



## **IHLS Directors' Chat**

September 3, 2014 – 48 participants

Laurel Adams: Hi Margo, Hi Kay!

Kay Burrous South Macon: Hi

Margo Stoker: Hi

Laurel Adams: Hola Kathy, Nancy and Tracy!

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Hello! :)

Nancy - Riverton Village Library: Hi

Kathy West: Hi Laurel

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Manager for Staff Services: Hi, there, everyone! Feel free to start chatting and asking each other questions!

Ellen Popit: Greetings from the Pana Public Library!

Laurel Adams: Did anyone see that the Smithsonian is using lasers to make 3d images you can download and make 3d prints of? Abraham Lincoln's Death mask for example.

Jenna Nurnberger - Smithton PLD: My fiancée was telling me about the 3D printing at the Smithsonian...sounded awesome! :)

Barbara: Where can we find that online?

Ellen Popit: Isn't "maker spaces" a term that's getting used a lot these days?

Laurel Adams: Fox news said to go to their site and their's a link. It aired Sunday.

Jenna Nurnberger - Smithton PLD: <http://3d.si.edu/downloads/27> <Lincoln life mask

Lynn Schmit: Hello from Mahomet

Laurel Adams: I never understood the need for 3D printing until I saw this news bit.

Ellen Popit: I believe that the Skokie Public Library might have a 3 D printer.

Jenna Nurnberger - Smithton PLD: Does anyone know where I can borrow a microphone for a Halloween program. The presenter is requesting a microphone, but it cannot be wireless. I don't think he really needs one for the space, but I thought I would at least try and get one first.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: I was curious why so many publics started purchasing them. Is there a need for them? (Purely curious -- I think they're cool!) :)

Shari Rawlings: how long does it take to get Zinio once you have talked to Zinio and IHLS

Laurel Adams: Palestine has one you can check out. You might want it as an option - not to depend on.

Kathy West: anyone know of someone who still works on old microfilm readers?

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Manager for Staff Services: Shari, you should be able to access Zinio now. Are you not able to?

Barbara: I am creating a makerspace and have a 3D printer ready to go. It is the idea of new technology and the ability for the public to experience it. There are a lot of ideas online as to how to make it a practical use item such as recreating a part that has fallen off an item , etc

Laurel Adams: Palestine has a microphone/ not a 3D printer;)

Ellen Popit: @ Tracy I think that libraries are responding to patrons needs and certainly that type of printer would print them in.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Abraham Lincoln still has microfilm readers. We also have some here at the agency.

Jessica-Evans PLD: Are you charging for patrons to use the 3D printer?

Shari Rawlings: I will check today thanks

Ellen Popit: Kathy, if you need to have one repaired, you might put that out on the exchange to find someone who might be realistic in the geographic sense.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Jessica, I think you would have to. The cost of startup alone is probably pretty expensive, and I can't imagine the materials are cheap.

Barbara: We are also adding Makey, makey kits, Squishy Circuits, Raspberry Pi's and classes on all these type of new technologies

Kathy West: Thanks Ellen

Barbara: Right now, we are not. I have the Digital Divide Grant and the supplies from them. They can print while they attend a class. We will open it up as the need arises.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Kathy -- oh....misunderstood the question, sorry. Our provider in Springfield is Record Systems Inc.

Ellen Popit: I hope that you've seen Chris's posting on the Announce list this morning regarding our Member Day on October 20th. We're looking forward to it and hope all of you can participate!

Kathy West: Thanks Tracy, we have an old one and the printer feature has stopped working.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Kathy -- if you ever need to upgrade, they have new machines they sell too. We have a fiche reader that prints to pdf, which was a nice upgrade from our old clunker that required toner.

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Manager for Staff Services: Shari, I just emailed you launch instructions, in case you need them.

Kathy West: I would love to upgrade, as soon as I find the money :)

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Kathy -- I understand that completely!!!

Barbara: Does anyone know the specifications on the black border for the Truth in Taxation notice when you are planning an increase over the 105%? Plus, any other information that goes along with that?

Margo Stoker: Chris and Ellen, when are you going to come to see us at the Rosiclare Library?

Ellen Popit: @ Margot. What is your availability on September 25th. Chris will be in the area that day and it would work well for us.

