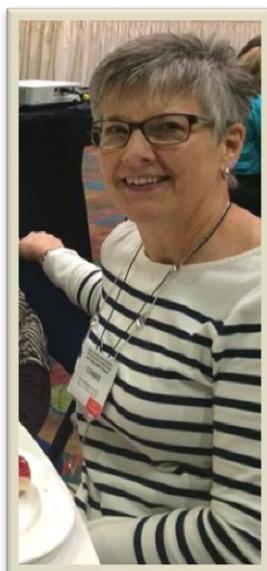**Today in EYE-OPENER May 2, 2016**

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1) A Sibley PL, a Fond Farewell: Northwest libraries are cordially invited to a **retirement reception** for **Connie Mataloni at Sibley Public Library.** The Sibley PL board and staff are honoring Connie with a retirement open house on **May 11** from **4:00-6:00PM**; Connie is retiring after 35 years of service.

During her time at Sibley PL, she has come to be well known and well respected across the state. Connie has managed major remodeling projects, automation, and constantly changing technology. She was instrumental in improving staffing levels and programming for all ages. She's been active in ILA, most recently serving as president of the Iowa Small Library Association. And something I'm most grateful for over the years is her genuine, steadfast support of regional and State Library services.

Speaking as a friend and colleague for many years, you will be truly missed among us—congratulations, Connie! Enjoy your new home at the Lakes, your sweet grandbabies, and those great Packer and Hawkeye games ☺

2) EXPLORA & EBSCO Classes Coming: EBSCOHost will soon discontinue the old K-12 kids interfaces, namely *Searchasaurus*, *Kids Search*, and *Student Research Center.* By June,

EBSCO will replace these interfaces with a graphic-driven search called **EXPLORA**, combining content with easy-to-use with functionality. Jay Peterson has more: "*…you may have received an email asking you to upgrade your EBSCOHost account to EXPLORA. Please know that you can disregard that message because the State Library's statewide account has already taken care of this change on your behalf. If you are interested in learning more about this and EBSCOHost in general, make sure to sign up for in-person classes being held across the state from May 17 to May 20. Check the c.e. catalog to register for the location nearest you* http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/cgi-bin/cecat/

Lisa Dennis, a national trainer for the **EBSCOHost** company, will be conducting face-to-face classes around the state for Iowa library staff and directors. EBSCOhost is available to all Iowa public libraries through The State Library for a small yearly fee. Come to this dynamic and exciting training session to learn about how to search EBSCOhost more effectively; to market this product to your patrons and find out what is new and exciting in the world of databases. This is a two-hour class providing ample time for hands-on experience with this database

3) Renew Participation in BRIDGES: The fiscal year is winding down and that means it's time to renew your library's participation in **BRIDGES, Iowa's eLibrary**. For all current members, the Letter of Agreement is ready to sign and return, find it here http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/download/agreements-1 Remember all current members must return the LOA to continue belonging to the **BRIDGES** group, the deadline for return is June 30.

Current **BRIDGES** members: follow these steps:

1) Access the LOA here http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/download
2) From the left-hand menu option, choose **"Agreements"**
3) Choose the **"Bridges Letter of Agreement for FY 2017"**
4) Complete the form and return it to the address located at the bottom of the form. DEADLINE for receipt of the agreement is **June 30, 2016**!

Note that you will receive invoicing in a few weeks. Please DO NOT send payment before you have your invoices and then follow instructions for mailing.

For libraries joining **BRIDGES** <u>**for the first time**</u>, a similar Letter of Agreement will be ready soon and available here http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/download Libraries newly joining will need to return their LOA by late May, service is expected to go live in July, with the first payment will be due in August.
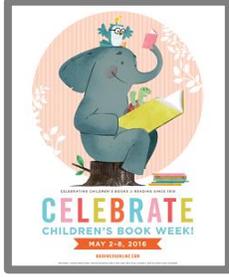
Contact your district office with questions!

4) Choose Privacy Week May 1-7: This is **Choose Privacy Week,** an annual recognition sponsored by ALA which promotes the importance of individual privacy in the age of technology. Equally significant is the role that public libraries play in protecting patron confidentiality

From the project website https://chooseprivacyweek.org/ "*… This year, **Choose Privacy Week** highlights the need to respect and protect students' and minors' privacy, especially in a time when technology, mobile computing, social media, and the growing adoption of "big data" analytics pose new threats to young people's privacy. Students in particular are increasingly subject to tracking and monitoring, as schools turn to web-based apps, virtual forums, social media, and other interactive technologies to deliver educational content and monitor student behavior both on-and-off campus. This year's theme, "**Respect Me, Respect My Privacy**" not only seeks to raise awareness of the growing threats to minors' personal privacy, but to inspire a new regard for young people's civil rights and personal dignity…*"

At the **Choose Privacy Week** website, find the project blog, resource guide, video clips, and promo materials.

5) Meetings / Events This Week: In addition to **Choose Privacy Week**, this is also **National Childrens' Book Week**—share your special programming on Iowa Library Commons ☺

May brings new month of national webinars to choose from. Find more info and registration details at this link http://www.statelibraryofiowa.org/ld/c-d/continuing-ed/other-conted

May 2. 7:00-8:00PM. *Tweet Like a Ninja* sponsored by TL Virtual Cafe http://tlvirtualcafe.wikispaces.com/

May 3. 11:00AM-12:00PM. *Memoir Writing for Older Adults* sponsored by Washington State Library http://www.sos.wa.gov/library/libraries/firsttuesdays/default.aspx

May 3. 1:00-2:00PM. *What We're Reading for Fall 2016* sponsored by Booklist http://www.booklistonline.com/webinars

May 5. 1:00-2:00PM. *Storymakers 4: Using Photos to Tell Your Organization's Story* sponsored by TechSoup http://www.techsoup.org/community/events-webinars/default