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ILLINOIS CENTER FOR THE BOOK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

Gwendolyn Brooks Building, Room 207

300 South Second Street

Springfield, IL 62701

Thursday, April 18, 2016 - 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

Also held by videoconference at these locations:

Chicago Public Library

IHLS-Champaign

IHLS-DuQuoin

SIU-Carbondale

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Karen Danczak Lyons, at CPL

Peggy Montes, at CPL

Bill Seiden, at CPL

Michael Tyler, at CPL

Joanna Beth Tweedy, at SIU-C

Anne Craig, at ISL

Carrie Sheridan, at ISL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Tom Jones and Ray Elliott

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Bonnie Matheis, Cyndy Colletti, Debra Aggertt, Jeanne Urbanek, Kathleen Bloomberg, Suzanne Schriar, Jill Heffernan

OTHERS PRESENT

Dave Joens

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Danczak Lyons called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

Bill Seiden made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting from the October 22, 2015 meeting. Peggy Montes seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Illinois State Library Director, Anne Craig began her report with the news that Bonnie Matheis, Coordinator of the Illinois Center for the Book, was named the Secretary of State Employee of the Month for January, 2016. In addition, Karen Egan, another State Library employee has been named the Secretary of State Employee of the Year for 2015. Anne is very proud of the State Library staff.

Ms. Craig informed the members that Cyndy Colletti will be retiring at the end of the month, and her replacement will be Debra Aggertt.

The State Library has been informed that it is the recipient of a 21st Century Laura Bush grant from IMLS. We applied for, and were awarded just over \$500,000 for a project entitled "Targeting Autism". Ms. Suzanne Schriar will speak more to this grant later in the meeting. The State Library is one of only 20 other institutions in the nation to receive a grant this year.

In December, the State Library received some state appropriations for a few of the grant programs through the signing of Public Act 99491. To date, about half of our customary funding has been received. Regardless of that, programming will continue into FY17.

In August, the State Library was approved as a service hub for the Digital Public Library of America. Together with our partners, the State Library will be the service hub for all digital content in Illinois. A Board is currently being established for this initiative and the actual work on the grant will start in the upcoming months.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Matheis reported on the following Illinois Center for the Book programs and activities:

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Family Reading Night

Last year's Family Reading Night took place on November 19th. The theme was Camp out with a good book!

This year's theme is *Read for the Win!* The date will be November 17, 2016. This year we partnered with ILA and their graphic artists created the poster and bookmark from the iREAD Summer Reading theme. The idea of this partnership was to extend the iREAD Summer Reading program through Family Reading Night. See Appendices B & C for the new bookmark and poster. Normally, by this time we would have our posters and bookmarks ordered, but with the state budget impasse, we may not be able to print or mail the posters and bookmarks. There is a note on the webpage to inform visitors of this and will be updated as appropriate. If we are not able to print the materials, they will be made downloadable from our website.

Illinois Authors Wiki

We continue to maintain and add records daily. There were 3,659 author profiles in the Wiki at the end of 2015.

Illinois Emerging Writers Competition

Due to the state budget impasse, the 2015 awards ceremony was held on March 3, 2016 vs in November 2015. Blue Stem, a new publishing partner for 2015, has already responded about publishing the 2015 first place poem in their journal.

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The 2016 competition is underway. Due to the state budget impasse, all information about the competition has been emailed vs being printed and sent via US Post and, regardless of the state budget impasse, the 2016 awards ceremony will take place in November and checks will be issued when funding becomes available.

Thankful responses from entrants who requested judge's feedback was shared. Updates and feedback from the 2014 and 2015 winners was also shared.

Illinois Literary Heritage Award

On Friday, March 11th Caren Zucker and John Donovan, authors of *In a Different Key: The Story of Autism* were featured speakers at the Targeting Autism Forum. Caren Zucker is a Peabody Award-winning television news journalist, a 35 year veteran of ABC News, and producer and co-writer of the PBS Series *Autism Now*. John Donovan is a three time Emmy Award-winning correspondent for ABC News and host/moderator of the Intelligence Squared US Debates heard on public radio. In addition to anchoring ABC's Nightline, he has also served as chief White House Correspondent and held multiyear postings in London, Moscow, Jerusalem and Jordan. He is also a recipient of the Overseas Press Club Award.

Both authors were presented with the Illinois Literary Heritage Award by Director Craig for their lifetime of remarkable journalistic achievements and their 7 year collaboration on writing the New York Times bestseller – *In a Different Key: The Story of Autism*, a groundbreaking and deeply moving scientific and social history of autism.

Ms. Schriar, the Targeting Autism Project Director, reported on the wonderful contribution the two authors made to the Targeting Autism Forum in March. The upcoming grant will allow for a comprehensive training and education program that will train incoming librarians how to work Autistic patrons who come into their library. As of now, 1 in 45 people are on the Autism Spectrum. The training will be incorporated into their course curriculum at Dominican University. Follow up training will be done by site visits and phone calls. It's a train the trainer program assisted by our project partners, Dominican University and Syracuse University. In this grant, they will be creating clusters of training modules for librarians and teachers. Everything that happens within this grant will be available throughout the nation.

Ms. Matheis read a thank you email from Caren Zucker.

