THIS WEEK AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
July 1, 2016

Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian
Greg McCormick, Acting Deputy Director

Independence Day Closing
The State Library will be closed Monday, July 4, for the Fourth of July holiday. The library will resume normal business hours Tuesday, July 5.

International Librarians Visit State Library
The State Library hosted 21 librarians from China on June 24, as part of the 2016 Chinese Librarians Scholarly Exchange Program. The exchange program is a partnership between the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Chinese academic libraries. Participants in the exchange program visit libraries in the United States and learn about American culture. During the visit to Springfield, Taran Ley of the Reference staff explained the Little Free Library initiative; Karen Egan of the Library Development Group reviewed the state and federal library grant programs; and Sandra Fritz discussed the State Library's digital imaging programs including the Illinois Digital Archive and the Digital Public Library of America. Ms. Lanfang Yang of the Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics Library presented the State Library with a Chinese scroll that is on display in Rooms 403-404. The visit was coordinated by the Illinois Fire Service Institute at the University of Illinois.

Project Outcome Celebrates One Year
In just 12 months, Project Outcome has seen hundreds of public libraries of all sizes distribute and collect almost 15,000 patron responses to the Project Outcome surveys. The follow-up surveys will be available across six services areas and are designed to capture patron-reported behavior changes after a period of time has passed. Currently, 83 Illinois public libraries are participating in Project Outcome.

On July 14, at 1 p.m., Project Outcome will present a webinar introducing its regional training package. This special training opportunity brings an expert Project Outcome trainer to your region to facilitate training using Project Outcome tools. Register for the virtual training session here.

FY16 Public Library Per Capita Award Money Distributed
The Illinois Comptrollers' Office has begun issuing the FY16 Public Library Per Capita award checks. Several libraries have reported that they received their grant payment, some as early as last week. Since all checks are not usually issued on the same day, please be patient. If you have any questions, call the Library Development Group at 1-800-665-5576 Ext. 2.

Check Out Great Continuing Education Events for July
The Wyoming State Library Training Calendar is a wonderful tool for finding continuing education events and webinars sponsored by the American Library Association, United for Libraries, "Library Journal" and many other organizations. Thanks to the team at Wyoming State Library for sharing this great resource.

Updated WebJunction Content and Upcoming Webinar
Create a free WebJunction learner account today to find a wide range of training topics including customer service, library management and programming through WebJunction. Attendees earn completion certificates for finishing each class. WebJunction's free e-newsletter, Crossroads, highlights upcoming webinars and new course content. Subscribe today and be part of the online learning

community.

New highlighted content from WebJunction for public libraries includes:

- [Bringing Libraries, Literacy to Refugee Children in Turkey:](#) Learn about the efforts of the organization One Refugee Child as they look to support literacy efforts with refugee children in Turkey and beyond through Project Bright Future: Libraries.
- [33 New Webinars in the WebJunction Catalog](#): These webinars cover topics including advocacy, programming, technology, youth services and more. The archive includes **215 webinars** produced by WebJunction or by one of its content collaborators including TechSoup, Infopeople and the Nebraska Library Commission. With each viewed course or webinar, you will earn a certificate of completion.

Upcoming WebJunction webinars:

- [Before Bilingual Storytime: The Outreach Bridge to Engaging Latino and Spanish-speaking Families](#), **Thursday, July 7, 2016, at 2 p.m.**
- [Coding for Everyone: How Your Library Can Help Anyone Learn to Code](#), **Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 2 p.m.**

Can't attend a live session? All webinars are archived and included in the [WebJunction course catalog](#).

Illinois Department of Employment Service Update

Libraries offer front-line resources and assistance to patrons who need to apply for unemployment insurance. Here is updated information and a marketing flier from the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) that can be used to promote this service with library patrons.

Registration for work with the Illinois Employment Service is a general requirement for an individual to be eligible for Unemployment Insurance benefits. An individual who files a new Unemployment Insurance claim on or after July 17, 2016, and is subject to the registration requirement, must complete registration by logging on to www.IllinoisJobLink.com. Benefits will not be paid until registration is complete. An individual's responses to questions on the application for Unemployment Insurance benefits will determine whether or not registration is required.

Registering for Employment Services will help connect Unemployment Insurance claimants with thousands of available jobs posted by employers ranging from entry level jobs to positions requiring an advanced degree. Registration also enables employers to find job seekers with skills that are in demand.

For questions about the Employment Service Registration Requirement, please see the Department's [FAQs](#) at www.ides.illinois.gov.

[Employment Service Registration Requirement Reminder - flier](#)

Internet Librarian Conference Discount for ILLINET Members

Information Today, Inc is offering a discount to ILLINET member librarians to attend the Internet Librarian 2016 Conference. The special rate is $379 for the 3-day event (regular rate is $549). In addition, there is discount price of $109 (regularly $219) on the Internet@Schools Track. No discount rates are available for the preconference workshops.

The Internet Librarian Conference will be held **October 17-19** at the Monterey Marriott in Monterey, California. Information about this conference is located at: http://internet-librarian.infotoday.com/2016/

The deadline to receive the discount for the conference is **September 16, 2016.** To register, go to: https://secure.infotoday.com/RegForms/internetlibrarian/?Priority=ILLI16. For additional information about the discount, contact [Jill Heffernan](#) at 217-557-7259.

Illinois Reads Author Spotlight

Illinois native, David Ellis, is a lawyer who writes award-winning legal thrillers. He was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court in 2014 and won the Edgar Allan Poe Award for his first novel, "Line of Vision" in 2002. Ellis has written 12 novels, four of which were co-written with author James Patterson. The first book of his Jason Kolarich series, "The Hidden Man," was nominated for several awards, received a starred review from Publisher's Weekly and is a 2016 "Illinois Reads" selection for adults.

To learn more about Mr. Ellis, visit his author profile in the Illinois Authors Wiki, a project of the State Library's Illinois Center for the Book. Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White is the honorary chair of "Illinois Reads," a program of the Illinois Reading Council.

Literacy Spotlight

This week's Literacy Spotlight highlights **Literacy Volunteers of Illinois** in Chicago. A young man came to Literacy Volunteers of Illinois to improve his reading skills. The learner had been incarcerated most of his adult life and never attended school regularly. He realized that he needed help to turn his life around, and a tutoring program was the best way to improve his reading skills. The learner was very eager to be involved in the program and asked for an intensive tutoring schedule and extra homework. Within three months, his reading skills improved rapidly and he gained confidence and self esteem. With the help of a tutor, the learner was able to fill out job applications and the paper work involved with opening a bank account. The staff at Literacy Volunteers of Illinois helped the learner get his life back on track and will continue to help him improve his life.

GovDocInfo

Everyone enjoys fireworks, especially during the festive Fourth of July season. No matter how much fun they are, consumers need to be aware of how dangerous fireworks can be. Prevent firework related injuries by following these safety tips.

Illinois Digital Archives

On June 27, 1985, Route 66 was removed from the Federal Highway System. Started in 1926, Route 66 was important in migration patterns, supporting war efforts and enabling people to travel to California and to look for jobs during the Great Depression. The 1928 Illinois Highway Map clearly shows the fabled highway.

Additional state highway maps are included as part of the Illinois State Highway Maps collection.

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State Library's Comprehensive Online Calendar

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http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/calendar/home.html.