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1. Drain the engine oil.
2. Remove the intake manifold from split intake manifold shield.
3. Remove the fuel rail and injectors.
4. Remove the alternator and serpentine belt.
5. Remove the air intake ventilation flaps and their bolts.
6. Remove the five bolts securing the water pump, and then remove the water pump with water pump pulley.
http://iowalibrariesonline.org/
SETTING UP CORE COLLECTIONS

FOR LIBRARIES

Library Support Network staff, located in Des Moines and six District Offices, work to make library service in Iowa the best it can be by offering services and programs for libraries.

This page provides “one-stop shopping” for information about our programs and services for Iowa libraries. Use the alphabetical links below or contact us.

Quick Links:
- Staff Directory
- Upcoming Deadlines and Important Dates for Libraries
- More About Library Support Network

 Kids First Conference
 - Kids First is the biennial conference for Iowa youth librarians.

Library Boards
 - Resources to help library trustees be effective

Library Director Manual
 - A quick reference source for public library directors on library service in Iowa

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)
 - About LSTA and how the funding is used in Iowa

Multiple Copies for Book Discussions
 - Use this list to find multiple copies of books in libraries. This is useful when ordering multiple copies of a title for book discussion groups.

Open Access
 - Over 20 reciprocal borrowing programs, includes program description, Terms of Agreement, and Annual Report

PLDLW
 - About Public Libraries in the Web (PLDLW) which provides websites for public libraries. Links to online instructions and tutorials.

LAWY (Special Library)
 - The special library very nicely called this 27 cent levy is a potential source of additional funding for public libraries allowed by the Code of Iowa, 534 12 (21).

Library Buildings
 - Resources for implementing a successful library building project

Library Law FAQs
 - Answers to frequently asked questions regarding library law and legal topics for libraries.

LibraryTalk Web Forum
 - LibraryTalk is a web forum for members of the Iowa library community.

Online Resources for Iowa Libraries
 - The State Library provides Iowa libraries access to a variety of online resources to enhance information access for their patrons.

Planning
 - Resources on planning for public libraries.

Policy Samples
 - Contains sample public library policies.

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Online Resources Package

The Online Resources Package is a tribute of information resources that the State Library offers Iowa libraries that choose to participate. The package includes access to:

- Gale - Package of databases covering a full range of academic and general interest topics.
- Clinic: Library: Authoritative, comprehensive research covering the most important topics of the past 50 years.
- Transparent Language - Complete language-learning system with flexible learning paths for over 100 languages.

Brainfuse
 - Brainfuse is the online resource provider for career services, test prep, and software bundle for Iowa libraries and Iowa Youth Centers. From academic tutoring to career coaching, Brainfuse provides innovative services designed to meet patron needs. The State Library provides Brainfuse at no cost to Iowa libraries and youth centers through a state appropriation from the General Revenue Fund.

Bridges
 - Bridges is the Polish, audio, and streaming video e-materials for Iowa public libraries. The State Library facilitates and manages the contract on behalf of the participating libraries. Libraries that participate in Bridges gain an annual fee based on the formula at the State Library that covers the Oversight platform fees, materials licenses, and the purchase of local video.

Foundation Directory Online
 - The Foundation Directory Online is a research tool to help libraries and nonprofits find the grantmakers most likely to fund their projects. This tool includes grantmaker profiles that provide a quick summary overview of each funder’s areas of focus along with all the pertinent details librarians need to find and approach grant opportunities. The directory can be used by public library staff and members of the library’s patrons and local nonprofits.

H.W. Wilson Core Collections

This H.W. Wilson Core Collections Online is designed for academic libraries, reference libraries and other libraries.

The database is a valuable guide for finding and maintaining a well-researched collection of the most highly recommended reference, review articles and fiction books. The State Library is providing Iowa public libraries access to the Children’s Core Collection and H.W. Wilson Collection as its core.

Opposing Viewpoints

Opposing Viewpoints from Gale is the premier online resource covering today’s most topical social issues. This cross-curricular research database supports science, social studies, current events, and language arts classes. All Iowa public and academic libraries have access to Opposing Viewpoints at no cost from the State Library.
H.W. Wilson Core Collections

The State Library has purchased access to the H.W. Wilson Core Collections for Iowa public libraries. The H.W Wilson Core Collection Online is designed for acquisitions librarians, reference librarians and catalogers. This database is a reliable guide to building and maintaining a well-rounded collection of the most highly recommended reference, non-fiction and fiction books.

How to Authenticate

The online database is provided by EBSCO, which sent a direct URL to the EBSCO Core databases to all Iowa public libraries. The email message includes a unique User ID and password for access. EBSCO encourages libraries to set up IP authentication for use within the library; please note the URL provided by EBSCO will continue to work once IP authentication is set up.

EBSCO may already have the library’s information for this authentication set up in their system, but if libraries are seeing a prompt for a log in when clicking the URL in the library or need to be resent the initial setup email, please contact the EBSCO Support Team at 1-800-756-5995 or support@ebsco.com.

About the Collections

The Core Collections are intended to serve the needs of public and undergraduate libraries and stand as a basic or “opening day” collection. The newer titles help in identifying areas that can be updated or strengthened. Retention of useful material from the previous edition enables the librarian to make informed decisions about weeding a collection.

Entries in the collections provide complete bibliographic data including price, subject headings, a descriptive annotation and evaluative quotations from a review. Book reviews, indicators for starred reviews, awards and “Best Lists” are also included, when available.

Included Databases

The databases included in the State Library’s subscription:

- Children’s Core Collection
  The Children's Core Collection database is the ideal collection development, readers' advisory and curriculum support resource for educators and librarians working with elementary students. It covers more than 50,000 fiction and nonfiction works recommended for readers in preschool through grade five.
SEARCH BASED ON NEEDS

- Use Advanced Search
- Search by Dewey Ranges
- Limit by Core and/or Most Highly Recommended
- Limit by age group

NF Collection Building

- Basic search using title
- If the title is found, consider keeping
- All titles in a series may not be included in database – choose to keep or remove entire series
- Note newer editions listed in database

Weeding

- Use Advanced Search
- Subject Search
- Limit by Core and/or Most Highly Recommended
- Limit by age group

Donations

- Use available lists like “Award Winners”
- Limit by Core and/or Most Highly Recommended
- Limit by age group

Fiction Collection Building
Lively reviews and recommendations make book selection fun
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