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Iowa Library Services (ILS)/State Library's two library locations, the Main Library in the Miller Building and the Law Library in the State Capitol, have added Iowa Workforce Development's **IowaWORKS Access Points** to all of our public computer workstations. Unemployed Iowans may use IowaWORKS during our regular business hours, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. There is no charge for this service and both live chat and phone assistance is available from IWD staff. ILS/State Library staff is also able to assist patrons with this service. For more information about IowaWORKS visit the website at www.iowaworks.org/.

The purpose of the **All Iowa Reads** program is to encourage Iowans statewide to read and talk about a single title in the same year. The 2012 All Iowa Reads book is *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder. Iowa's libraries of all types will hold book discussions of this book throughout 2012.

Amazon.com says, "In this new book, Kidder gives us the superb story of a hero for our time. *Strength in What Remains* is a wonderfully written, inspiring account of one man's remarkable American journey and of the ordinary people who helped him—a brilliant testament to the power of will and of second chances."

For more information about the 2012 All Iowa Reads program, and this selection, visit www.iowacenterforthebook.org/air. Check with your local public library to participate in programs related to this book.

In 2011, the Census Bureau released data from its 2010 Census that gave us a snapshot of our state and local communities. This release included population, race, Hispanic origin and occupancy data, and was used for redistricting purposes throughout the state.

The Census Bureau also completed another cycle of its American Community Survey. This survey replaced the “long form” found in previous decennial censuses and included data on employment, income, education, poverty, housing values, disability, and health insurance.

All of this data can be found on the **State Data Center’s website** www.iowadatacenter.org/. The site offers users the ability to choose specific geographies, and to create customized reports to meet their individual needs. In addition we provide custom statistical profiles of Iowa communities and special population groups. If you need assistance contact Gary Krob at 515-281-6618, 800-248-4483 or gary.krob@lib.state.ia.us.

ILS/State Library's **Law Library** is located on the second floor of the State Capitol between the House and Senate chambers, right in the middle of all the action! The Law Library is a valuable resource for legal information and, this time of year, that typically means legislative information. Are you confused and overwhelmed trying to navigate the legislature's website? Do you need information about bills (past and present), legislators, lobbyists, the budget process, fiscal information or election laws? The law librarians can help.

Every day we answer a wide range of questions about both state and federal laws, regulations, court rules, court decisions and governments. Every day, we connect state employees and private individuals and organizations with the legal information they need to do their jobs well. Every day, we provide citizens with the legal information that helps them live better lives.

For all your professional or private legal, legislative and judicial information needs, call the Law Library at 515-281-5124 or 800-248-4483, email the staff at law@lib.state.ia.us or visit between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

From famous Iowans like Jim Zabel, Andy Williams and Grant Wood to ordinary Iowa farm girls and prairie farmers, the **Iowa Collection** at the Main Library has intriguing biographies available for check out. Go to <http://library.booksite.com/7168/nl/?list=CNL14> for a brief list of biographies or visit our online catalog <http://iowa.ipac.dynixasp.com/> and search for Iowa names. (Remember Al Bell?!)

State employees may check books out in person or through the catalog by clicking on the *Request Item* button. Or visit the library, located in the Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th and Grand Ave. in Des Moines, during business hours, 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

In celebration of **Black History Month**, the State Data Center has updated the profile *African Americans in Iowa* www.iowadatacenter.org/Publications/aaprofile2012.pdf. This printable brochure contains information about African Americans living in Iowa from the 2010 Census including population, income, poverty, business, jobs, housing and education.

During the month of February, 2012, the Main Library will **exhibit the paintings of Azza Khalafallah**. Her works are acrylic on canvas and her inspiration for this exhibit includes her love affair with vibrant African fabrics and beautiful music. The large, bright paintings are fun and colorful.

For more information and examples of Khalafallah's work go to <http://tinyurl.com/7dff83>.

The Library is located in the Miller Building at the corner of E. 12th St. and Grand Ave. in Des Moines. Our hours are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday. For more information: 800-248-4483, 515-281-4102, or is@lib.state.ia.us.

Other services that ILS/State Library offers to our customers:

- ILS/State Library offers access to a variety of online databases to help you do your job. Research, statistics, reviews, journal and newspaper articles and more are available. Go to www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/services and click on the **Online Resources** tab for a list of links. For assistance using any of these websites go to www.statelibraryofiaowa.org/services/services/askalibrarian for all of our contact information, including a link to live chat.

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