Nancy - Riverton Village Library: I have a question about paying other libraries for lost materials. If the library is paying, we now have to pay full cost. Doesn't this seem a bit high since a library is paying a library? None of us pay full cost. for materials If a library calls me, I always look for the cheapest replacement and charge them that.

Margo Stoker: September 25 would be great. What time would you be arriving?

Ellen Popit: @Barbara Are those specs listed in the Administrative Ready Reference? I'll try to get the URL.

Barbara: I have that, Ellen. Thanks

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Nancy -- Is there any room to negotiate with library? In other words, if you can find a cheaper copy, even offer to purchase the new book and send to them? For me, I'm fine with however I get the book replaced. I never charge for processing.

Jill- FVHP: Barb: do you have a copy of Financial Manual for Illinois Public Libraries? It has a section on it...provided the law hasn't changed since 2007

Barbara: Don't think I have that, Jill. =(

Britta - Columbia Pub Lib: Hi all. Sorry I'm late.

Jill- FVHP: I have an extra copy I could send you. What library are you at?

Ellen Popit: @ Barbara: <http://www.webjunction-il.org/readyref/> This is a great resource for everyone and I believe that the state library is working on a revision.

Nancy - Riverton Village Library: Most libraries won't accept replacements

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Bummer.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: It doesn't hurt to ask. I would hope libraries would be a little more flexible when working with other libraries. Especially when they're making a good faith effort.

Jill- FVHP: I always ask the library if they will take a replacement. I have found that more often than not they will but you have to ask and you have to ensure the ISBN or standard number matches what is in the catalog so they only have to attach the item and not recatalog.

Ellen Popit: @Margot. I'm thinking early afternoon, but let Chris and I get back to you!

Barbara: Bills on lost items - I charge other libraries the same that I charge my patrons. I do not have the time or the inclination to go item by item to see the new price; plus some of the items are no longer in print. I will always negotiate with another library. Most of the time the other library will want to send me the item and at that point I request \$5 with the replacement. Call me MVPP 618-344-1112 if you get a bill from us and you want to talk about it.

Barbara: Jill - MVPP

Nancy - Riverton Village Library: I must just have to deal with libraries that won't negotiate.

Linda Trenton: Trenton negotiates replaced materials. We just ask that it be the same type of material. Hardback versus paperback

Jill- FVHP: I will send it out to you today in the tubs in an envelope with your name on it

Barbara: Jill - Thanks

Esther Curry--C.E. Brehm Mem. PLD: Nancy--everyone does it differently. We will accept a replacement, but still charge a processing fee, but I know some don't. It never hurts to ask.

Barbara: Ellen - Gotta love those links. Thanks!

Ellen Popit: You're most welcome.

Laurel Adams: Palestine Public Library just had our website redone by University of Illinois Masters of Library Sciences class- you'll have to check it out! The items are a bit dated because I still have to learn how to write code. I suggest them to anyone who needs help with their site.

Ellen Popit: That's a great tip!

Kelly Wilhelm: We accept replacements at Lebanon and really try to work with the patrons when items are lost or damaged.

Jill- FVHP: Kelly at Lebanon: Has your library ever applied for a Live & Learn Construction grant?

Kelly Wilhelm: No because we don't own the building and the city would not give us a 20 year lease.

Ellen Popit: @Margot---What about 1:30 on the 25th?

Kelly Wilhelm: We are currently looking at a large building to rehab.

Barbara: Laurel - Nice. It looks really clean. You probably will not need to write code ; many of these are much simpler than that.

Ryan - MTNp: Nancy, I agree that I would take replacement anyway you would send it. Plus we do not charge libraries. However I had a very rude staff member from another library, tell my staff member they were going to charge my staff member for a lost book personally because she was the one who checked it out to the patron.

Karen Sinks, Brighton Memorial Library District: @ Laurel, do you have contact information?

Kelly Wilhelm: @Ryan - seriously?

Laurel Adams: Thanks Barbara. I am pleased with all the explanations on how to use everything!

Ruth Miller: <http://www.harrisburglibrary.org> was designed by a young man who was in our Project Next Generation class, worked as a guybrarian through SIC, and now is an IT for a school in New Orleans. He and his wife own PS Designs.

