

## INFORM January 2016

**Illinois State Library**  
**Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian**  
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### Happy New Year

We don't know what your resolutions are for 2016, but we think reading MORE should be one of them. Whether you want to get into shape, get on a budget, get along with your family or get your life organized, the State Library has a book for you. Check out these popular titles and may all your resolutions come true.

- Phillips, M.D. Holly. [The Exhaustion Breakthrough – Unmask the Hidden Reasons You're Tired and Beat Fatigue for Good](#). Emmaus, Pennsylvania: Rodale, 2015.
- Ramsey, Dave et al. [Smart Money Smart Kids – Raising the Next Generation to Win with Money](#). Brentwood, Tennessee: Lampo Press, 2014.
- McCraith, Sheila. [Yell Less – Love More: How the Orange Rhino Mom Stopped Yelling at Her Kids and How You Can Too!](#) Beverly, MA: Fair Winds Press, 2014.
- Smallin, Donna. [Clear the Clutter, Find Happiness: One-Minute Tips For Decluttering and Refreshing Your Home and Your Life](#). North Adams, MA: Storey Publishing, 2014.
- Wilson, Nancy. [The Secret to Successful Dieting – Lose Weight and Live Well](#). Blurtigo Holdings, LLC, 2015.

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### Electronic Books Collection

The State Library's popular eRead Illinois e-book collection includes best-sellers, popular fiction and nonfiction. Recently, patrons have experienced technical problems with the Axis360 App for eRead e-books; however, the problems have been resolved and the process has been streamlined. To enjoy e-books and digital audiobooks from the eRead Illinois collection on a tablet or smartphone device, install the new free [axis360 mobile app](#) from the [Apple App Store](#) (iPhone, iPad and iPod touch), or [Google Play](#) (includes Nook tablets and Kobo tablets). Then, follow the instructions provided in the "Getting Started" guides provided below:

- [Getting Started with Axis 360 on Android Devices](#)
- [Getting Started with Axis 360 on iOS Devices](#)

Recent acquisitions to eRead include:

- Cussler, Clive. [The Pharaoh's Secret \[Numa Files Series\]](#). Penguin USA. 2015.
- Franklin, Jonathan. [438 Days: An Extraordinary True Story of Survival at Sea](#). Simon & Schuster. 2015.
- Patterson, James. [Cross Justice \[Alex Cross Series\]](#). Hachette Book Group USA. 2015.
- Remini, Leah. [Troublemaker: Surviving Hollywood and Scientology](#). Random House Digital. 2015.

### Featured Employee Training and Development Videos

The State Library maintains a collection of employment training and development audiovisual materials that support the training needs of state agency personnel. A list of all titles is available on the State Library's [website](#). A recent acquisition includes:

- [Customer Service Gone Viral](#). Los Angeles: Access Training Media, c2013.  
Call Number: VIDEO 658.812 CUST 2013

Without question, customers are making their buying decisions based on what they see online. This video program shows how to avoid customer service problems that lead to negative feedback.

### **New Print Titles**

The State Library's collection of print materials continues to grow. Search for and request books via the [online catalog](#). To request or recommend purchases that will help you with your job, please contact [Taran Ley](#) at 217-785-5615. Recent acquisitions include:

- Goldfarb, Ronald. [After Snowden – Privacy, Secrecy, and Security in the Information Age](#). New York: Thomas Dunne Books, 2015.
- Levs, Josh. [All In – How Our Work-First Culture Fails Dad, Families, and Businesses – And How We Can Fix It Together](#). New York: HarperOne, 2015.
- Morell, Michael. [The Great War of Our Time – The CIA's Fight Against Terrorism From al-Qa'ida to ISIS](#). New York: Twelve, 2015.
- Toksvig, Sandi. [The Tricky Art of Co-Existing – How to Behave Decently No Matter What Life Throws Your Way](#). New York, NY: The Experiment, LLC, 2015.

### **Featured Map**

The State Library's map collection is the largest state library map collection in the nation, and the fifth largest government library map collection. Maps can be requested via the State Library's online catalog. A recent acquisition includes:

- Ellenwood, James R., et al. [National Individual Tree Species Atlas](#). Fort Collins, Colorado: United States Forest Service, Forest Health Protection, Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team, 2015.

### **Featured Databases**

State employees and elected officials can use their [State Library card](#) to access research databases. Visit the State Library's [website](#) and click "[Research Databases](#)." When accessing any research databases off-site, you will be prompted for your last name and library card number. More information about accessing the research databases from your home or office is available in the "Remote Databases" [web page](#).

The featured database is [E-Journal Finder](#). Librarians use this database (and you can too!) to locate journal titles available through one of the many subscription databases. For example, to see if a "Nature" magazine is available in one of the databases, type "Nature" in the search box and the "finder" will show a full-text capability from 1997 in the [Academic Search Complete](#) database with a hypertext link to the resource.

### **Illinois Government Publications — Recent Additions**

The State Library is required by law to collect state agency print and electronic publications. Recent additions to our collection include:

- [A Walking Guide to the History & Features of Lincoln Park, Chicago, Illinois](#). Champaign, IL: Illinois State Geological Survey, Prairie Research Institute, ©2015
- [Illinois Fact Sheet \[electronic resource\]](#). Springfield, IL: Jesse White, Secretary of State, 2015.
- [Your Guide to the Illinois Senate](#). Springfield, IL: [Publisher not identified], 2015.

### **Reference Reaches Out**

The State Library staff has the expertise and tools to get the information you need, when and where you need it. Call the reference staff at 217-782-7596, Mon.–Fri., 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Learn how the Illinois State Library can help you do your job BETTER, SMARTER and EASIER — all at no charge to you or your agency!

[Taran Ley](#) is the library's reference outreach coordinator. Call Taran at 217-785-5615 to set up an outreach visit. Library staff loves educating state employees and elected officials on the many library services available and on how resources can be accessed 24/7 from work or home.

### Did you know?

- We spend hours working for no pay and don't even realize it. It's called "shadow work," and we do it every day. From pumping our own gas, to scanning and bagging our groceries, to online banking and trading, we're doing the work of businesses and organizations on a habitual basis. In [Shadow Work – The Unpaid, Unseen Jobs That Fill Your Day](#), author Craig Lambert takes a look at these stealthy routines that may be helping or hindering us.
- When Fortune Magazine names you "Manager of the Century" you've probably got some good advice to offer people. In [The Real Life MBA – Your No-BS Guide to Winning the Game, Building a Team, and Growing Your Career](#), Jack Welch stresses you can't be an "action blocker, change resister, or process obsessive" if you want your team to succeed. [p.19] Great managers must create an environment of trust, generosity and humor [pp.15-22, 140].

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### Illinois State Library Contact Information

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- [Library Catalog](#)
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