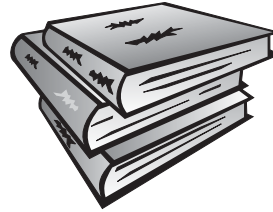


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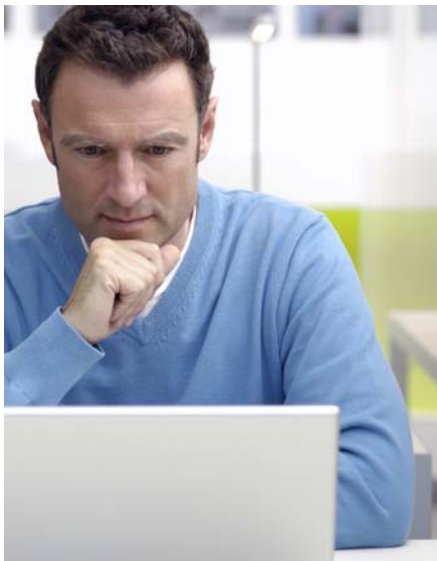
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Help for the Business of Life

New databases enable users to hone skills and manage transitions.

Whether that bump in the road of life is fraught with aggravation or the best thing that ever happened, the Library has resources to get you going again. *Learning Express Library* offers courses and practice tests to support a career transition while *Iowa Legal Forms* can help organize your responsibilities.



Iowa Legal Forms

This site allows visitors to download hundreds of documents for: (1) Real Estate, (2) Leases, (3) Corporations, (4) Employment, (5) Wills, (6) Sale of Property, (7) Loans & Financing and (8) Other Business Forms. As expected, the database includes a disclaimer advising that “public users should consult an attorney for serious legal matters.” The most popular searches include bankruptcy, divorce, name change, power of attorney, real estate, sample letters and wills.

Basic “fill in the blank” forms require only minor modification. Litigation forms and complex contracts, on the other hand, should be used only as a guide, and are better suited for attorneys than individuals. The attorney directory is the place to quickly

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Readers Vote for One Book One Siouxland Selection

To celebrate the 5th anniversary of this community-wide reading initiative, the Sioux City Public Library, South Sioux City Public Library, and North Sioux City Public Library are giving Siouxland readers the opportunity to help determine the 2010 One Book One Siouxland selection. Visit your public library November 4 – 25 and vote for one of five books proposed by the One Book planners. Election results, events and book discussions will be announced in December. 📖



The Read-to-Me Story Dogs

returned to The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library, October 17, to begin a series of fall visits. From 2 to 3 pm each Saturday, children of all ages may read aloud to these gentle canine listeners; no appointment necessary.

Sessions continue at the Main Library through November 28, with the exception of October 31 when the dogs will be in costume at the Morningside Branch Library from 2 to 3 p.m. 📖



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get in touch with a professional who can assist you with everything from basic form preparation to complex representation.

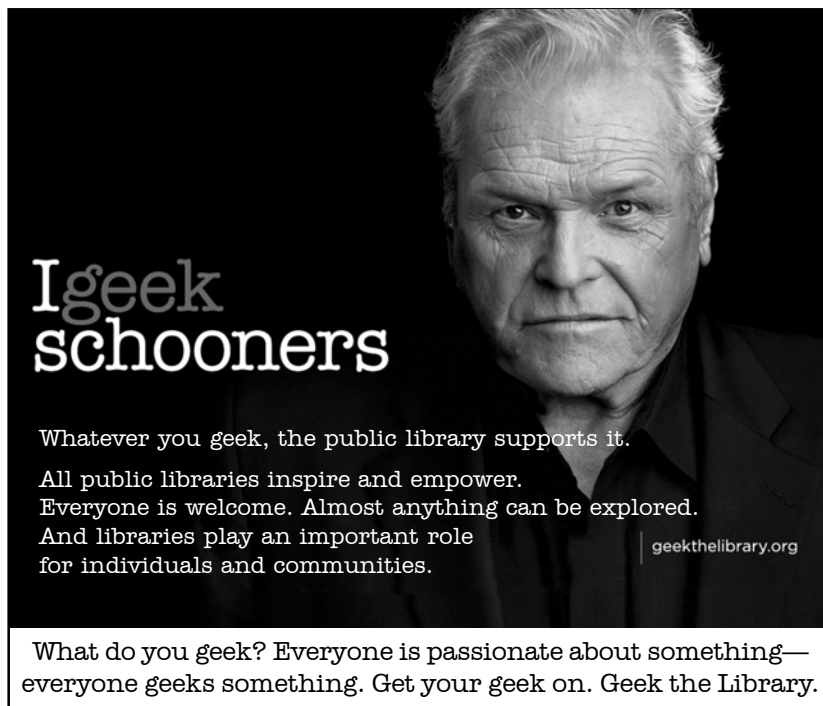
Learning Express Library

This database offers learning assistance for every age and lifestage. From grade school through college level and beyond, students may practice math and reading and writing skills. There are practice ACT and SAT tests, resources for college students preparing to take the LSAT, MCAT, or GRE exam, as well as a unit for anyone working towards a GED.

