

## **THIS WEEK AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY**

### **November 14, 2016**

Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian  
Greg McCormick, Acting Deputy Director

#### **FY17 Live & Learn Construction Grant Applications Due January 13**

Applications for the FY17 Live & Learn Construction Grant Program are open to public libraries and are being accepted by the State Library. Information about the State Library's public library construction grant program is available on the State Library's [website](#). Applications are due to the State Library by **January 13, 2017**.

A recorded grant information webinar conducted by State Library staff that provides an overview of the Live & Learn Construction Grant Program is available on the program's [webpage](#). Details discussed include eligibility requirements, grant categories, rules and regulations governing the program, application procedures, required supporting documentation, grant submission instructions and review procedures.

For more information, please contact [Mark Shaffer](#), [Pat Boze](#) or [Jay O'Dell](#).

#### **Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant Applications Due January 15**

The FY17 Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant application and FY15 Expenditure Report forms are now available at

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/plpc\\_equalization.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/plpc_equalization.html)

Instructions for completing a fillable PDF are available

at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/grant-pdf-instructions.html>

When you have completed the application and report, click on the email button in the upper right hand corner of each document and send them to [Percap-grant@ilsos.net](mailto:Percap-grant@ilsos.net) by **January 15, 2017**. Please add your city to the subject line.

Here are a few helpful reminders when completing your FY17 Public Library Per Capita and Equalization application and FY15 expenditure report(s):

- Use only the latest version of Adobe Reader to complete the application and expenditure report forms. Macintosh and Windows versions of the free Adobe Reader are available from Adobe at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.
- Save the application and expenditure report to your desktop.
- Scanned copies will not be accepted.
- Be sure to complete the application as per the requirements, including initials, date, correct population and dates of review, where applicable.
- We do not need your county clerk information.
- Report on FY15 funding only. The expenditure period runs from the time you received the FY15 award letter until June 30, 2016.
- The expenditure report(s), must be sent at the same time as the application. All are due by January 15, 2017.
- Your FY15 Per Capita/Equalization Amount must be exact.
- You do not need to list the dollar amount under each applicable category, just a short description to clarify the expenditure.

Please contact [Jeanne Urbanek](#) if you have any questions.

## What are Your Plans for Family Reading Night?

We are looking for stories to share about the [Family Reading Night](#) programs taking place across the state on November 17. If you would like to share a brief description of your program for possible inclusion in a Secretary of State publication, contact [Bonnie Matheis](#).

## ILEAD USA: Debrief

The ILEAD USA: Debrief was held Oct. 27–28, 2016 and hosted by the Illinois Heartland Library System in Edwardsville. The purpose of this reconvening was to reconnect, rediscover and develop strategy for the continual progress of this nationwide program.

Participants in this Debrief included David Lankes, Director & Associate Dean at University of South Carolina; Beck Tench, PhD Student at University of Washington; Linda Todd, Todd Consulting and formerly at New York State Library; Sonja Brown and Katie McDonough, Delaware Division of Libraries; Ryan Claringbole, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction; Jared Leadbetter and Stephanie Zurinski, Maine State Library; Eric Stroshane, North Dakota State Library; Diana Megdad, State Library of Pennsylvania; Evan Struble, State Library of Ohio; Anne Craig, Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries; Gwen Harrison, Andrew Bullen, Sandra Fritz, Debra Aggert and Karen Egan, Illinois State Library.

This meeting included discussions and planning towards the future of this program. Highlights included meeting with team members from around the country by conference call and the discussion of an ILEAD USA white paper.

## CONTENTdm Update

Good news for all CONTENTdm users and Illinois Digital Archives participants. Andrew Bullen, State Library employee, has created a website called, "[A Cookbook of Methods for Using CONTENTdm APIs](#)." This program provides examples of how to use CONTENTdm Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) to customize the look of your image collection. OCLC has developed a number of web-based APIs designed to make all aspects of contributed digital image records available and customizable.

## Illinois Reads Author Spotlight

This Thursday, November 17, is [Family Reading Night](#) which marks the official end to "[Illinois Reads](#)" 2016. "Illinois Reads" is an initiative of the [Illinois Reading Council](#) to encourage people to read books by Illinois authors. Today, we highlight the last two of the 36 Illinois authors and their books selected for the 2016 program. In January, we will begin highlighting the 2017 authors and their chosen titles.

[Chris Chelios](#) was born and raised in Evergreen Park. He was a National Hockey League defenseman for 26 seasons. Nine of those years were with the Chicago Blackhawks (1990–1999). Elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame in 2013, he has also won three Stanley Cups. In his autobiography, "Made in America," Chelios shares his achievements on and off the ice. The book is a 2016 "Illinois Reads" [selection](#) for adults that will appeal not only to Chelios fans, but to anyone who loves the game of hockey.

Since 2002, [Marcus Sakey](#) has called Chicago home. As a novelist, his thrillers have been nominated for numerous awards and translated into many languages. He is also the host and writer of the Travel Channel's acclaimed television show "Hidden City," a show about U.S. cities and their famous crimes. In 2014, his novel, "Good People" was made into a movie starring James Franco and Kate Hudson, and his acclaimed debut novel, "The Blade Itself," is a 2016 "Illinois Reads" [selection](#) for high adults.

### **Literacy Spotlight**

This month's Literacy Spotlight highlights **Shawnee Community College** in Ullin. A learner came to the college determined to pass the U.S. citizenship test and vote in the General Election. The tutor utilized resources such as flash cards, pre/post tests and the Internet to assist the student.. The student acknowledged that the test would be very challenging given the amount of multiple choice questions, unfamiliar sentence construction and details of American history but was determined to succeed. With the help of a tutor, the learner was able to pass the test. After passing the test, the learner acquired his voter registration card and proudly cast his first vote as an American citizen.

### **GovDocInfo**

November 19 is the anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. In 1863, 17 acres of the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, were dedicated as a national cemetery. Noted orator Edward Everett spoke first for two hours before Lincoln delivered his address in less than two minutes. Lincoln's address is recognized as one of the most powerful speeches in American history. For more information and resources regarding the Gettysburg Address, visit the Library of Congress [website](#).

### **Illinois Digital Archives**

The Chicago Cubs have won the 2016 World Series Championship, their third in franchise history snapping a 108 year drought. The drought was the longest such occurrence in all major North American sports. In honor of this historic achievement, we highlight a [postcard](#) from 1909 of West Side Ball Park. The Cubs played at West Side Ball Park during their two World Series titles in 1907 and 1908.

### **Sign up for E-News**

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### **State Library's Comprehensive Online Calendar**

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