Jill- FVHP: Bummer because I was at the metro managers meeting last week and went to your existing space. You do a lot with that small space and offer a lot of services for again little space. Made me think that really for the state to give you money to build a building would be a fraction of what most library need to build a building because I think your board prez was saying 5000 sq feet. That's not huge i.e. would seem more fundable from a grant reward standpoint

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Manager for Staff Services: Do you all know that Laurel from Palestine is very good at getting free or cheap assistance and grant money from sources other folks don't think of? You all might want to take a moment here to pick her brain!!

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Ryan -- my response would be "good luck with that" ; I sincerely doubt the staff member had the authorization to say that, but I would probably contact the library's director regarding the staff person's unprofessional behavior

Ryan - MTNp: Barbara, I'm surprised. Does this mean that you will not complain or fight when another library charges you full cover price?

Laurel Adams: Website Redesign for Non-Profits: Tim Offenstein, MSAAdjunct FacultyGraduate School of Library and Information ScienceUniversity of Illinois at Urbana-ChampaignPhone: 217-244-2700FAX: 217-244-7040timo@illinois.edu

Barbara: Ruth - I bet the young guy felt very excited that you used it. It is just so important to be online with a website and even Facebook. Our members expect to find us there.

Mary Ann Horstmann 2: Rick Warren Library, Elkhville, received a \$10,000 remodeling grant in a Village owned building but the Village did sign off on a twenty year lease.

Kelly Wilhelm: It will take a year or so to get to the point of moving. I will talk to Laurel. Thanks for the compliment, Jill.

Ryan - MTNp: Kelly - Yes. My staff member was very upset. It was one of our homebound patrons and we are trying like heck to get the material back. And the weird thing is it was from a library that does not bill. I told them the next time they get that call to pass it to me (It has happened twice).

Ellen Popit: Laurel, I think we'll share that information very broadly! Is it easy for you to edit as you need?

Laurel Adams: Thanks Chris- I just made a flying trip to Walmart for their giftcard donation- sometimes \$50 and sometimes \$25 per month. Also, online grant of \$1,000 for Summer Reading Program (this one is thanks to Chris! She's the one to pick on;)

Ruth Miller: This chat is archived, right? I got back to the office later than I expected.

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Manager for Staff Services: Yes, Ruth, it will be archived both on the IHLS website and the SHARE website.

Ruth Miller: Barbara, actually we paid for it. That is his business.

Ryan - MTNp: has everyone done the edge training?

Kelly Wilhelm: I did.

Penny Eilers White Hall Township Library: I did

Ruth Miller: Training??

Kathy West: Edge training done, but I still need to have a board member do the webinar

Ryan - MTNp: Yes, as required by the per capita grant.

Barbara: Went to Waterloo on Vtel ... should be archived on the State Library website by now.

Jill- FVHP: I watched a webinar rectly by an IL state agency that was recommeded on a SHARE listserv. It was about energy efficiency and getting a grant ot update appliances. I have contacted both agencies to get more info and no one has returned an email with info. kInd of frustrating. Maybe Laurel you know about this?

Laurel Adams: I haven't tried to change it yet. I usually use Microsoft Web Expression 4 and I guess it adds a lot of unnecessary code so it loads slow. I will have to learn the new way that the designer will teach me. She assures me it's easy (I'm thinking that's what she thinks)

Penny Eilers White Hall Township Library: My board member did the edge training but not sure she knew we needed the date at the time. Is there anyway to find out the date she watched it??

Ryan - MTNp: I was hoping someone got more out of it then I did. Our training session was 15 minutes on the edge, and an hour and a half on how to fill out the per capita grant.

Kathy West: Laurel, can you explain the walmart gift card thing?

Ruth Miller: I attended the webinar, have the account, did the survey. There is NO way most of southern IL will ever make 1000 because of the ethnicity questions.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Jill -- which state agency?

Laurel Adams: That Edge Training kicked my Board Member off the edge and he resigned.

Barbara: Nope ... didn't get much but it is required. So...

Ellen Popit: @ Penny. Was it a webinar for which she would have registered on L2?

Kathy Goleman Divernon Township Library: My trustee and I attended it at the Illinois State library

Penny Eilers White Hall Township Library: It was a webinar but I gave her the info to see it, so not sure registered...

sblank77: We also did not get much out of the edge seminar.

