

in this issue

Administrative Ready
Reference

E-RICH update

Barry Levine memoriam

State Library institutes

Ask?Away group on
WebJunction Illinois

Customer support changes
to OCLC/ILLINET



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

Keeping the Public Informed: Administrative Ready Reference

The long-awaited update of *Keeping the Public Informed: Administrative Ready Reference* is available at <http://il.webjunction.org/readyref/>.

When the Administrative Ready Reference CD product was released in 1999, it was considered a valuable support resource for public libraries and trustees. The new 2009 edition includes updates of key resources and introduces a new interactive platform for the exchange of information, ideas and practices within the Illinois library community. In addition to the documents, which are available in various file formats, the new version of Administrative Ready Reference resides within the larger WebJunction Illinois

repository of documents and services.

To be eligible for an FY2010 Public Library Per Capita Grant from the State Library, public library staff and trustees are required to review the Administrative Ready Reference. Libraries that have already reviewed the previous ARR as part of the grant process do not need to review the updated version.

Thanks to the Shawnee Library System for managing the update. Funding for the project was awarded by the State Library using funds from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services under the Library Services and Technology Act.

E-RICH update

E-RICH, the State Library's electronic resource service, will no longer offer subsidized or negotiated pricing for electronic resources for direct library purchases beginning **July 1, 2010**. Notwithstanding, the State Library will continue to subsidize and provide FirstSearch at no charge to ILLINET libraries. E-RICH will continue to offer Try-It! Illinois, the annual electronic database trial, and the Electronic Resource Exposition (E-R-XPO) to ILLINET libraries.

NoveList

The NoveList order form is now available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/pdfs/novelistform.pdf. The online readers' advisory service is available to ILLINET academic, public, special and high school library buildings as well as middle and elementary library buildings. The State Library pays 50 percent of the cost for the service at each library location. **Order forms must be received by October 30, 2009, to be eligible for the State Library subsidy.** For more information, please contact Gwen Harrison at gharrison@ilsos.net or 217-785-7334.

LETTER ABOUT LITERATURE WINNERS — Secretary of State Jesse White recently honored the three Illinois winners of the 2009 Letters About Literature contest. The national reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12 requires participants to read a book and write a personal letter to the author explaining how the book changed their views of the world or themselves. The winners read their essays at a reception in Secretary White's State Capitol office. Pictured with Secretary White are winners Eryca Campbell (left) of Petersburg and Julia Ilhardt of Glen Ellyn. Not present for the ceremony was Rachel Baruck of Northbrook.



July/August
2009

Read for a Lifetime draws nearly 1,000 students

Statistics for the 2008-09 Read for a Lifetime program, the State Library's reading program for high school students, have been released. Nearly 1,000 students from across the state participated and collectively read nearly 4,700 books over the course of the school year.

- 988 students (and five adult library staff members) from 72 Illinois high schools and public libraries read 4,692 books.
- 68 high school seniors received four-year participation certificates.
- Six students read all 25 titles on the reading list.
- The top five most read books were: *Sold*; *Just Listen*; *Nineteen Minutes*; *Red Kayak*; and *How to Ruin a Summer Vacation*.

For more information about Read for a Lifetime, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library.

Ask?Away group on WebJunction

Ask?Away Illinois, the statewide virtual reference service, now has a group on WebJunction Illinois. The group includes information about staffing, marketing, training and participating in Ask?Away. The WebJunction group platform allows all Ask?Away participating librarians with accounts on WebJunction to add documents and participate in discussions. You don't need to be a member of WebJunction to view the group page, however. The Ask?Away Illinois Web site now will only be used as a patron portal for access to the Ask?Away chat service.



Barry Levine was honored by State Library Director Anne Craig in June 2008 for his service on the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee.

Barry Levine 1949-2009

The State Library and the Illinois library community lost a dear friend in April when Barry Levine passed away suddenly. Barry was diagnosed with retinitis pigmentosa as a youth and lost his sight in his late 20s. Despite being legally blind, he was active in local, state and national library services.

Barry was a member of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee for six years, serving as chair in 2008. He also was a founding member of the State Library Talking Book and Braille Service Committee, a position he held for eight years until his death. Barry also served as president of the Prairie Area Library System and vice president of the Homer Township Public Library Board of Trustees. As a Homer Library trustee, Barry was instrumental in expanding the library's collection of large-print and audio books to its current size of more than 5,000 items. He also supported establishment of Homer Township Library's Bookmobile service and campaigned for an ADA accessible station and computer for low-vision patrons at the library.

Barry's leadership and efforts earned him the Illinois Library Association's Trustee of the Year Award in 2001 and the Alexander J. Skrzypiek Award in 2004, given to those who make outstanding contributions in the advancement of library service for the blind and physically disabled in Illinois.

We offer our sincere condolences to Barry's wife Phyllis and children Randon, Rachael and Sarah. Barry was truly one of a kind, and he will be deeply missed.



FAMILY DONATES ATLAS TO MAP COLLECTION — The Groharing family of Thomson, Illinois, donated an 1876 Atlas of the State of Illinois to the State Library's Map Department. Published by Warner & Beers of Chicago, the atlas contains general county maps, a map of the United States, brief county histories (up to 1876), census statistics, and illustrations of homes, farms and factories of the day. Pictured are family patriarch Bruce Groharing (seated), (standing left to right) State Library Director Anne Craig, Richard Groharing, map librarian Tom Huber, Lee Groharing and map librarian Arlyn Booth. Not present for the donation were Don, Bernard and Jeannie Groharing.



