

THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

March 13, 2017

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

Reminder–Complete Certification and the ILL Traffic Survey by March 31

Over 80 percent of libraries have completed certification. The deadline for the [online certification](#) process is fast approaching and will end on **March 31, 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.

Libraries are also required to complete the [ILL ILLINET Traffic Survey](#) by **March 31, 2017**.

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](#).

Project Next Generation Grant Applications Due March 31

The FY18 Project Next Generation (PNG) Program grant application instructions and program information are now available [online](#). Applications are being accepted from public libraries that are full members in an Illinois library system. The deadline to submit is **March 31, 2017**.

For questions concerning this grant offering, contact [Vandella Brown](#) at 217-785-9075 or [Karen Egan](#) at 217- 782-7749.

Terracotta Army of Qin Shihuang Exhibition Lecture

On Thursday, May 4th at noon, Dr. Michael Wiant will present a lecture on The Terracotta Army of Qin Shihuang. Dr. Wiant is the Interim Director of the Illinois State Museum. In 1982, Dr. Wiant viewed the archaeological discovery of the Terracotta Army and acquired rare slides that illustrate remarkable cultural treasures. The presentation shows larger-than-life size, terracotta warriors uncovered in 1974 near Xi'an China. Slides reveal an enormous burial vault of 7,000 warriors, chariots and horses, as a sheer testimony to the power of China's first emperor and the resources of his dynasty.

The "China's First Emperor and His Terracotta Warriors" was a featured exhibit at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago March 2016 to January 2017.

The event will be held at the State Library in room 403 and is free and open to the public.

Directors University in Springfield

The first annual "[Directors University](#)" will be held **June 5-8, 2017**. This week of workshops is intended for first time public library directors from all sizes of public libraries. The workshops will train public library directors with both administrative and leadership skills.

Lodging will be made available at the State House Inn, 101 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL. All workshops will be held at the State Library. Participants are required to attend all workshops. Topics for the week will include library law, policies, budgeting, board/director relations, leadership, community partnerships, employment laws, Illinois State Library and system competencies.

The registration fee for the week is \$100, and each participant will be responsible for their own travel expenses. Program materials, lodging and meals will be secured with sponsorships. Fifty participants will

be selected to attend with the intent of maintaining both geographic distribution and variation in library size. [Applications](#) will be accepted through the [Illinois Library Association](#) until 5 p.m. on **March 27, 2017**. Attendees will be notified of their selection in early April.

Contact RAILS, IHLS and Directors University Co-chairs with questions and concerns: [Betsy Adamowski](#), director, Wheaton Public Library, 630-668-1374; [Kathy Parker](#), director, Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District, 708-758-0090. Note that previous SPLMI graduates are not eligible to apply.

“Illinois Reads” Author Spotlights

Each of the highlighted authors has published a book that has been selected to be on the 2017 “Illinois Reads” [book list](#) for grades K-2.

Patrick McBriarty is a writer and creative producer based in Chicago. After discovering an interest for Chicago’s bridges, McBriarty created the PTM Werks book series for children that consist of non-fiction books, filled with whimsical animal characters to deliver entertaining, engaging and educational stories to reveal how things work. His first book in the series, “Drawbridges Open and Close,” is a great way to introduce STEM/STEAM subjects to young readers.

Lisa Maggiore is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and the University of Chicago. As a native Chicagoan, she was a social worker for 20 years with ten of those years in the Chicago Public School System. Since then, she has used her social work career to help form many of the stories she writes about today. Her children’s picture book, “Ava the Monster Slayer: A Warrior Who Wears Glasses,” is about a little girl who overcomes her fear of the dark.

Award winning author, Andrea Beaty was born in Benton and currently resides in Naperville. A favorite author and classroom speaker among students and teachers alike, she received the Illinois Reading Council’s Prairie State Award for Excellence in Children’s Writing in 2014. Her picture book, “Ada Twist, Scientist,” is inspired by Ada Lovelace and Marie Curie. It integrates diversity and girls in science and was an instant #1 “New York Times” Bestseller.

To learn more about Patrick, Lisa or Andrea, visit their author profiles in the [Illinois Authors Wiki](#), a project of the State Library’s [Illinois Center for the Book](#).

Literacy Spotlight

This month’s Literacy Spotlight highlights **De La Salle Institute** in Chicago, which runs a Secretary of State supported Penny Severns Family Literacy Program. At the age of 25, a woman and her young son came to the De La Salle Institute with hopes of obtaining a high school diploma and later attending college. The learner grew up in rural poverty and she dropped out of school after 8th grade. She wanted a better life for her son so she enrolled in the Penny Severns Family Literacy program at De La Salle Institute. After being paired with a tutor, the learner was able to read her first novel. The learner began using library museum passes to take her son on outings, and brought him to the library outside of program visits. Her self-confidence increased along with her basic skills. She became a more active class participant and other students looked to her for assistance. The learner was soon leading class discussions and helping fellow students in the computer lab. Due to the De La Salle Institute, the learner is well on her way to a high school diploma and still hoping to attend college.

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Women’s History had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Pub. L. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week.” In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women’s History Project, Congress passed Pub. L. 100-9 which designated the month of March 1987 as “Women’s History Month.” Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women’s History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton,

Bush, Obama and Trump have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as “Women’s History Month.” Visit the Library of Congress [website](#) to view Women’s History Month exhibits, collections, audio, video and a calendar of events.

During March a display in the Illinois Authors Room at the State Library features materials and resources in recognition of Women’s History Month. The display features artifacts and books highlighting women in entertainment and films.

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>.

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