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consulting services; Law  
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Data Center; Publications;  
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## Smith accepts position in Mississippi

After nine years as State Librarian of Iowa, Sharman B. Smith is resigning in August 2001 to return home to Mississippi to become the executive director of the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson.

Said Smith, "Iowa has a wonderful library community. With the commitment and ingenuity of Iowa librarians, trustees, and library supporters, the leadership of the Iowa Commission of Libraries, and the dedicated staff at the State Library, Iowa libraries will continue to be at the heart of the communities they serve."

Smith is responsible for the highly successful State of Iowa Libraries Online

(SILO) network, which electronically connects Iowa libraries, as well as spearheading efforts to establish a direct state aid program for Iowa public libraries.

"Sharman Smith's will and determination have contributed in large measure to improved library services for all Iowans," said Dale Ross, chair of the Iowa Commission of Libraries. "Her passion for libraries and her awareness of their increasingly central role in communities small and large have been contagious. Iowa has been enriched by her selfless efforts on behalf of libraries and their patrons."

The Commission will name an interim State Librarian at their June 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## Health/InfoIowa makes its debut

Iowa librarians and health providers are attending workshops this month to learn more about a dynamic new website that offers timely, simple and trustworthy consumer health information.

HealthInfoIowa was developed to help consumers and health care providers connect with authoritative resources, resulting in statewide equal access to health information.

"Studies show that more and more consumers are looking to the Internet for current health information, but much of what they find is dubious at best," said Roy Kenagy, the State Library's Information Services manager and lead investigator for the project. "HealthInfoIowa will provide a single starting point for Iowans looking for accurate and authoritative health information."

The site, [www.HealthInfoIowa.org](http://www.HealthInfoIowa.org), contains:

- a list of health information resources located in Iowa;
- links to general health information websites;

- resources for tracking down, obtaining, and evaluating online health information;
- resources for healthcare providers and professionals;
- resources to help librarians serve customers looking for health information;
- resources to help students looking for information on health issues.

The State Library, in partnership with the Iowa Department of Public Health, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences (University of Iowa), Methodist/Lutheran/Blank Children's hospitals, Ames Public Library and the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center, developed HealthInfoIowa. A grant from the National Library of Medicine funded the project.

Librarians who were unable to attend May training sessions may call Roy Kenagy, State Library, 1-800-248-4483; (515) 281-6789; e-mail [rkenagy@lib.state.ia.us](mailto:rkenagy@lib.state.ia.us) for other training opportunities later this summer or fall.

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## Census 2000: Counts complete; real work begins

Like waiting for the jury to return a verdict, the news reporter lingered anxiously in the State Library at 8:30 a.m. March 12 for the long-awaited news.

Beth Henning, Iowa's liaison with the U.S. Census Bureau, had just received Iowa's redistricting information and alerted the Governor's office, the Census Bureau, and the Legislative Service Bureau that the Iowa files had arrived before turning the information over to the news media.

The statistical data is the culmination of years of planning for the U.S. Census count that occurred in April 2000. Henning, who is the State Library's Data Center Coordinator, led Iowa's efforts to promote participation in Census 2000. A media campaign was conducted, including news conferences, regular news releases and public service announcements. Henning staffed census booths at the Iowa State Fair, Clay County Fair, Waterloo Cattle Congress and other conferences around the state. Thousands of promotional posters were placed in schools, libraries, armories and other public and private facilities encouraging people to be counted. The outcome: Iowa had the highest percentage of residents returning census forms by mail.

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"Tension is increasing over the impending release of the redistricting data," Henning wrote in her February 2001 monthly report.

"Reporters are calling to verify the timing of the release and confirm their lists of experts to call for comment. Cities are calling to see if they can get

the numbers in time for budgeting. Various legislative staffers keep checking to see if we know where Iowa falls in the Census Bureau's release schedule."

The procedure for releasing the information was well planned.

"After I downloaded the city and county files from the CD-ROM to my

computer, I allowed the reporter to make a copy of the CD. Meanwhile, the Governor's office and the Legislative Service Bureau were each making copies of their CDs for me and the media," said Henning.

"Shortly after noon, I had the basic city and county population tables on our web site. At that point, I notified the state data center affiliates and the members of the ad hoc redistricting group that the tables were on the Internet.

"I spent the rest of the day fielding telephone calls from reporters and state agencies, and creating and adding more tables, including populations for cities and counties back to 1850, ranked tables by size and percent change, and population by race and Hispanic origin.