Jill- FVHP: Tracy: I will have to do some email searching for that

Ruth Miller: OK, Ryan, gotcha. I didn't consider that training because it was so short, I guess.

Ryan - MTNp: I agree with that. Plus, I have not fully filled out online, just on paper, we are going to get low marks because of the transition to a new website. The board member who went with me was very disappointed and still does not seem to know what it is for, and I am trying to figure out how to tell my board why we have such a low score.

Laurel Adams: The aide about Energy Efficiency would be good for older libraries. You have to get an energy audit. Our library is new and equipped with what would be offered.

Margo Stoker: Board president and I attended EDGE seminar

Felicia Murray - Eldorado Memorial Library: The EDGE Workshop that I attended with one of my Board Members somehow disappeared from the screen towards the beginning, so I did my best to follow along with the slideshow on my phone.

Ellen Popit: @Ryan, you might want to talk with Marian Albers or some of the other libraries that participated in the soft launch. Many got low scores.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Jill -- if it's EPA feel free to email me. I'm not familiar with a webinar our agency has done, but that doesn't mean it doesn't exist. :)

Jill- FVHP: Remember it's not about the score; it's about seeing the potential for things you could do or offer. I believe that was the ISL spin anyway

Ruth Miller: I'm not upset about our score because we only have a few suggestions to meet. Many of the items we cannot ever meet, so I don't ever expect to go over say 700 from our 605 now.

Barbara: The Energy Efficiency grants from ILCEO do not have to have an energy audit

Laurel Adams: Kathy- Our library donates to Non-profits once a month. If your Walmart doesn't - ask for a donation. They may all do it differently, but I believe each facility is given a quota per month to dispense.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Jill -- also as a general rule, sometimes it's better to call state government...email is easy to ignore. Keep after them if they don't respond right away.

Jill- FVHP: Tracy: found it ILCEO Illinois Energy Now - Basic Training was the webinar and SEDAC was the other agency referenced

Barbara: Try the Dollar General Grant program. We get several thousand when we ask.

Kathy West: Thanks Laurel, we don't have a walmart in our town but we have one near by that supports our community I will check it out.

Jill- FVHP: Tracy: I would have thought a voicemail was easier to ignore.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Jill -- LOL. Yeah, true. I understand your frustration. Trust me. I tend to keep contacting people until they respond.

Ellen Popit: Nagging can be a fine skill!!

Kathy West: are the Dollar General and Walmart grants on their web sites? I'm a new director so looking for any new resources you can suggest.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Ellen -- indeed!!

Ryan - MTNP: I'm not so worried about the score, but this thing does not seem to take budgets into account. For all purposes we are more tech advanced than many places, but we do not offer classes because we have a university, a community college, and a very active senior center in town and when we do offer them no one shows up because they are redundant. But we do not get credit from all the one-on-one tutoring that we do.

Barbara: Jill - We are using Guarantee Electric. They look over what you have, what you are trying to achieve, show you what you can have and even write the grant for you.

Kelly Wilhelm: How do we see where our board member took the training. That was also offered online, right?

Ruth Miller: I'm wondering if I can print the EDGE survey to show the exact questions to my board. I can do print screens if nothing else, if I can get back in to it since I finished it.

Jill- FVHP: Guarantee Electric? Is that your replacement for Ameren? City pays my power bill so I have no control over switching companies.. If it is something else please explain

Kelly Wilhelm: @Ruth - There is a download report button that will give you a PDF.

Ryan - MTNP: Ruth you can print the work book. That is what I have done. and My board member can see what I have hand written. I did all this before the training hoping it would be good to have on hand.

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Manager for Staff Services: Kathy--You can find information for both Dollar General and Wal-mart on their websites. Look for a link called community giving or foundation. If there is a Kohls store near you, you might want to talk to them about doing an Associate's in Action event, which could give your library \$500.00

Jill- FVHP: Ruth: You print out the booklet and it has all the questions? I just did that for some of my staff I met with when we discussed it

Barbara: [http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant\\_programs.aspx](http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx) Dollar General grant programs

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Kathy -- Target sometimes gives grants too.

Kelly Wilhelm: The Cracker barrel gives gift cards once a month for non-profits.

