

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

### **July 29, 2016**

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

#### **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=ILL16>. For additional information about the discount, contact [Jill Heffernan](#) at 217-557-7259.

#### **Publications for the 2017 Elections Available**

Publications for the 2017 Elections are now available on the State Board of Elections [website](#). These publications include the [2017 Election and Campaign Finance Calendar](#), the [2017 Candidate's Guide](#), the [2017 Local Election Officials Handbook](#) and the [2017 Township Caucus Guide](#).

The [publications](#) cover the election dates, the nomination processes, ballot certification, election administration, vacancies, early voting, public questions, lottery procedures and forms. If you have any questions regarding any of these publications, please call the State Board of Elections at 217-782-4141.

#### **Check Out Great Continuing Education Events for August**

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.

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

[Rachel DeWoskin](#) teaches fiction at the University of Chicago and divides her time between Chicago and Beijing. She has written award-winning books and poems, essays and articles for various magazines, anthologies and journals. "Blind," her first novel for young adults, has been called "one of those rare books that utterly absorbs the reader into the life and experience of another." It has received a starred review from Kirkus, is a Library Guild Selection and a 2016 "Illinois Reads" [selection](#) for children grades 6-8.

To learn more about Rachel, visit her [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 **Howard Area Community Center** in Chicago. A resident of the Rogers Park neighborhood in Chicago came into the center to volunteer in the food pantry, but ended up enrolling in a program to obtain her GED. The learner had received a high school degree in her native country, but was unable to transfer that degree to the United States. She enrolled in the adult volunteer literacy program and her tutor assisted her with improving her literacy and math skills.

After only six months of participation, the learner passed the GED test and the Illinois U.S. Constitution test. She was subsequently inducted into the National Adult Education Honor Society for being among the most dedicated students in the program. Howard Area Community Center selected her for an academic scholarship to help support her post-secondary education.

### **GovDocInfo**

On July 26, 1944, during World War II the U.S. Army ordered desegregation of its training camp facilities. Later the same year black platoons were assigned to white companies in a step toward integration of the battlefield. However, it was not until after the war, July 26, 1948, that President Harry Truman signed an executive order officially integrating the armed forces. To view the text of executive order 9981 and other documents surrounding the integration of the armed forces visit the National Archives [website](#).

### **Illinois Digital Archives**

This week, the [Illinois Digital Archives](#) highlights a collection of [World War II posters](#) provided by the State Library. The collection contains posters issued by various United States government agencies from the beginning of the war through 1945.

### **Sign up for E-News**

E-News is the best way to find out what's happening at the State Library, including grant offerings, continuing education opportunities and other news. Nearly 5,000 subscribers receive E-News every Friday. To subscribe, visit

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### **State Library's Comprehensive Online Calendar**

To view the State Library's calendar of events and deadlines, visit

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