"I knew it had been a hectic day when I realized at 8 p.m. that not only had I forgotten to eat lunch and dinner, but I had forgotten to open the bag of chocolates I bought for just that day," said Henning.



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Information continues to arrive from the U.S. Census Bureau. In May, a demographic profile for each county and incorporated place will be released, requiring major changes in the State Data Center's web site.

Henning continues to receive requests for special data tabulations, some requiring two to three hours to produce. In addition, she has numerous speaking engagements around the state to help local and county officials make sense of the information they receive.

"It's a challenge to keep up with new data coming in from the Census Bureau on the one hand, and the public's almost instantaneous demand for the data on the other hand. But there's never any doubt that the State Library is performing a vital service by providing census data through the State Data Center program," said Henning.

Iowa census information is available by calling the State Library, 281-4102; or visiting the Census Data Center website at [www.silo.lib.ia.us/datacenter](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/datacenter).

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## Iowa Commission of Libraries - Minutes April 24, 2001 - State Library of Iowa

*(These minutes are considered draft until approved by the Iowa Commission of Libraries.)*

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Present: Dale Ross, Eldon Huston, Pam Bradley, Berta Van Ekeren, Nancy Ross, Bill O'Brien

Absent: Dwight Carlson, John Bennett

Guests: Kay Elliott and Katherine Von Wald  
Staff: Sharman Smith, Mary Wegner, Annette Wegner, Roy Kenagy, Steve Cox, Barbara Corson, Carol Simmons

### 1.0 Set Agenda

Agenda was approved as mailed.

### 2.0 Approve Minutes

Minutes were approved. Motion by NRoss; second by O'Brien

### 3.0 Financial Report

Smith introduced Steve Cox, the new State Library accountant and gave the financial report for state-funded library programs. Cox reported on a change in the auditing process and how we will be charged. Smith discussed the spending freeze. Motion to receive by Bradley, Huston seconded.

Wegner gave the federal financial report and distributed the updated federal budget sheet. Cox reported on changes in the accepted accounting practices. Wegner reported that the State Library is using remaining FY00 funds. Huston requested that future federal budget sheets list percentages. Cox and Wegner also gave an overview of printing requests and procedures. Van Ekeren made the motion to receive the federal report; Bradley seconded.

### 4.0 Communications

#### A. Special Reports

Smith gave the Commission background information on the Library of Congress Center for the Book and State Library efforts to establish an affiliate center in Iowa. Kenagy, recently appointed as coordinator, reported on the April 2, 2001 meeting. Attending were First Lady Christie Vilsack; and representatives from the Library of Congress, the University of Iowa Center for the Book, Iowa State University, the Public Library of Des Moines; Humanities Iowa, the State Historical Society Libraries; the Council Bluffs Public Library, the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa City Public Library and the State Library. The meeting resulted in many ideas on how to promote the Iowa Center for the Book,

including an events calendar, A Writers Walk of Fame, and a website. DRoss suggested that the Iowa Arts Council be asked to participate. Kenagy will meet with Library of Congress representatives at the end of the week in Washington, DC.

#### B. Commission Reports

1. Advocacy Training for Public Library Trustees - DRoss reminded the Commission about the trustee advocacy workshops in May.

#### C. State Librarian's Report

1. Smith introduced two new employees. Barbara Corson, who has worked for the State Library for the past two years, has been hired as the Technical Services manager. Corson and Cox reported briefly on their backgrounds. Smith reported on vacancies and the hiring freeze.

2. Smith reported that building renovation continues. Usage is up and numerous tours are conducted.

3. Wetteland distributed packets to Commissioners attending the ALA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. DRoss and Huston confirmed other meetings and activities for staff and Commissioners while in Washington.

4. Wegner reported on the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA). As it stands, if libraries use federal funds to access the Internet they are required to obtain and use filters. Wegner said that many libraries will likely decline e-rate discounts before filtering.

5. Kenagy reported on the HealthInfoIowa website. Kenagy, Pam Rees (medical librarian) and Mary Wegner will conduct training sessions throughout May. He invited the Commission to use the site and provide feedback.

#### D. Iowa Regional Library System Report

Katherine Von Wald, Central Iowa Regional Library, reported on the Iowa Regional Library System. Von Wald said she supported legislation being discussed in the Iowa General Assembly that would change the Regional Library System. She also reported on how the proposed budget cuts would affect the Regions.

### 5.0 Public Comment

Kay Elliott reported on proposed budget cuts at the Department of Human Services.

