

## **State Library Services Update January – March 2015**

### **Community Literacy Initiatives and Partnerships Webinar**

Minnesota Reading Corps and Minnesota Math Corps (MRC/MMC) are helping more than 30,000 students in over 700 Minnesota schools succeed in reading and math. Join Anne Demotts (MRC/MMC Outreach Coordinator), Barb McKenzie (Hennepin County Library Volunteer and Internship Coordinator) and a Minnesota Reading Corps Master Coach for a webinar on Thursday, April 2, 2015 from 1-2 pm to learn more about how connecting with MRC and MMC can benefit your library and your community. [Pre-register here](#). For more information or to request a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact Jennifer Verbrugge at [jennifer.verbrugge@state.mn.us](mailto:jennifer.verbrugge@state.mn.us) or 651-582-8356.

### **Libraries Serving Youth Meetup**

[Registration is still open](#) for State Library Services' first-ever Libraries Serving Youth Meetup. It's a chance for school and public library staff to meet, network and share ideas. Learn about successful public library and school collaborations, get creative ideas and enjoy a free working lunch. Scheduled presenters from across the state include Brianna Belanger, Mike Evavold, Chad Lubbers, Ellen Morehouse, Donna Ohlgren, Nina Shimmin, and Erin Smith. The Meetup will be Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Minnesota Department of Education in Roseville. Space is limited, so register early. There is no charge for the event. A certificate of attendance for CEUs will be available. For more information, please contact Jennifer Verbrugge at [jennifer.verbrugge@state.mn.us](mailto:jennifer.verbrugge@state.mn.us) or 651-582-8356

### **Seeking Sponsors for 2015 Summer Food Service Program**

Many Minnesota families rely on the free or reduced-price meals their children get at school. When school is out, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) bridges the "nutrition gap." The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) is looking for organizations to sponsor the 2015 SFSP and provide free meals to Minnesota children 18 and under during the summer when school is out. There are many underserved areas in need of a sponsor to operate a summer feeding site, especially in greater Minnesota. Sponsors receive training, technical assistance and reimbursement for providing meals to children 18 and under in areas of economic need. [Read the news release](#) for additional information. To view a webinar about how public libraries can participate, visit [MDE's WebEx site](#), then click on "Recorded Sessions" to view "Libraries Can Help Feed Children This Summer."

### **Tri-state ILEAD Team Taking on E-Content Training**

During last year's Explore eBooks MN events, staff from Minnesota's libraries identified "providing ongoing training and support" as a top priority for enhancing user experiences with e-books. Representatives from Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota will participate in Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover (ILEAD), hosted by the North Dakota State Library March-October 2015. The team's project is Supporting Electronic Service Delivery Models, which will address the critical need of libraries to support users, patrons and customers in using e-content. Team members Daniel Burniston (University of South Dakota Libraries), Emily Kissane (State Library Services), Stephanie Langer (Kitchigami Regional Library System)

and Al Peterson (North Dakota State Library) will develop strategies for professional development that improve services to library e-content users.

The ILEAD initiative receives funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) through a grant administered by the Illinois State Library. The North Dakota State Library is contributing travel and additional expenses, and managing all the logistics and instruction for ILEAD USA in North Dakota. State Library Services is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this innovative program. If you would like more information, please contact Emily Kissane at [emily.kissane@state.mn.us](mailto:emily.kissane@state.mn.us) or 651-582-8508.

### **Library Construction Grants**

An appropriation to the 2014 Library Construction Grant program provided \$2,000,000 for library construction and renovation projects. One-to-one matching grants help build libraries that meet high standards of accessibility and energy efficiency. Three projects were earmarked to receive funds, with the remaining funds awarded through a competitive process. As of March 2, 2015, grant agreements have been executed for the following projects:

#### ***City of Jackson***

This expansion and renovation project will add 1,500 square feet and install new windows, a new entrance, new information desk, expanded meeting space and an accessible parking, among other improvements. Grant funds appropriated: \$570,000

#### ***City of Perham***

An exterior wall reconstruction project will mitigate mold and restore a safe and healthy environment to the library. The work will also prevent future contamination and damage to the building. Grant funds appropriated: \$257,000

#### ***Ramsey County Library (White Bear Lake)***

An expanded and remodeled library will offer enhanced areas for children and teens, more public computers, an improved community room and spaces for individual and group study. Renovations to the parking lot will result in more available parking and improved traffic flow. Grant funds awarded: \$200,000

#### ***City of Waseca***

A redesign and renovation of the library's layout will result in improvements to the entryway, restroom and meeting rooms to increase the accessibility, functionality and attractiveness of the building. A close working relationship with the Independent Counseling and Advocacy Network will ensure the needs of patrons with all types of disabilities are reflected in the renovation. Grant funds awarded: \$75,000

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