Read for a Lifetime

Ms. Urbanek reported that completion forms were due last Friday. 555 students and adults have completed the program. We added 4 more students to our "100 Titles Club". There are 24 seniors who have participated in the program all 4 years. The new list for the upcoming school year is out and it has been extremely well received.

CENTER FOR THE BOOK LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Affiliation Renewal

December 31, 2015 marked the end of our three-year affiliation with the Library of Congress. To renew our affiliation, Ms. Matheis submitted appendices D and E – the re-affiliation cover letter and the program review from 2013 – 2015. Appendix F is a copy of the renewal acceptance letter from John Y. Cole, the Director of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress.

Letters About Literature

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With 5,306 entries, the Illinois Center for the Book was the highest participating state in the competition for the ninth year in a row. Due to the state budget impasse, we were not able to send the physical mailer to the schools from the State Board of Ed and our comprehensive list as we have been in the past. All information was sent via email. While we were down about 1500 entries because of this, we were still #1.

This year's entries have been judged, the winners have been contacted and their award letters sent. The winners are from Galena and the Chicago suburbs. The award ceremony will be held at the Illinois State Library on May 5th. Certificates will be sent via e-mail to the students who are Finalists and Semi-Finalists in the competition. Ms. Matheis thanked Advisory Committee Member, Michael Tyler and State Library staff, Jill Heffernan and Jeanne Urbanek for their help with the program.

States Idea Exchange

This annual meeting of the State Center Affiliates is scheduled for April 25 & 26. With the state budget impasse and travel to the Library of Congress not being paid in full, Ms. Matheis will not be able to attend this year. Each year, the State Center Affiliates submit their Activity Highlights for the past year. The Illinois Activity Highlights are listed on Appendix G.

PARTNERSHIPS

American Library Association – United for Libraries Literary Landmarks

Ms. Matheis has contacted the Lincoln Home National Historic Site and they have signed on to partner in a Literary Landmark for the State Bicentennial in 2018. They host the George L. Painter Looking for Lincoln Lectures and we can make the presentation along with that.

Mr. Dave Joens, Director of the Illinois State Archives and 2018 Illinois Bicentennial Commission spoke about the anniversary of the statehood. He spoke about what has been done in the past and what other states have done have for their Bicentennials. While a commission was formed in 2014, it hasn't met yet. The State Day is actually December 2nd and we're less than 2 years out. Regardless of what the State contribution is, the festivities will come down to the grass roots level and the Illinois State Archives and the Illinois State Library are partnering to host programs by the Secretary of State's office. The Literary Landmark, maps, a teaching packet, newsletter articles that highlight and explain state history, and other displays are being discussed.

Illinois Library Association

We partnered with the Illinois Library Association and their artists for this year's Family Reading Night poster and bookmark. This partnership extends the IREAD/Summer Reading theme through the Fall to Family Reading Night.

Last year, we worked with the Illinois Library Association and the Illinois Reading Council to offer the ILLINOIS READS Illinois Author Showcase at the Association's annual conference October 18 – 20.

Illinois Reading Council

The Secretary of State is the honorary chair of the ILLINOIS READS. This program highlights 36 Illinois authors/illustrators with six different authors at six different reading levels from birth through adult. The program launch took place on April 2 in Mt. Sterling. See Appendix H for a list of the 2016 ILLINOIS READS authors, titles and more information about the program launch. Ms. Carrie Sheridan, the Director of the Illinois Reading Council, spoke about the launch. She stated that 16 of the 36 authors were at the launch and that representatives from 14 area counties participated. The Illinois Reading Council has

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4000 members and 32 chapters. Their annual conference will take place September 29 – October 1 and ILLINOIS READS authors will serve on different panels.

Ms. Matheis also noted that the Illinois Reading Council has also been very generous to provide table space to distribute Family Reading Night posters and bookmarks.

Book Donations

Ms. Matheis spoke about Robert Shaw, Michael Burlingame and the Abraham Lincoln Association donation of the books:

- *Abraham Lincoln Traveled This Way – The America Lincoln Knew*
- *A Day Long To be Remembered – Lincoln in Gettysburg*

Robert Shaw, an Illinois photographer, has also donated other books to be distributed to Illinois libraries in the past.

Ms. Kathleen Bloomberg, the Illinois State Library Associate Director for Library Operations, reported that there are two other items that have been donated to be sent to 810 Illinois public and academic libraries via the Illinois Library Delivery Service along with the Lincoln books. These items are:

- Book – *They Call Heroes Mister: The Jesse White Story*
- DVD – *Project 231: 2 Boxcars. 3 Blocks. 1 City. The Story of Elgin's African-American Heritage*

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

As a staff member of the Illinois State Library, Library Development Group, Ms. Matheis attends other library meetings and is involved in other library programs. Since our last meeting, she has attended two Illinois State Library Advisory Committee Meetings, one Reaching Across Illinois Library System Meeting, three Illinois Bicentennial Meetings and was involved in the Targeting Autism meetings as the liaison for John Donovan and Caren Zucker and their representatives for the March 10 and 11 Forum.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Craig mentioned that our colleague and fellow committee member Tom Jones, has asked that Anne relay that he has really enjoyed receiving cards and emails during his convalescence. If you would like his address, please let Bonnie know.

No other public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Montes moved to adjourn. Mr. Seiden seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next Illinois Center for the Book meeting will be held via videoconference this Fall on a date to be determined later.