The site includes help for business writing, job searches, resumes and interviewing. In the Jobs & Careers center, practice tests are arranged by category and include: air traffic controller, civil service, commercial driver's license, cosmetology, electrical, EMS, firefighter, law enforcement, military, nursing, plumbing, real estate and teaching. Visit *Learning Express Library* for instantly scored licensing, certification, and aptitude practice tests, online career preparation, and helpful information on a wide variety of occupations and fields of study.

Learning Express Library and *Iowa Legal Forms* are free to use in the Library and can be accessed with a valid Sioux City Public Library borrower's card on the web at www.siouxcitylibrary.org. 

News From Around the State




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Whatever you geek, the public library supports it.
All public libraries inspire and empower.
Everyone is welcome. Almost anything can be explored.
And libraries play an important role
for individuals and communities.

geekthelibrary.org

What do you geek? Everyone is passionate about something—everyone geeks something. Get your geek on. Geek the Library.

A community-based public awareness campaign, running through December in central Iowa and parts of Georgia, highlights the vital role that libraries play in today's challenging environment. Through print and radio advertising, social networking sites and grassroots community initiatives, participants hope to inspire a conversation that will lead to a better understanding of library funding issues and more public support of libraries in the future. Find out more at www.geekthelibrary.org. (This writer geeks ornamental grass. Tell us what you geek on our facebook page; connect via www.siouxcitylibrary.org.) 

*"Once upon a midnight dreary, while
I pondered, weak, and weary..."*

This famous opening line was first published in 1845 by the master of the macabre, Edgar Allan Poe. Learn more about his life and work at a free program:

In the Shadow of the Raven

Monday, November 9 at 7 p.m.
WITCC, Building D-103
(Large Lecture Hall)

Actor/portrayer Duffy Hudson is jointly sponsored by the WITCC Humanities Division, WITCC Lifelong Learning and the Sioux City Public Library.

"...Quoth the raven, 'Nevermore.'"

From the 2008-09 Annual Report

Library Director Betsy Thompson presented the Annual Report to the City Council during a joint meeting with the Library Board of Trustees on September 23. To read the entire report visit http://www.siouxcitylibrary.org/About_Us.aspx. Statistics include:

- The Sioux City Public Library houses 233,241 books and recordings in The Wilbur Aalfs (Main) Library, Morningside Branch, and Perry Creek Branch Library.
- 408,000 visitors (up from 384,000 last year) checked out 590,609 books, magazines and recordings and used an additional 176,000 items inside the Library buildings. Checkouts are up 2.4% over the previous year.
- Logins to the Library's free Internet computers increased 7%. Visitors logged in 76,288 times for online job applications, test proctoring, social networking and research.
- Sioux City Public Library has 33,371 active library card holders, 41% of Sioux City's residents.
- Individuals and organizations booked the Library's two public meeting rooms 362 times, attended by 8,625 people. Meetings are now posted on the home page.
- Staff cataloged, stamped, stickered and readied 23,007 new items for public use and withdrew 23,551 outdated or damaged items.



Remember the Sioux City
Public Library Foundation
in your estate planning.

A Sampling of New Materials

Space limitations in this newsletter prevent listing all the latest materials added to the Library. For a complete list visit www.siouxcitylibrary.org and follow the link to view recently-added titles. From the online list you may easily access the catalog and place holds on specific titles or see if the Library owns additional works by an author.

General

The Birthday Cake Book (641.8653 Wil) by Dede Wilson. 75 recipes for candle-worthy creations.

The Big Book of Benefit Auctions (658.87 Fis) by Jay and Corinne Fiske. Step-by-step guide on planning and holding a successful and effective auction.

Blood Game (Fiction Joh) by Iris Johansen. Eve Duncan is back in a forensics thriller that begins with the death of a senator's daughter.

Enchanted by Prairie (779.3 Wit) by Bill Witt. A collection of photographic images that reveals the glorious beauty and diversity of Iowa's prairie remnants.

Homer's Odyssey (636.8092 Co) by Gwen Cooper. The extraordinary story of an eyeless kitten and the human companion who cares for him.

Mornings with Barney (791.4502 Wol) by Dick Wolfsie. How a beagle burrows his way into everyone's heart and becomes a media darling.

