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Illinois State Library

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Veterans Day

Each November 11, the Office of the Illinois Secretary of State honors military heroes at home, across the nation and those who are serving throughout the world. Secretary of State Jesse White launched The Illinois Veterans' History Project to create a permanent record of the names and stories of Illinois war veterans and civilians who served our state and country during war. It is imperative to Illinois' history and legacy that we never fail to remember the sacrifices, experiences and courage of these brave men and women. Secretary White served as a paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army and was also a member of the Illinois National Guard and a reservist. He created the Illinois Veterans' History Project concurrent to the passing of a law in 2000 by the U.S. Congress, which authorized the Library of Congress to collect and preserve the histories of American veterans and civilians who served in wars from World War I to the present.

To participate in the Illinois Veterans' History Project, veterans or their family members can obtain an **Illinois Patriot Information Form** from the Secretary of State's office. Forms are also available at [driver services facilities](#) throughout Illinois and at Illinois public libraries. Interested persons may also print their own copies by downloading a PDF version of the form in either [Regular Print Format](#) or [Large Print Format](#). Veterans or their family members can complete this form and share their remembrances on the back or on a separate sheet of paper. Participants receive an Official Certificate of Appreciation for their cooperation and collaboration in this project. Additionally, contributors may opt to submit an orally recorded account of their experience that will be placed in the Illinois Digital Archives and the Library of Congress Veterans' History Project. Additional information can be found on the State Library [website](#).

Electronic books collection

The Illinois Secretary of State's office encourages members to continue to take advantage of the State Library's popular [eRead](#) Illinois e-book collection. The app is available on Android and iOS devices from Axis360. The selection of literature includes fiction and nonfiction bestsellers as well as children's books. To participate, install the free [axis360 mobile app](#). 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, but are not limited to:

- Clegg, Bill. "[Did You Ever Have a Family](#)." Simon & Schuster, 2015.
- McCormick, Patricia "[The Plot to Kill Hitler](#)." HarperCollins, 2016.
- O'Reilly, Bill and Dugard, Martin." [Killing the Rising Sun - How America Vanquished World War II Japan](#)." MacMillan, 2016.
- Penny, Louise. "[A Great Reckoning \[Chief Inspector Gamache Series\]](#)." Macmillan, 2016.

In addition to the above mentioned titles, hundreds of publications are added to the database each month. Browse titles by popular subject: [Biography](#), [Classics](#), [Family](#), [Humor](#), [Politics](#), [Romance](#), [Suspense](#) and [War](#).

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 to the list of audiovisual materials includes a narrative featuring the inspiring story of Captain Chesley Sullenberger, the pilot who brought Flight 1549 to a safe landing on the Hudson River. The true tale of the man who saved the lives of every passenger onboard his plane during an emergency landing recently was portrayed in the blockbuster movie "Sully." The video outlines his intuitive use of the 4 Cs: competence, compassion, commitment and communication.

["Miracle on the Hudson: Prepare for Safety;"](#) Milagro en el Hudson: preparado para la seguridad; Milagre no Hudson: preparado para a segurança/Coastal Training Technologies, Corp.: [Irvine, Calif.?]: Du Pont, 2011. Call number: **Video 363.12 MIRA**

Includes English, Spanish, Portuguese and International English versions. Closed captioned.

New print titles and I-Share catalog

Members are able to search for and request books via our [online catalog](#). Some of our recent titles are featured below:

- Guillebeau, Chris. ["Born For This: How To Find The Work You Were Meant To Do."](#) New York: Crown Business [2016].
- Hill, Jennifer Ann. ["How Consumer Culture Controls Our Kids: Cashing In On Conformity."](#) Santa Barbara, California: Praeger, an imprint of ABC-CLIO, LLC [2016].
- Raghunathan, Raj and Goldsmith, Marshall. ["If You're So Smart Why Aren't You Happy?"](#) New York, New York: Portfolio/Penguin [2016].
- Puleo, Stephen. ["American Treasures: The Secret Efforts To Save The Declaration Of Independence, The Constitution And The Gettysburg Address."](#) New York: St. Martin's Press, 2016.

