.m. to noon Thu., Oct 30
Eagle Grove Memorial Hall

Children's
9 a.m. to noon Fri., Oct 31
King's Point Resort, Storm Lake

For more information and to register, visit the State Library's Continuing Education Catalog



Don't forget..... We're here for you!

The State Library of Iowa's special collections in medicine, law, Iowa statistics, and patents and trademarks are available for use by Iowa librarians and their customers. The State Library's hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. E-mail requests may be sent 24 hours a day to is@lib.state.ia.us. Our subject specialists can provide assistance with your reference questions, or you may refer customers directly to us, 515-281-4102 or 800-248-4483.



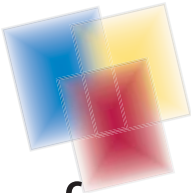
Certification Update

Congratulations to the following public library staff certified for the first time through the State Library's Iowa Certification Program for Public Librarians.

Denise Bohnet, Sanborn
Sandi Brunscheen, Clarence
Maria Erick, Archer
Brenda Franks, Essex
Kendahl Goering, Bennett
Kathy Hay, Harcourt
Jennifer Jordebek, Ely
Karen Kerns, Rolfe

Rachel Klein, Keota
Annie Lee, Hawkeye
Jamie McColloch, Dexter
Deborah McKeown, Denison
Annette Murphy, Casey
Kathy Olthoff, Corwith
Jennifer Sloan, Corwith
Erin Wolf, Glidden





News from around the state

Drake University Cowles Library selected to host "John Adams Unbound" traveling exhibit

The Cowles Library at Drake University, Des Moines, was one of 20 libraries in the country selected by the American Library Association (ALA) to host "John Adams Unbound," a traveling exhibition based on a larger exhibition of the same name recently on display at Boston Public Library.

Libraries selected for the tour will host the 1,000 square-foot exhibit for six weeks. The Cowles Library will receive a \$2,500 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for attendance at an exhibit planning workshop and other exhibit-related expenses. The library will present at least two free public programs featuring a lecture or discussion by a qualified scholar on exhibition themes. All programs related to the exhibit will be free and open to the public. A date for the Cowles Library exhibit will be announced later.



Why the heck do you have to close the library?

The question probably sounds familiar if you're doing some major renovating in the library, or moving to a new building. Laura Blaker, left, hoped to answer the question about why the Independence Public Library needed to close by developing a light-hearted photo story about what it takes to move into a new library.

Check it out at <http://www.indylibrary.org>.

Several Iowa public libraries moved over the summer

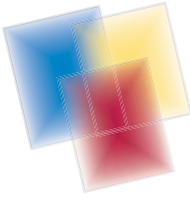
Whether moving, expanding or renovating, there was a lot of activity in Iowa's public libraries over the summer. Unlike Iowa's libraries that had to move and/or renovate because of floods, the following celebrated their accomplishments.

The Coralville Public Library reopened on May 31st with a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration. Iowa's Poet Laureate and Coralville resident Robert Dana read an original poem written in honor of the library. Refreshments were provided by Cafe del Sol, the vendor for the library's new coffee shop.

State Librarian Mary Wegner and Iowa Commission of Library member Tom Martin attended the open house of the new Conrad Public Library on June 7th.

Five years after a fire destroyed the Sioux Center Public Library, a dedication ceremony was held for the town's new library on August 18. Library Director Dave Netz, said "It is a time of wonderful anticipation and excitement. Thanks to [Iowa libraries] for your support during the past five years... The Phoenix is finally rising from the ashes."

Rockwell City also moved into a new library with the help of volunteers and their golf carts. Elmer Prescott of Rockwell City knew what it was like to move to a new facility when, as superintendent of schools in 1972, he had to move into a new school. During the library move, books were taken in order from the shelf, handed to a volunteer in a waiting golf cart, and moved to the new library about a block and a half away where they were put right back in order. Volunteers included anyone with a golf cart, including local middle-schoolers, 4-H clubs, Boy Scouts, the high school football team and "just about anyone who owned a golf cart within the city limits, and a few outside it," according to the Fort Dodge Messenger.



