

LibraryOne to maintain access to Collect since it's a familiar platform and would not require the development of new collection forms and processes.

As the contract is yet to be finalized, though, the FY26 Enrich Iowa reports will be delayed. While I'm not able to provide a timeline estimate, I want to assure you that you'll still have a full month to complete and submit the reports as you usually do.

We are also anticipating the upcoming Public Library Annual Survey, which is typically launched in early August, and will keep you updated on the contract's progress and if it will have any impact on the survey.

Iowa Public Information Board Guidance on HF2490

Recently, we reached out to the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) regarding HF2490, the new law that makes changes to Iowa Code Chapters 21 and 22 relating to public meetings and records. We shared some initial information about HF2490 in June's Director Digest and State Library Bulletin.

We've heard your questions about compliance with the new requirements, and after reaching out, IPIB provided some additional information and clarification. We're providing excerpts of language in the law, our questions to IPIB, and their responses below.

HF2490 language regarding posting of the public meeting notice: *"(b) Posting the notice in a prominent and conspicuous place which is annually designated for such purposes by the governmental body, in a manner such that the notice is visible at all times."*

State Library Q: Does this language pertain to the physical notice? If so, please provide clarity on the application.

IPIB Response: "The 'prominent place' language pertains to physical notice. This could be an outdoor bulletin board, but it could also be a notice posted in a window or on a doorway, provided it is visible at all times."

State Library Q: What should a library do if a city designated a location other than the library for notices?

IPIB Response: "The library/city can designate another location, as long as it's prominent and conspicuous and annually designated as the notice location. They do not need to designate more than one physical location for notice."

HF2490 language regarding internet posting of the public meeting notice: *"(c) Posting the notice on the primary internet site owned or maintained and regularly updated by the governmental body or other primary internet presence moderated by the governmental body, if applicable."*

State Library Q: How does a library determine which online presence to post the notice to, especially if they have several options i.e.: library webpage, city webpage, library social media, etc.?

IPIB Response: "The 'website owned or maintained and regularly updated by the governmental body or other internet presence moderated by the governmental body...' language means:

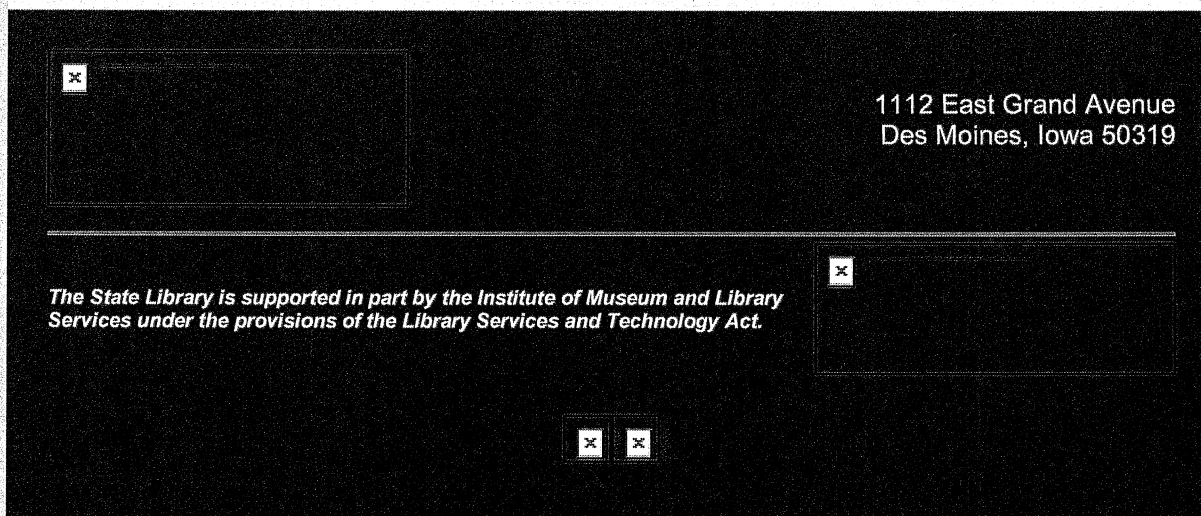
- First, the website or profile must be owned and moderated by the governmental body. For example, if the Friends of the Library maintain a Facebook page or

website, that page would not satisfy the requirement because it is not owned or moderated by the governmental body.

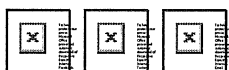
- Second, the "if applicable" language means that if no such website or internet presence exists, the governmental body is not required to create one solely for the purpose of posting notice.
- Third, I understand new subsection (c) to mean that the governmental body should post notice on each website or internet presence that it owns or maintains and regularly updates. If there are three locations that meet that definition, I would post the notice in all three. If there is only one internet location that meets that definition, then I believe posting in that one location is sufficient. Although the new requirement to annually designate the physical notice location does not require the governmental body to similarly designate an internet posting location, I would recommend doing so as a best practice."

Finally, the State Library is an IPIB-approved provider for training on Iowa's open meetings and records laws required to be completed by newly appointed board members. The State Library will update the self-paced "Open Meetings, Open Records: Compliance is the Law" course in Workday Learning to incorporate the new requirements.

This information will also be added to the Library Boards webpage on the State Library website.



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