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March Madness

It's March Madness, so we thought we'd give a shout-out to our sports fans. It's time to enjoy the competition, team loyalty and, of course, game day food. Here are some of the State Library's current titles for our sports enthusiasts:

- Molina, Bengie. [Molina: The Story of the Father Who Raised an Unlikely Baseball Dynasty](#). New York, NY: Simon & Schuster, 2015.
- Reed, Ken. [How We Can Save Sports – A Game Plan](#). Lanham, Maryland: Rowman & Littlefield, 2015.
- Sullivan, Floyd. [Old Comiskey Park – Essays and Memories of the Historic Home of the Chicago White Sox, 1910-1991](#). Jefferson, North Carolina: McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, 2014.
- Will, George F. [A Nice Little Place on the North Side – Wrigley Field at One Hundred](#). New York: Crown Archetype, 2014.

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Electronic Books Collection

We hope you are enjoying the State Library's popular eRead Illinois e-book collection with the new and improved Axis360 App. If you have a tablet or smartphone device, you can install the free [axis360 mobile app](#) from the [Apple App Store](#) (iPhone, iPad and iPod touch), or [Google Play](#) (includes Nook and Kobo tablets). Follow the instructions provided in the "Getting Started" guides below:

- [Getting Started with Axis 360 on Android Devices](#)
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Recent acquisitions to eRead include:

- Bordewich, Fergus M. [The First Congress - How James Madison, George Washington, and a Group of Extraordinary Men Invented the Government](#). Simon & Schuster, 2016.
- Kava, Alex. [Breaking Creed](#). Penguin USA, 2015.
- Ritchell, Ross. [The Knife](#). Penguin USA, 2015.
- Valentine, Tamara. [What the Waves Know](#). Harper Collins, 2016.
- White, Karen, et al. [The Forgotten Room: A Novel](#). Penguin USA, 2016.

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 popular acquisition includes:

- [Team Building: What Makes a Good Team Player?](#) A CRM production; directed and edited by Robert Torrance; produced by Denise Dexter; written by Bob Silberg and Kirby Timmons. Carlsbad, CA: CRM Learning, 2000. Call number: VIDEO 658.4022 TEAM

Viewers will learn to improve team functioning and collaborative efforts, recognize the strengths and weaknesses of four distinct team-player styles, and identify five strategies for becoming a better team player.

New Print Titles

The State Library's collection of print materials includes a variety of subjects. 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:

- Dueck, Colin. [The Obama Doctrine - American Grand Strategy Today](#). New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2015.
- Mauldin, John, and Tepper, Jonathan. [Code Red - How to Protect Your Savings from the Coming Crisis](#). Hoboken, New Jersey: John Wiley and Sons, Inc., 2014.
- Grey, Stephen. [The New Spy Masters - Inside the Modern World of Espionage from the Cold War to Global Terror](#). New York: St. Martin's Press, 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:

- [Fort Ord National Monument Trail Map](#). Hollister, CA: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 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 to provide 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](#)" [webpage](#).

Our featured databases are [Health Source-Consumer Edition](#) and its counterpart [Health Source-Nursing/Academic Edition](#). The Consumer Edition is the richest collection of consumer health information available to libraries worldwide, providing information on many health topics, including medical sciences, food sciences and nutrition, child care, sports medicine and general health. The Nursing/Academic Edition provides nearly 550 scholarly full-text journals focusing on many medical disciplines. The Nursing/Academic Edition also features *AHFS Consumer Medication Information*, which covers 1,300 generic drug patient education sheets with more than 4,700 brand names.

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:

- Danzer, Gerald A. [Illinois: A History in Pictures](#). Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press, 2016.
- Ferguson, Gillum. [Illinois in the War of 1812](#). Urbana, Illinois: University of Illinois Press, 2016.
- [Report to the Illinois Governor and the General Assembly](#). Springfield, Illinois: Illinois State Board of Education, 2016.

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?

- If you're thinking of retiring soon, you're probably getting some stink eye glances from your colleagues. (Smile) Don't let that worry you--they're just jealous! You've got more important things to consider, like which city has the best tax base, best hospitals, mild weather, low crime rates and most affordable housing. In [Where to Retire - American's Best & Most Affordable Places](#), author John Howells reviews cities all across the United States. From Palm Springs to Portland, you'll see what over 100 cities have to offer.
- After 9/11, the first troops into Afghanistan were two Special Forces teams. Landing at separate mountain locations at night, their job would be to call in air strikes for the ground troops. When one team came under heavy Taliban attack, a new military weapon proved its usefulness. The Air Forces' newly developed drone put a laser spot on the target for a B-52 Bomber, ultimately saving the team. [p.274-275]. In [Drone- The Secret Origins of the Drone Revolution](#), author Richard Whittle traces the development of the drone from fragile toy to aerospace phenomenon.

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- [Library Catalog](#)
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