Among participants at the Small Public Library Management Institute at the University of Illinois at Springfield were Kim Schenk of Evansville Public Library and Allison Heard of Dolton Public Library.

State Library provides continuing education opportunities in June

Small Public Library Management Institute — Sponsored by the State Library and hosted by the University of Illinois at Springfield, the Small Public Library Management Institute was held May 31-June 5 and drew 48 Illinois library directors from across the state. The theme this year was “Serving Your Public.”

The institute is designed for directors of smaller public libraries and directors new to the Illinois library community, and assists participants in developing and enhancing their administrative and leadership skills. Topics included leadership and teamwork, personnel and customer service, the First Amendment, Illinois library law, security issues, dealing with problem patrons, grant writing, technology and director/trustee relations.

Institute for School and Public Librarians — The following week, June 7-12, 54 Illinois librarians took part in the Institute for School and Public Librarians, sponsored annually by the State Library and hosted by Bradley University in Peoria. The theme this year was “Linking, Learning and Libraries.”

The institute focuses on developing programs, delivering library services and selecting resources based on the various information needs of communities across Illinois. Topics included the value of partnerships (especially between public and school libraries) and using technology to access information and educational resources; multicultural materials; intellectual freedom and collection development; removing old or outdated books from libraries; using technology to promote books; Internet safety; copyright issues; and grant writing, among others. Funding for the institute is awarded by the State Library using federal Institute of Museum and Library Services funds under the Library Services and Technology Act.

Customer support changes to ILLINET/OCLC

Beginning July 1, ILLINET/OCLC members will now contact OCLC Customer Support for all questions regarding OCLC products and services. OCLC’s team of support professionals are available 14 hours a day, Monday through Friday, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. central time. In addition to product support specialists, OCLC Customer Support also is comprised of a specialized team of librarians focused on providing consultative support to maximize usage of OCLC products and services and assist library personnel in establishing greater workflow efficiencies.

ILLINET at the State Library will continue to answer questions regarding OCLC billing and assist libraries with ordering procedures when needed. ILLINET also will assist OCLC in keeping member libraries informed on updates, enhancements, new product offerings, research, membership reports and other OCLC member benefits. Below is contact information for OCLC Customer Support and ILLINET.

OCLC Customer Support:
800-848-5800
support@oclc.org

ILLINET:
217-785-1532
oclc1@ilsos.net

New ISLAC roster

Secretary of State Jesse White recently appointed several new members to the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee. An updated ISLAC roster is available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/pdfs/roster_islac.pdf. The next ISLAC meeting will be held August 13 at the State Library.

August 14-23, 2009
Springfield



The State Library will once again have a booth in Secretary of State Jesse White's tent at the Illinois State Fair, which runs Friday, August 14 through Sunday, August 23. Visitors can pick up the State Library's collectable Abraham Lincoln book-marks and the colorful poster marking Lincoln's 200th Birthday Bicentennial. The booth also will have a computer where visitors can sign up to receive the State Library's weekly electronic newsletter. The Talking Book and Braille Service will have a separate booth in the Senior Building, where visitors can sign up to receive free reading materials for the print disabled.

Secretary of State Jesse White will hold his annual pre-State Fair picnic on Thursday, August 13 for participants in his Project Next Generation program. The one-of-a-kind technology and mentoring program for teens operates in 22 Illinois public libraries. In addition to refreshments, participants will be entertained by the world famous Jesse White Tumblers.

State Library staff news

Geoffrey Swindells of Northwestern University Library in Evanston has been appointed to the ILLINET Depository Library Council. Geoff is past chair of the Federal Depository Library Council.

Dorothy Whitney, a consultant in the Secretary of State's Literacy Office, recently celebrated 20 years of service with the office. She also recently received the Tutor Roundtable Award from Literacy Works of Chicago for her years of commitment to literacy efforts in the Chicago area.

Karen Egan, an LSTA grant consultant, recently marked her 15-year anniversary with the State Library.

Pat Salamon, support staff at the Talking Book & Braille Service, recently celebrated her 10-year anniversary with the State Library.



Insight
Jesse White, Secretary of State & State Librarian
Illinois State Library, Gwendolyn Brooks Building
300 S. Second St.
Springfield, IL 62701-1796
Produced by the Secretary of State Communications
Department.

Printed by authority of the State of Illinois • July 2009

SAVE THE DATE

August 4-6

Synergy Leadership Conference
Pere Marquette Lodge, Grafton

August 13

Illinois State Library Advisory Committee Meeting
State Library

August 14-23

Illinois State Library at the Illinois State Fair
Springfield

October 6-9

Illinois Library Association Annual Conference
Peoria

December 9

E-R-XPO
Schaumburg Township District Library

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

Family Reading Night
Read Together, Grow Together

"The things I want to know are in books; my best friend is the man who'll get me a book I ain't read."
— Abraham Lincoln

Sponsored by:
Jesse White
Secretary of State & State Librarian

**NOVEMBER 19
2009**

Celebrating the Lincoln Birthday Bicentennial

Special thanks to the following for providing photos:
Adler Park School, Libertyville
Albany Park Community Center, Chicago
Arab American Action Network, Chicago
Howard Area Community Center, Chicago
Kankaskia College Family Success Program, Centralia
Rosa G. Maddock School, Burbank
Quin Early Learning Center, Palos Hills
Springfield Urban League TEEN REACH PROGRAM
St. Clair County ROE Adult and Family Literacy Program, Belleville
St. Joseph School Library, Freeburg