



### **“EDGE” UPDATE**

As of the writing of this report, 58% of IA public libraries have at least registered for an account through the State Library's subscription to *Edge*, with 37% of libraries having completed the Edge Assessment that helps libraries assess and evaluate current technology services. We are pleased so far with these numbers but are hopeful that by February 28, 2019, which marks the end of the first year of the statewide subscription to *Edge*, we will see a much great number of library registrations and assessments completed.

The State Library had some ambitious goals going into this first year of *Edge*. First, from a numbers standpoint:

- 90% (72 of 81 libraries) of libraries serving populations of greater than 5,000 would conduct an Edge Assessment.
  - Current number (as of December 4, 2018): 58 libraries (45%)
- 50% of libraries (230 of 461 libraries) serving populations of less than 5,000 would conduct an Edge Assessment.
  - Current number (as of December 4, 2018): 148 libraries (32%)

In addition to numbers, success with *Edge* for the State Library would include:

- Increased funding for libraries from City Councils and State Legislature
- Increased broadband access provided by libraries throughout Iowa
- Libraries know citizen needs
- Patrons benefit from more and better technology Iowa libraries
- City governments are more aware of library technology needs

### **FUTURE READY IOWA REGIONAL SUMMITS**

In late September – mid November 2018, a series of regional summits were held around Iowa which brought together key stakeholders in education, business, economic development and community in eighteen locations across the state, to create local strategies that ensure all Iowans are future ready. The goal of Future Ready Iowa is that by 2025, 70% of Iowa's workforce will have post-secondary education, training, or credential of value. This translates into a need for 127,700 residents to earn postsecondary degrees or other credentials.

I had the opportunity to attend 5 of the 18 summits (Burlington, Cedar Falls, Centerville, Ottumwa, and Sioux City). In each summit, participants came together to hear various presentations from Iowa Workforce Development on data-driven investigation of local labor market and location-specific business, civic, and education leaders discussing efforts to related to meeting the demands of the local

labor market or highlighting the challenges they are experiencing. Participants were encouraged to discuss and formulate strategies and make connections with other stakeholders to further the conversation along. The State Library had staff attend nearly all of the summits and will come together in the next month or so to debrief and share what they learned from attending the summits. We hope to come up with ideas that libraries can use to ensure they are part of the conversation.

## **FY 19 BUDGET UPDATE**

All is quiet so far with regards to the State Library's FY 19 budget. All Enrich Iowa funding – Direct State Aid for public libraries and Open Access & Interlibrary Loan Reimbursement for public and academic libraries – has been dispersed in October 2018. This was one of the first major projects for Samantha Berch to coordinate, working with Scott Dermont and Toni Blair to ensure accuracy. A major push this year was to encourage libraries to sign up for direct deposit of funds through the State of Iowa. Direct deposit forms were included as part of the mailing to libraries.

One major change that we have been able to accomplish this fiscal year, starting at the beginning of October 2018, was moving the four remaining staff members who had been paid with federal funds over to state funds. This had been a long time goal and not only allows us to be on track to meet our maintenance of effort for LSTA (federal) funds, but also frees up federal funding for other projects and initiatives.

## **CAREER SERVICES ONLINE RESOURCE UPDATE**

The end of the current contract with LearningExpress, an online career services and job skills development tool made available through an appropriation to Iowa Workforce Development (\$150,000) and administered by the State Library, came at the end of November 2018. An RFP, created by Marie Harms, State Library Technology Consultant, was released in October 2018 (per the State's procurement rules) and 8 responses were received. Marie put together an evaluation team to review the RFPs received and score them based on developed evaluation criteria. The team included:

- Marie Harms, State Library
- Jay Peterson, State Library
- Mary Heintzman, St. Ambrose University
- Louise Alcorn, West Des Moines Public Library
- Laura Sauser, Urbandale Public Library
- Jennie Garner, North Liberty Public Library
- Lindsey Healey, Des Moines Area Community College (Ankeny)

As of the writing of this report, we are working with our procurement specialist in the Department of Administrative Services to move through the process and are unable to share any additional information regarding the outcome of the RFP review.

## LIBRARY VISITS

### September 2018

- September 24
  - Southeastern Community College, Yohe Memorial Library – West Burlington
  - Burlington Public Library
  - Mediapolis Public Library
  - Donnellson Public Library
  - Montrose Memorial Library
- September 25
  - West Bend Public Library
- September 26
  - Southeastern Community College Fred Karre Memorial Library – Keokuk
  - Keokuk Public Library
  - Fort Madison Public Library

### October 2018

- October 8
  - Ida Grove Public Library
  - Galva Public Library
  - Stubbs Memorial Library – Holstein
  - Cushing Community Library
- October 9
  - Moulton Public Library
- October 10
  - Indian Hills Community College – Centerville
  - Drake Public Library – Centerville
  - Moravia Public Library
  - Albia Public Library
- October 29
  - Eddyville Public Library
  - Ottumwa Public Library
  - Indian Hills Community College – Ottumwa
  - Eldon Public Library
  - Blakesburg Public Library
  - Agency Public Library

### November 2018

- November 8
  - Northwest Iowa Community College – Sheldon
  - Sheldon Public Library
  - Sanborn Public Library
  - Hartley Public Library
  - Primghar Public Library
  - Paullina Public Library
  - General N.B. Baker Library – Sutherland
- November 9

- Readlyn Community Library
- November 13
  - Janesville Public Library
- November 14
  - Allen College, Barrett Library – Waterloo
  - Fairbank Public Library
  - Sumner Public Library
  - Plainfield Public Library
  - Tripoli Public Library

## OTHER MEETINGS

### September 2018

- Future Ready Iowa Regional Summit (September 25) - Burlington

### October 2018

- COSLA 2018 Fall Meeting (October 1-3) – Bismarck, ND
- Iowa Library Association Annual Conference (October 4-5) – Cedar Rapids
- Future Ready Iowa Regional Summit (October 9) – Sioux City
- Future Ready Iowa Regional Summit (October 10) - Centerville
- Iowa Literacy Award Reception (October 19) – Law Library
- 2018 LYRASIS Member Summit (October 24-25) – Nashville, TN
- Future Ready Iowa Regional Summit (October 30) - Ottumwa

### November 2018

- Committee for Library Cooperation (Iowa Regents University Library Directors; November 2) – University of Iowa
- One Book One Sioux County Author Program (November 8) – Sheldon
- State Library Update for Iowa Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (November 9) – University of Northern Iowa
- Future Ready Iowa Regional Summit (November 13) – Cedar Falls
- Meeting with Sue Woody, Des Moines Public Library Director (November 21) – State Library
- IUPLA (Iowa Large Public Libraries; November 30) – Des Moines
- Iowa Academic Library Alliance (November 30) – Drake University