Elgin and Westgate libraries receive Picturing America Award

Iowa Senator Chuck Grassley recently announced that the National Endowment for Humanities chose The Elgin and Westgate public libraries as two of the recipients of the Picturing America Awards. Each library will receive 40 24" x 36" high-quality reproductions of selected masterpieces of art and an in-depth teacher's resource book.



The Decorah Public Library staff take great pleasure in designing their own summer library program t-shirts. They "Caught" the reading bug with this year's shirts.

Storm Lake resident leaves thousands to Buena Vista County libraries

Virginia Riley Crocker, who passed away last November, left \$4.8 million to several people and organizations, most of which were in Buena Vista County. Crocker, a native of Storm Lake left \$10,000 each to seven public libraries in the county, including Storm Lake, Linn Grove, Newell, Marathon, Albert City, Rembrandt and Alta.

Libraries partner with local council of governments to create recycling education program

In 2004, East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG) was looking for a new way to reach tomorrow's recyclers. What better place than to partner with libraries in the six-county region by creating a solid waste education program that would complement the libraries' summer reading programs. Kristin Simon of ECICOG has traveled to an average of 34 libraries in the region the past four summers, and made more than 140 presentations to nearly 4,000 adults and children.

Each program includes a book reading, a waste reduction lesson, and a fun activity to reinforce the lesson. Each participating library is also provided with a copy of the featured book for its collection.

In conjunction with the 2008 "Catch the Reading Bug" summer library program theme, Simon featured the book "Hey Little Ant," by Phillip and Hannah Hoose. ECICOG says it has reached more than 6,500 people through similar programs presented at county fairs, 4-H programs, trade shows, community organizations, teacher workshops and day cares throughout the region.

Reminder:

The meeting minutes of the Iowa Commission of Libraries can be found at
<http://www.statelibraryoflowa.org/about/gov>



Davenport PL celebrates "Teen YouTube Red Carpet and Premiere"



Fans came out in droves for the inaugural "Teen YouTube Red Carpet and Premier" event held at the Putnam Museum and IMAX theater earlier this year in Davenport.

The contest was initially created by Christie Vogt, Davenport Public Library's teen specialist and Sarah Carlin, reference and teen specialist at Scott County Library. It later expanded to include all area Quad City libraries.

The awards ceremony began with pre-party festivities, including free pizza and desserts. Next, the young filmmakers walked the red carpet into the IMAX theater, with reporters and fans lining the aisles to get a glimpse at the talented teens.

Finally, lights down, movies rolling, the audience gets to witness the debut of the films, using the themes of "Why I Love My Library" or "Story Book Endings" (creating a new ending to a favorite book). Following the premiere screening, fans were asked to vote for their favorite flicks.

There were winning categories for Best Acting, Best Direction, Best Drama, Best Technical Effects, Best Comedy, People's Choice, and Librarians' Choice. To view any of the award-winning films, visit: <http://www.youtube.com/group/qclibraries>. Story submitted by Angela Campbell, Davenport Public Library

Los Alamos, NM library reaches out to Iowa's flood-damaged libraries

Friends of Mesa Public Library in Los Alamos, NM have always taken an interest in outreach programs in their state, but after Hurricane Katrina, they made the decision to reach out farther when it came to libraries in need.

Judy Crocker, a former school librarian and a member of the Los Alamos Friends of the Library, heard about the devastating floods affecting public libraries in Iowa and wanted to step in and help both the New Hartford and Cedar Rapids public libraries with monetary donations.

"The Friends group has always felt outreach is very important," said Crocker. "We've been able to help small libraries get started in New Mexico and have offered college scholarships to high school students who write about a book that increased their appreciation and knowledge of the human condition."

The Friends group, with approval from the library board, decided to add more outreach money into their budget, with most donations going to New Mexico public libraries.

"After Katrina, we started realizing that catastrophic things have been happening all over, so we donated to libraries in Mississippi and Louisiana," said Crocker.

"This summer I got an e-mail from the New Mexico State Librarian about flooding in Iowa and we wanted to help them, too."

Crocker said she was a school librarian for 33 years and had fires in two of her school libraries.

"You really do appreciate everything that people go through to try and put libraries back together again," said Crocker. "We're so happy to do this."