### 6.0 Action Items

1. Wegner discussed the draft of the State Library meeting room policy. Huston made a

motion to adopt the policy; Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

2. Wegner recommended structures for advisory committees. NRoss made a motion to adopt the proposed structures; Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

3. Wegner presented the FY 2002 Plan of Service with Regional Libraries. Van Ekeren moved to adopt; Bradley seconded. Motion carried.

### 7.0 Discussion Items

#### A. Budget Items

1. Smith reported that the FY01 state budget freeze means no out-of-state travel or hiring. Smith has extended the same restrictions on federal spending.

2. Smith stated that the Legislature's Education Appropriations Sub-committee recommended a 6% cut for the State and Regional Libraries FY02 budget. It was also recommended that Open Access, Access Plus and Enrich Iowa be rolled into one program. The State Library and Iowa library community are trying to educate legislators about the need to protect the intent of the programs.

#### B. Legislative Update

Rowland and Dixon are drafting recommendations on how to facilitate the change from Regional Library Boards to Unified Library Service Area Boards.

#### C. Commission Retreat

The Commission Retreat will be held July 19-20, 2001 at the Microtel Inn in Urbandale. More details will be provided at the June Commission meeting.

#### D. Commission Appointments

No word has been received from the Governor on Commission vacancies.

On behalf of the Commission, DRoss thanked NRoss, who is not seeking reappointment, for her tireless efforts, her vision and hard work on behalf of the Iowa library community.

### 8.0 Adjourn 2:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: June 26, 2001 - State Library

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## State Library pursues Iowa affiliation with Library of Congress Center for the Book

The State Library of Iowa is pursuing an Iowa affiliation with the national Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. Iowa is currently one of only eight states that does not have a state affiliate for the program, which promotes books, reading, libraries, and learning.

State Librarian Sharman Smith convened a meeting of interested libraries and other organizations on April 2. Participants included First Lady Christie Vilsack, whose "Iowa Stories 2000" project is an example of the type of program encouraged by the Center for the Book; a representative from the University of Iowa Center for the Book, which promotes the book arts through programs and research in paper-making, letterpress printing, and book-binding; and representatives from public and academic libraries, the State Historical Society, and

Humanities Iowa.

State Library staff are preparing a proposal to be submitted to the Library of Congress Center for the Book in June. The proposal will outline possible initial projects for the Center and establish an advisory board of interested agencies, organizations and citizens.

Some of the programs being considered are a web site with a directory of Iowa book, reading and literacy-related organizations, events and programs; a Reader's Tour of Iowa, which would develop print and web-based maps of Iowa literary landmarks; and shared traveling exhibits promoting books and reading in public libraries across the state. Roy Kenagy, Information Services Manager at the State Library, is coordinating the project.

## Annie's Baby wins 2000-01 Iowa Teen Award

Nearly 4,000 Iowa teenagers voted on their favorite books recently during the 2000-01 Iowa Teen Awards. The winner, *Annie's Baby* by Beatrice Sparks won by 400 votes. Other titles included:

*Tangerine* by Edward Bloor  
*Among the Hidden*

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*The Terrorist* by Caroline B. Cooney  
*My Life in Dog Years*

by Gary Paulsen

*Petey*, by Ben Mikaelson

*Hard Ball* by Will Weaver

*Reaching Dustin* by Vicki Grove

*I Dream of Murder*

by Catherine Dexter

*Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key*

by Jack Gantos

*Remembering Mog*

by Colby Rodowsky

*Leaving Fishers,*

by Margaret Peterson Haddix

*My Louisiana Sky,*

by Kimberly Willis Holt

*Twelve Shots* by Harry Mazer, ed.

*The Iron Ring* by Lloyd Alexander

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## 2001 KidsFirst Conference



Studying their program packets at the KidsFirst Conference are, from left, Lois Shoemaker, Linn Grove, and Marilyn Mouw and Rhonda Van Es, Sioux Center.

Nearly 150 Iowa youth services librarians attended the 2001 Kids First Conference April 19 and 20 in Johnston. Renee Vaillancourt, keynote speaker, discussed "Teens - The Next Generation." David K. Brown shared web resources that promote books and reading.

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## LSTA Partnership Grants awarded

Just over \$100,000 in Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants was awarded this year by the State Library for a wide range of projects in the Partnership Grants program.

**Third Age Project:** A project to increase the number of senior patrons who use library services by eliminating or decreasing access barriers and providing services that target this audience. Participants include Cedar Falls Public Library, Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging, Jesse Cosby Neighborhood Center, and Waterloo Public Library.