Rough Country (Mys San) by John Sanford. Virgil Flowers goes north to solve a puzzling murder and finds it rough going.

Stuffed: An Insider's Look at Who's (Really) Making American Fat (616.398 Car) by Hank Cardello. Uncovers the money behind the calories and presents a fresh vision for building health into the lives of ordinary Americans.

Selling Your House in a Tough Market: Ten Strategies That Work (643.12 Sel). Get the inside scoop from industry pros.

Listening & Viewing

Broken for You (Spoken Word CD Kal) by Stephanie Kallos. A testament to the saving grace of surrogate families.

The Count of Monte Cristo (Spoken Word CD Dum) by Alexandre Dumas. The classic tale of romance, betrayal and revenge, in two parts.

Four Jills in a Jeep (DVD Fou). Based on the true-life adventures of the first females to perform in the U.S.O., originally released as a motion picture in 1944.

Sergeant York (DVD Ser). Torn between religious pacifism and patriotism, Alvin York of Tennessee became World War I's most acclaimed hero.

Three Coins in the Fountain (DVD Thr). Three American girls look for romance in Rome.

University of Nebraska Cornhuskers (DVD 796.33263 Uni). College football's greatest games in five volumes.

Juvenile

If America Were a Village (J304.6 Smi) by David J. Smith. A book about the people of the United States. Grades 3-6

Bear Feels Scared (E Wil) by Karma Wilson. Bear's animal friends come to his rescue when he becomes lost and frightened in the woods. Grades PreK-2

The Cats of Roxville Station (J Geo) by Jean Craighead George. Thrown into a river by a cruel human, a young cat fights to survive amid feral cats and other creatures, aided by a 14-year-old boy who is forbidden to have pets. Grades 4-6

Chalk and Cheese (E War) by Tim Warnes. A country mouse visits his best friend, a dog, in New York City. Grades K-3

Chicken Dance (E Sau) by Tammi Sauer. Two hens enter the Barnyard Talent Show. Grades PreK-3

Extra Credit (J Cle) by Andrew Clements. Faced with the possibility of having to repeat 6th grade, Abby Carson agrees to an extra credit project involving a pen pal from Afghanistan. Grades 3-6

Incredible Inventions (J811 Hop) by Lee Bennett Hopkins. Sixteen original poems celebrate creative inventions, big and small, from the roller coaster to the crayon. Grades K-3

Just the Right Size: Why Big Animals Are Big and Little Animals Are Little (J591.4 Dav) by Nicola Davies. A fascinating look at creatures, both large and small, that describes the incredible feats they can and cannot do due to their size and special skills. Grades 3-5

The Magical Ms. Plum (J Bec) by Bonny Becker. A group of third graders learn that there is something very special about their teacher and her mysterious supply closet. Grades 3-6

Math Attack (E Hor) by Joan Horton. When arithmetic strain scrambles a student's brain, no one is safe from the numbers that fly out of the child's head. Grades 1-3

Me Hungry! (E Tan) by Jeremy Tankard. A prehistoric boy hunts for food and makes a friend. Grades PreK-2

Sugar Plum Ballerinas: Plum Fantastic (J Gol) by Whoopi Goldberg. An ambitious mother moves to Harlem and pushes her daughter to dance in the Nutcracker School of Ballet. Grades 3-5

A Savage Thunder: Antietam and the Bloody Road to Freedom (J973.7336 Mur) by Jim Murphy. Uses archival photographs, maps, and numerous first-person accounts to recreate one of America's most important Civil War battles. Grades 4-8

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Sioux City Author Visits Library

Meet Kristin Kladstrup

**2 p.m. Saturday, November 14
Morningside Branch Library**

It's Christmas Eve, and Jim and his mother are making pirate gingerbread men to leave for Santa. Jim's favorite, Captain Cookie, is too good to be eaten, so Jim puts him by his bed. When Jim is fast asleep, Captain Cookie slips away on a daring adventure to find his pirate crew and rescue them from the infamous cookie-eater.

At once contemporary and timeless, *The Gingerbread Pirates* is a rousing holiday adventure.



Kladstrup, who grew up in Sioux City, Iowa, now calls Massachusetts home. Crediting her childhood reading habits to her school librarian mother, Kladstrup said that her writing career developed later in life, when "I had a full-time job, a husband, two children, and a lot less time."

Her debut novel, *Book of Story Beginnings*, is a thrilling middle grade story for ages 10-13 that features a ship full of orphaned pirate children, warring royals and magic potions. Kladstrup will sign autographs and take questions on either book; her program is open to all ages. For more information contact Youth Services at 255-2933 x 231. 📖

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