Ellen Popit: If they went to the V-tell sessions, they would have been registered on L2. If they watched an online presentation, I would guess that it is just a matter of self reporting.. You might want to check with Deb Aggert at the State Library. Here's the link to the online webinar:

[https://webjunctionillinois.adobeconnect.com/\\_a1011975131/p7kn9hia13f/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal](https://webjunctionillinois.adobeconnect.com/_a1011975131/p7kn9hia13f/?launcher=false&fcsContent=true&pbMode=normal)

Barbara: Jill - No , just a company that will work with you to get you to Energy Efficiency. They will do the work. Right now the big push is outside lighting but there are others out there that they know about.

Kathy West: Thanks Ladies

Lynn Schmit: Ryan, we were one of the soft launch libraries. We had the same complaint--we have Technology Fridays because nobody comes to classes. The Edge doesn't care to much about "classes" as it does that you can provide some sor of assistance to patrons who need help with the basic devices. Don't be so concerned with scores. It's more about realization, and perhaps you might decide you can do better in the future. Budget is budget, so do what you can with what you have but at the same time think about what you can do with little or no expense.

Ruth Miller: Thanks, Kelly. I printed out the handbook, but not the report/survey.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: For those interested in Energy Audits, you may be interested in the Pollution Prevention program at the Agency. Every summer several interns visit various businesses to help them find ways to become more energy efficient. It's too late for this year, but you could apply for next year if this is an area of interest. A library would make for an interesting project.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: By Agency, I mean Illinois EPA.

Jill- FVHP: Barb: is it geco.com for Gurantee electric

Ruth Miller: So if we apply now, would it be valid for next spring/summer or do we apply early 2015?

Barbara: This summer my youth staff got an American Cancer Association grant. It was a significant number.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: I think they take applications year-round. Here's the current spot on the website. (They're switching over the site in a month or so--gee thanks CMS!)

<http://www.epa.state.il.us/p2/internships/index.html>

Barbara: Jill - Yes, I'm working with Dena Schmid>> BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER>> Phone: 618-219-9031>> Main: 618-452-6122>> Mobile: 618-975-2038

Ruth Miller: Thanks, Tracy.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Not entirely sure how they decide which businesses will be selected, but the contact person's email is there, so feel free to send him an email.

Linda Trenton: I went to the edge training and they did explain about the score not being ment to be great. My board president did the online session.

Jill- FVHP: Barb: Thx for info

Laurel Adams: I would love to see how many Digital Divide grants were rejected. The grantees were given large sums. Does a small library stand a chance? It sure was a lot of work.

Ruth Miller: This isn't a grant, just inexpensive books in duplicate for prizes, etc.  
<http://www.firstbook.org>

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: How often does the state library do the book grants?? There weren't any grants I could apply for this year...Back 2 Books was great. Because I'm a government library, I can't apply for community type grants due to the possible "appearance of inpropriety." I have to be careful where I go looking for book funds.

Jill- FVHP: They did back to books in 2013 & 2014 as i got it both years.

Ruth Miller: IT guy is here. Gotta run. Thanks!!

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: I didn't do the second one at the end of 2013 because of the need to create a program or something --not really the kind of thing my library does. Though next time I might have to get creative. I don't get a budget for books, so I gotta get em however I can.

Ellen Popit: Tracy, I get the impression (this is only my opinion), that they are slowly introducing the competitive grants after shutting them down for several years. I think that ISL is very concerned about fiscal stability. The fact that they're reintroduced any grants is very encouraging.

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Ellen -- fingers crossed they continue!

Ellen Popit: Absolutely!

Jill- FVHP: November election will be very telling

Mary Ann Horstmann: Thanks for the great tips! Signing out. \

Laurel Adams: Happy Grant Seeking! Bye;)

Kathy Goleman Divernon Township Library: Thanks as always picked up some very useful information!

Shawn- Elwood Township: Thank you for the great information!

Tracy Pierceall -- IEPA: Good bye everyone.

Julie Jarman: very interesting reading-- thanks all!

Kay Burrous South Macon: Thanks for info.

sblank77: signing off--Thanks for info

Kathy West: Hope we keep meeting this way, as a new Director it really helps!! See you in October!

Linda Trenton: Good info again

Chris Dawdy, SHARE Manager for Staff Services: Thank you all for attending! It's been an interesting discussion! We'll be signing off now!