

THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

December 12, 2016

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

Happy Holidays!

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the State Library staff wish you and yours a very happy holiday season! The State Library will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26, and again on Monday, Jan. 2.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

Congratulations to three staff members on their next steps beyond the State Library. Kathleen Bloomberg, director of library operations, is retiring at the end of the month. Kathy has dedicated more than 32 years of service to the Secretary of State's office and State Library. Vicky Mathews, interlibrary loan assistant in library operations, is also retiring then. Vicky has dedicated more than 39 years of service to the State Library. Taran Ley, reference outreach coordinator in library operations, has accepted a new position as director of the Southern Illinois University Medical School Library. Taran will begin this new adventure in January. She has been with the State Library more than five years. Congratulations and best wishes to them.

Using CONTENTdm APIs to Customize Your Site

Andrew Bullen, of the State Library, has created a website called "[A Cookbook of Methods for Using CONTENTdm APIs](https://www.oclc.org/support/services/contentdm.en.html)," which gives program examples of how to use the CONTENTdm Application Programming Interface (APIs) to customize the look of your image collection. A one hour presentation will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 2 p.m. to discuss the API Cookbook and show how to use PHP and Perl code to harness the power of the CONTENTdm APIs. To register, go to <https://www.oclc.org/support/services/contentdm.en.html>.

Annual Online Library System Certification Begins Jan. 3

The annual [online certification](#) process begins **Jan. 3, 2017**. The annual certification process is required of all library system members in order to qualify for continuing system services and grant programs from the Illinois State Library. The window for certification will close **March 31, 2017**.

Libraries are required to complete the [ILL ILLINET Traffic Survey](#) before completing certification. The ILL ILLINET Traffic Survey can be completed any time prior to the certification deadline, **March 31**.

More information about certification is available at the State Library's [Annual Library Certification](#) Web page. The page includes a link to the data and questions included in the certification form, a link to the online certification portal (accessible from **Jan. 3–March 31**), [FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#), a [pre-recorded webinar](#) that reviews the annual certification process and a document outlining [Library Data Entry Guidelines](#) to use in completing the certification form.

Logging in to the certification portal requires the agency's Control Number and the main administrative branch number. These numbers can be obtained by searching the library agency's record on [L2](#). For more information on the certification process, contact [Pat Boze](#).

FY18 Adult Literacy Grant Applications and Information Presentations

The State Library will offer online presentations to prospective literacy grant applicants for FY18.

Grant information sessions, which review the application and program requirements, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017.

- Adult Volunteer Literacy – 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., register at: <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=24008>
- Workplace Skills Enhancement – 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., register at: <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=24010>
- Penny Severns Family Literacy – 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., register at: <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=24011>

All grant applications will be due Wednesday, **March 15, 2017**. For more information or questions about these literacy grant offerings, contact the State Library at 217-785-6921.

“Western Illinois Portfolio” Added to Illinois Artwork Collection

Through the generosity of Fred Jones, artist and professor emeritus at Western Illinois University, 26 framed and matted prints entitled “Western Illinois Portfolio” have been added to the permanent collection at the State Library. The collection includes art and poems by artists and poets who reside in the western Illinois area. Artists represented are Bob Evans, Arthur Geisert, Fred Jones and Terry Newell. Poets include James Ballowe, Archive Laun, John Mann and Forrest Robinson.

The artwork is on permanent display in Room 207. The room also includes “Illinois Portfolio,” a framed set of visual images and poetry by six artists and six poets. Mr. Jones previously donated “Illinois Portfolio” to the State Library. Mr. Jones’s “Winter Triptych, 91,” was chosen in 1990 as part of the “Portrait of Illinois” permanent collection of the library and is on display on the first floor.

The Illinois State Library greatly appreciates the generosity of Mr. Jones.

Internet Librarian Conference Discount for ILLINET Members

Once again, Information Today, Inc. is offering a discount for ILLINET member librarians to attend the Computers in Libraries (CIL) 2017 Conference. The full three day pass will be \$329 (regular rate is \$549). In addition, discount prices of \$599 (regularly \$749) on the Library Leaders Summit (includes all three days of CIL) and \$119 (regularly \$209) on the Internet@Schools Track are also available.

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, VA on March 28-30, 2017. Additional information about this conference is located at: <http://computersinlibraries.infoday.com/2017/>

Registration is located at: <https://secure.infoday.com/RegForms/ComputersInLibraries/?Priority=ILL17>. You must register by **February 24, 2017** in order to receive the discount.

For additional information about the discount, feel free to contact [Jill Heffernan](#) at 217-557-7259.

FY17 Live & Learn Construction Grant

Applications for the FY17 Live & Learn Construction Grant Program are due **Jan. 13, 2017**. Information about the State Library’s public library construction grant program is available on the State Library’s [website](#).

A recorded grant information webinar conducted by State Library staff that provides an overview of the Live & Learn Construction Grant Program is available on the program’s [Web page](#). Details discussed include eligibility requirements, grant categories, rules and regulations governing the program, application procedures, required supporting documentation, grant submission instructions and review procedures.

For more information, please contact [Mark Shaffer](#), [Pat Boze](#) or [Jay O'Dell](#).

Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant Applications Due Jan. 15

The FY17 Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant application and FY15 Expenditure Report forms are now available at

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/plpc_equalization.html

Instructions for completing the grant application are available

at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/grant-pdf-instructions.html>

Please contact [Jeanne Urbanek](#) if you have any questions.

Literacy Spotlight

This month's Literacy Spotlight highlights **Oakton Community College** in Skokie. A learner came to the college to improve her English skills in order to help her daughter with homework and interact with the teachers and parents at school. The learner went to the local library to check out English as a Second Language books and saw a brochure about Oakton's literacy program. After having a difficult time teaching herself English, the learner knew she need help to achieve her goals. The college matched her up with a tutor and the two began to meet twice a week. With the help of a tutor, the learner is now able to engage with her daughter's school work. The learner has improved her reading and conversational skills and now participates at her daughter's school as a "mystery reader" and PTA member.

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The holidays are a great opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends, celebrate life, to be grateful and reflect on what's important. They are also a time to appreciate the gift of health. Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [website](#) for holiday tips to support your efforts for health and safety this season.

Sign up for E-News

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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>.