In addition to our collection, library members have access to the holdings of more than 80 academic libraries in Illinois. Simply use your library card to request materials from the I-Share union catalog with its more than 14 million unique bibliographic records. An enormous consortial collection combined with I-Share's resource sharing services allows I-Share library patrons ready access to a collection that ranks among the world's greatest research libraries.

Featured map

The State Library's map collection is the largest of any in the nation and ranks as the fifth largest government library map collection. Maps can be requested via the State Library's online catalog. The current featured map is:

[Battle of Gettysburg, PA \[map\]](#): July 1-3, 1863 [Washington, D.C.]: Civil War Preservation Trust [2006].

Featured databases

State employees and elected officials may utilize 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 on the "Remote Databases" [web page](#).

Our featured database is the [Military & Government Collection](#). Designed to offer current news pertaining to all branches of the military, this database offers a thorough collection of periodicals, academic journals and other related content. There is cover-to-cover text for nearly 300 journals and periodicals plus indexing and abstracts for more than 400 titles. Some publications covered in this database include: Air Force Comptroller, Defence Studies, JFQ: Joint Force Quarterly, Military Technology, Combat Edge, FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, Foreign Affairs, Naval Forces and more. A selection of full text titles are available in native (searchable) PDF or scanned-in-color.

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:

- Daniels, Roger. "[Franklin D. Roosevelt: The War Years, 1939-1945.](#)" Urbana: University of Illinois Press [2016].
- "[Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures and Rules and Regulations.](#)" Springfield, Illinois: State Board of Elections, 2016. Found at: <http://edillinois.org/ppa/meta/html/00/00/00/05/75/57.html>
- Schwegman, John E. "[The Natural Heritage of Illinois: Essays on its Lands, Waters, Flora, and Fauna.](#)" Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press [2016].
- "[Secretary of State Police \[electronic resource\]: Tradition, Service, Dedication.](#)" [Springfield, Illinois]: Jesse White, Secretary of State [2016]. Found at: <http://edillinois.org/ppa/meta/html/00/00/00/05/89/24.html>

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. Contact Taran at 217-785-5615 to set up an outreach visit. The library staff enjoys educating state employees and elected officials on the multitude of library services available and explaining how resources can be accessed 24/7 from work or home.

Did you know?

- Although celebrities are often criticized for what the media calls "reinventing" themselves, there is a healthy approach for each person who wants to master his/her mental strength and achieve success and happiness. In "[13 Things Mentally Strong People Do,](#)" author and psychotherapist Amy Morin provides a tutorial about breaking the habits that hold individuals back from achievement. The list received 10 million views on Forbes.com. The first point on the list: Mentally Strong People Don't Waste Time Feeling Sorry for Themselves.
- George Washington had no desire to be president. Following the Revolutionary War, the founding father was exhausted and wanted nothing more than to retire to his home and spend time with his family. Only letters, personal pleas and unrelenting visits from Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison and others resigned him to the fact that his continued service to this country was inevitable. He described his situation and emotions mournfully when he wrote that he was experiencing "feelings not unlike those of a culprit who is going to the place of his execution." [p.10] In "[Washington's Circle,](#)" authors David and Jeanne Heidler provide profound insight into the daily interactions of these men as the first presidency and branches of government formed the roots of a nation.

Illinois State Library card form

Need a library card to check out one of the featured books? Public officials and state employees may apply for a free card [here](#). Retired state employees and public library patrons can apply for a card [here](#).

Illinois State Library contact information

- Reference & Information Services: 217-782-7596, isinfo@ilsos.net
- Circulation/Obtain a Library Card: 217-782-7573, icirculation@ilsos.net
- Map Collection: 217-782-7596, isinfo@ilsos.net
- Interlibrary Loan: 217-782-7523, ill@ilsos.net
- [Library Catalog](#)
- [Library Card Application](#)

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