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A Newsletter from the Illinois State Library — Jesse White, Secretary of State & State Librarian

State Library a partner on new Route 66 project

Through the Route 66 Study Act of 1990, Congress authorized the National Park Service to conduct a study to determine the historical significance of the Route 66 corridor and options for its preservation. As a result of the study, Congress then authorized creation of the National Park Service Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program.

The Park Service has been working with various groups and organizations to preserve the national heritage around the Route 66 corridor, and is partnering with archival centers in each of the states through which Route 66 traversed: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

The Illinois State Library is partnering with the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program as a founding partner for the Route 66 Archives and Research Collaboration (ARC). The Illinois State Library will assist with the preservation of Route 66's history in collaboration with other state centers and the Route 66



The Office of the Secretary of State offers Illinois motorists the opportunity to help support tourism, preservation and promotion of the portion of historic Old Route 66 that cuts through the state by providing Illinois Route 66 license plates. For more information, visit: www.cyberdriveillinois.com.

Corridor Preservation Program.

"The wonderful stories and treasured memories that have grown up around Route 66 are a monumental part of our national and state heritage," said Secretary of State Jesse White. "It is an honor for the Illinois State Library to lead the effort in this state to preserve this rich heritage for generations to enjoy in the future."

State Library staff is in the process of identifying Route 66-related resources in the State Library's collection. The library also will develop bibliographies and tools for find-

ing materials and filling in gaps of noted resources with a Route 66 connection. The State Library is particularly proud to have been given a portion of the Route 66 collection belonging to the late author and Route 66 expert Tom Teague.

The State Library also will work with libraries, institutions and associations both on and off the historic road in Illinois to collect resources, maintain a general inventory of collections within Illinois, and encourage development and educational interest in Route 66. The State Library will ask other Illinois libraries to delve into their collections to determine what resources they may have and what they would be interested in collecting. Library staff also will seek out individuals and organizations to gather oral histories from people associated with Route 66.

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More construction grants awarded

Secretary of State Jesse White has awarded grants to 10 additional public libraries with infrastructure improvement needs under the State Library's FY08 Live and Learn Construction Grant Program. The grants assist public libraries in paying for projects such as remodeling for disability accessibility, new carpeting, interior or exterior painting, and in some cases new construction or additions to existing buildings.

"Many of our public libraries simply don't have sufficient financial resources to pay for essential capital improvements on their own," said Secretary White. "I'm delighted that we can award these grants to help maintain our public libraries as cornerstones of our communities for years to come."

Libraries receiving grants are:

- Bensenville Community Public Library District
- Ida Public Library, Belvidere
- Wood Dale Public Library District
- St. Elmo Public Library District
- Greenville Public Library
- Walnut Public Library District
- Paxton Carnegie Library
- Sparta Public Library
- Bryan-Bennett Library, Salem
- Marion Carnegie Library

Institute for School and Public Librarians

Librarians from across Illinois spent the week of June 8-13 on the campus of Bradley University in Peoria for the State Library's annual Institute for School and Public Librarians. Among this year's speakers was Penny Mandziara (below with puppet) of the Bensenville Community Public Library District, who used props as part of her program, "Getting Them to Read." Another popular speaker was Portia Latalladi (below speaking) of Chicago Public Library's Garfield Ridge Branch, who presented a program on "Not Just for Kids: Library Programming for All Ages."



Participants of the 2008 Institute for School and Public Librarians.



SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE — The 15th annual Small Public Library Management Institute, sponsored by the State Library and hosted by the University of Illinois at Springfield, was held June 1-6. Traditionally geared toward directors of smaller public libraries and those new to the Illinois library community, this year's institute allowed 47 previous SPLMI graduates to take part in an advanced program. As part of this year's programming, Lisa Barnhart (below left), project coordinator for WebJunction Illinois, brought participants including Debra Aggert of the State Library and Dennis Danowski (below right) of the Macomb Public Library up to date on the popular new online community for librarians.





LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE — Secretary of State Jesse White, who serves as honorary chair of the Illinois Center for the Book, met recently with the three Illinois winners of the 2008 Letters About Literature contest: (left to right) Joey Romano of Norridge, Nikki Rhum of Buffalo Grove and Amy Nathan of Skokie. The annual contest is presented by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores and sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book. The three winners will advance to the national competition.

ISL to host Lincoln exhibit

The Gilder Lehrman Institute has selected the Illinois State Library to host its new Abraham Lincoln Traveling Exhibition during the Lincoln Bicentennial celebration in 2009. The Gilder Lehrman Institute, based in New York City, promotes the study and appreciation of American history.

Forty public libraries, academic libraries and national park sites across the nation will host the exhibit, "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times." The National Endowment for the Humanities is supporting the exhibit as part of its "We the People" program.

The exhibit at the State Library will be incorporated into Secretary of State Jesse White's "Lincoln for the Next Generation" program, which has received endorsements from the national Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Illinois Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

MAP DEPARTMENT FEATURED IN ILLINOIS ISSUES — The resources of the State Library's Map Department, along with map librarians Arlyn Booth and Tom Huber, were featured in an editorial in the May issue of *Illinois Issues* magazine, published by the University of Illinois at Springfield. The Map Department has the second-largest state library map collection in the nation and the fifth-largest government library map collection. Patrons can access geographical books and journals, gazetteers and atlases, reference books and carto-bibliographies, as well as more than 185,000 maps. The article may be accessed at <http://illinoisissues.uis.edu/archives/2008/05/editor.html>.

ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Form

The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Form FY08 is now available for libraries to submit their resource-sharing statistics as a part of the Bibliostat Collect "surveys." The username and password are the same as detailed in the May letter announcing the release of the FY07 Traffic Form. The extended deadline for completion of both the FY07 and FY08 Traffic Forms is **Oct. 15, 2008**; however, please complete them at your earliest convenience.

For IPLAR or ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Form questions, please contact:

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Becky Hunter, bhunter@ilsos.net (username/password)

State Library staff news

Suzanne Schriar has been named associate director for Library Automation and Technology.

Joe Natale has been assigned to the Administration staff as the point person on Administrative Rules, grant writing and implementation of the State Library Strategic Plan 2008-2011.

Cheryl Johnson has transferred from Library Operations to the Talking Book and Braille Service Library as a circulation staff member.

Bonnie Matheis has joined the Library Development Group as coordinator for the State Library's reading programs.

Beth Paoli, who worked in the Literacy Office from 1992 to 2001, has rejoined the Literacy Office as a grants monitor.

Megan Kapusta has joined the Library Operations Division in the mailroom.

SAVE THE DATE

August 8-17
Illinois State Library at the
Illinois State Fair
Springfield

August 26
Illinois State Library Advisory
Committee Meeting
Illinois State Library

The State Library will be closed:
September 1, Labor Day



INSIGHT GOING GREEN!

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced that in an effort to streamline production and distribution while conserving state resources, his office will begin publishing *Insight* online only. Effective with the September/October 2008 issue, *Insight* will be available only at www.cyberdriveillinois.com. An announcement will be made in the State Library's *E-News* electronic newsletter when a new issue is available. To subscribe to *E-News*, please e-mail pmcguckin@ilsos.net.

GO for the GOLD

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Reading Together is a WINNER!

Thursday, November 20, 2008

WINNER

The poster features a central image of a young girl holding a tall stack of books. A golden trophy with the word 'WINNER' on it sits atop the stack. Surrounding the stack are several circular inset photos showing various people reading together in different settings.



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