

## **THIS WEEK AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY**

### **July 22, 2016**

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

#### **FY14 School District Library Grant Expenditure Report Statistics**

The FY14 School District Library Grant Expenditure Reports have been tabulated. The grants are awarded annually by Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White to eligible public school districts. The reports show that the school libraries spent 68 percent of their grant funds on library materials. Specifically, 44 percent of the funds were used for print and non print materials and 24 percent for databases, e-books and e-serials. The remaining funds were spent on supplies, automation, staff development and programs personnel services and equipment. FY15 Expenditure Reports are due October 15, 2016 and must be submitted electronically to [School-grant@ilsos.net](mailto:School-grant@ilsos.net). Please refer to upcoming E-News articles and the School District Library Grant Program [Web page](#) for further updates.

#### **Illinoisan Confirmed as Librarian of Congress**

On July 16, the Senate approved the nomination of Dr. Carla Hayden to serve as the nation's 14th Librarian of Congress. Dr. Hayden, director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland, is the first female and the first African-American to lead the Library of Congress. She also is the first professional librarian to be confirmed in more than 60 years. While in Illinois, Dr. Hayden's Illinois library service included Deputy Commissioner and Chief Librarian of the Chicago Public Library. Congratulations to our very own Dr. Hayden on her confirmation!

#### **IMLS Launches Community Catalyst Initiative**

A new initiative of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will help libraries and museums develop a deeper understanding of their role as instruments of community stability and enablers of positive community change. Through the Community Catalyst Initiative, IMLS will gather input from the library, museum and community revitalization fields to develop frameworks, tools and resources to support staff skill-building needed to help transform the connections libraries and museums have with their communities.

The project cooperator is [Reinvestment Fund](#), a community development financial institution that uses data, policy and strategic investments to improve the quality of low-income neighborhoods. The cooperator will receive assistance from the University of [Pennsylvania's Social Impact of the Arts Project](#). IMLS is also partnering with the [William Penn Foundation](#) in this effort.

Institutions with questions about the Community Catalyst Initiative should contact [Dr. Marvin Carr](#) at (202) 653-4752.

#### **Illinois Reads Author Spotlight**

Sisters [Kate](#) and [Sarah Klise](#) were born and raised in Peoria. They started creating books together many years ago in their bedroom. Kate wrote the words and Sarah drew the pictures. Today, they have published over 20 award-winning middle grade books known for their jokes, wordplay and bold graphics. Their Three-Ring Rascal series lets readers join Sir Sydney's Circus and offers a teacher's guide and activities. The first book in the series, "The Show Must Go On!," is a 2016 "Illinois Reads" [selection](#) for children grades 3-5.

To learn more about [Kate](#) and [Sarah](#), visit their author profiles 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 **South Suburban College, Business & Career Institute (BCI)** in Oak Forest which runs a Secretary of State supported Workplace Skills Enhancement Program. Sterling Lumber Company in Phoenix is a company that manufactures and delivers more than 300 industrial products to construction job sites. The company's employees utilized the services offered by BCI. The students enjoy the classes and have fun while learning. Several English as a Second Language graduates have been promoted to positions that require more communication about safe practices to fellow workers. The newly promoted employees now hold regular safety meetings with their teams. Communicating in both English and Spanish is critical in relaying the safety messages. The workplace training program from the Business & Career Institute has contributed to the safest year in the history of the Sterling Lumber Company.

### **GovDocInfo**

On July 20, 1969, two U.S. astronauts, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, landed lunar Module "Eagle" at 4:17 p.m. EDT, and remained on the lunar surface for 21 hours, 36 minutes and 16 seconds. The landing was made from the Apollo XI's orbiting command module, code-named "Columbia," piloted by Michael Collins who remained on board. Armstrong and Aldrin were outside of the spacecraft, walking on the moon's surface for almost three hours. The astronauts returned to Earth July 24, bringing back photographs and rock samples. To learn more about the events surrounding the landing mission, visit the NASA [website](#).

### **Illinois Digital Archives**

This week we highlight a series of [videos](#) featuring noted Illinois poets reading from their work along with an interview of Larry Lieberman, Illinois poet and professor, conducted by Illinois artist Fred Jones. The poets featured are James Ballowe, Dave Etter, John Knoepfle, Lisel Mueller, Forrest Robinson and current Illinois Poet Laureate, Kevin Stein.

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