**Collection Enhancement for Kids and Those Who Care for Them:** Increase resources for youngsters, parents, and college students in Early Childhood education. Participants include Northeast Iowa Community College, Calmar Public Library.

**Future Readers:** A project to provide materials and resources to parents with young children. Includes a program to introduce babies to books and show parents how important books are in a baby's development. Participants include Clarinda Public Library, Bright and Beautiful Beginnings and Growing Strong Families.

**Partners in Literacy: Reaching Children in the Latino Community:** Establishes the library as a primary source for in-home reading material for literacy and leisure needs of the Latino youth population. Participants include Marshalltown Public Library, community schools and social service agencies.

**Villisca Public/School Children Program:** The Villisca community determined that there was a lack of professional daycare in the area for children whose parents worked out of town. Members of the Villisca Community Family Support Program (known as Boost4Families Support Group) determined a need for education of families in basic life skills and prevention of high risk behaviors. The group was able to obtain a grant to begin child care programs in the community. The Villisca Public Library's goal is to work with Boost4Families on several projects, including a weekly reading program at school, a "Books to Go" program for those who cannot get to the library, and weekly programs at the library.

**Cooperative Library and School Services:** The Norelius Community Library (Denison), Denison Community School, St. Rose of Lima School and Zion Lutheran School have designed a project to allow access to each of their online catalogs seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Goals include allowing students, teachers, home schoolers, home-bound persons and all citizens of Crawford County to check the libraries' catalogs for books and other materials at any time, to request materials online, and to provide a streamlined delivery system of materials to people.

**Linking BCLUW Communities:** BCLUW Community School, Beaman Community Memorial Library, Conrad Public Library, and Union Public Library are partnering to provide students access to the libraries' online catalogs. Students will also be able to put "holds" on materials they wish to check out.

## Dates to Remember

**June 14-20 -**  
ALA Summer Conference,  
San Francisco  
**June 26 -** Iowa Commission  
of Libraries, Des Moines

## Congratulations!

Waukee will have a new public library in Fall 2002. Residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of the new library on May 1.

## New address

The Central Iowa Regional Library has a new address: P.O. Box 22100, Clive, IA 50325.

## Certification Update

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

**Laurie Aude**, Wellsburg  
**Judy Bar-Shimon**, Fairfield  
**Sharon Heth**, Fort Madison  
**Carol Jones**, Fairfield  
**Stacey Lundsford**, Humboldt  
**Judy Mersman**, Perry  
**Jeanne Norman**, Melcher-Dallas  
**Karen Stierler**, Coralville

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Shown with Senator Tom Harkin during the American Library Association's National Legislative Day in Washington, DC are, from left: Mary Wegner, State Library; Sharman B. Smith, State Librarian; Robin Martin, Iowa Library Association President; Dale Ross, Iowa Commission of Libraries; Kay Runge, Public Library of Des Moines and President, Public Library Association; Senator Harkin; Pam Bradley, Iowa Commission of Libraries; Gina Millsap, Ames Public Library and chair of Iowa Library Association's Governmental Affairs Committee; Karen Burns, Southwest Regional Library System; and Carol Stanger, Atlantic Carnegie Public Library. Not shown but also participating in Legislative Day: Eldon Huston, Iowa Commission of Libraries.

## PLM 1 & 2 classes offered in August

The State Library is offering Public Library Management (PLM)1 and 2 beginning in August 2001. The registration fee is \$35. Registration is available online at [www.silo.lib.ia.us/certification/cecat.htm](http://www.silo.lib.ia.us/certification/cecat.htm), or by calling Fran Fessler, State Library, (515) 281-5790; 1-800-428-4483; [ffessle@mail.lib.state.ia.us](mailto:ffessle@mail.lib.state.ia.us).

### **PLM 1**

Registration deadline is July 6.  
Instructor: Susan Henricks  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 7 (Urbandale Public Library)

### **AND**

ICN sessions 9 to 11:30 a.m. August 14, 21, 28 and September 4, 11, 18, 25.

### **PLM 2**

Registration deadline is July 27.  
Instructor: Vicki Myron  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. August 29 (Urbandale Public Library)

### **AND**

ICN sessions September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3, 17, 24.

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## Cameron receives IEMA award



Mary Cameron, Youth Services Consultant for the State Library, was recently honored with the Iowa Education Media Association's (IEMA) Lamplighter Award. The award recognizes the contributions of an IEMA member who has made significant contributions to IEMA and its progress. Cameron has been an IEMA member since 1976 and served as president in 1999-2000.