

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

### **August 2018**

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

#### **FY19 Live & Learn Construction Grant applications now available**

Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is pleased to announce that applications for the FY2019 Live & Learn Construction Grant Program are now open to public libraries. Information about the grant program is available at: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/constructgrants.html>.

The website provides access to Live & Learn Construction Grant Program, requirements and a link to the grant application. Applications are due to the State Library on or before **January 11, 2019**.

A grant information webinar is scheduled for Thursday, October 11 at 10 a.m. During the webinar, State Library staff will provide an overview of the program including eligibility requirements, grant categories, rules and regulations governing the program, application procedures, required supporting documentation, grant submission and review procedures. Staff will also take general questions regarding any aspect of the program. Registration for the webinar must be done through [L2](#). The webinar will be recorded and archived for those unable to attend.

For more information, contact Mark Shaffer at [mshaffer@ilsos.net](mailto:mshaffer@ilsos.net).

#### **FY19 School District Library Grant Application Available**

The School District Library Grant Application will be available online. The deadline for submitting your [School District Library Grant Application](#) is **October 15, 2018**. In addition as part of the application, the [Expenditure Report](#) for FY17 is due October 15, 2018.

Complete grant information is available at:  
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/schoolpercapgrant.html>

Questions may be directed to 800-665-5576, option 2.

#### **ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey Now Available**

The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and Reciprocal Borrowing Statistical Survey is now available at [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/ill\\_survey.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/ill_survey.html). Libraries are required by administrative rule to complete the State Library's annual survey of interlibrary loan traffic. [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030.200 (a) (2) (O)]

The FY18 (July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018) ILLINET ILL Traffic Survey must be completed by **March 31, 2019**.

The ILLINET [Interlibrary Loan Code](#) governs interlibrary loan among ILLINET member libraries. ILLINET member libraries should review this code to ensure that the library continues to meet resource sharing requirements that are necessary for continued library system membership.

School districts should provide data based on interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing activity for all school buildings within the school district. Libraries can view their ILL statistics online.

For questions regarding the ILLINET ILL Traffic Survey or for the username and password, contact the State Library at 1-800-665-5576, option 2. For technical assistance, contact Counting Opinions by email at [rpatrick@countingopinions.com](mailto:rpatrick@countingopinions.com) or by phone at 1-866-850-8366.

### **New Non-resident legislation signed into law**

Public Act 100-0875 impacting non-residents fees became effective on August 14. The legislation that passed the Illinois General Assembly as SB 2488 amends the Illinois Local Library Act and the Public Library District Act of 1991, providing that a non-resident fee shall not be charged to a nonresident who owns or leases commercial (business) property that is taxed for library service. The statutory language removes the limitation of non-resident privileges for only one non-resident for each parcel of taxable property.

### **Illinois Literacy summer 2018 issue now available**

The summer 2018 issue of Illinois Literacy is now available through the following link [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/il-literacy-summer18.pdf](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/il-literacy-summer18.pdf). Illinois Literacy is a quarterly newsletter produced by the Office of the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library that provides information and news concerning literacy in Illinois. Libraries and literacy programs are encouraged to submit relevant stories and photographs for possible inclusion in future editions. For information on the newsletter, please contact the Illinois State Library Literacy Office at 800-665-5576, ext. 3, or email [literacy@ilsos.net](mailto:literacy@ilsos.net).

### **Jesse White Awards More Than \$4.7 Million in Adult Literacy Grants**

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded over \$4.7 million in [Adult Literacy Grants](#) to develop and enhance students' reading, math, writing and English language skills.

Nearly 13,500 students will be served by adult literacy programs around the state. More than 6,200 volunteer tutors will provide instruction and guidance for students. Adult literacy projects help Illinois adults who read below the ninth-grade level or speak English at a beginner level improve their reading, writing, math or use of English as a new language.

The Adult Literacy Program — administered by the Secretary of State's Illinois State Library Literacy Office — awards grants in three categories:

- Adult Volunteer Literacy Grants provide training for volunteers who tutor those ages 17 and older in basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Participating literacy providers include libraries; volunteer tutoring organizations; community-based organizations; community colleges; regional offices of education; schools; preschool programs; school districts; domestic violence shelters; and correctional facilities.
- Penny Severns Family Literacy Grants provide educational services to parents and children in an effort to enhance basic reading, math, writing or language skills. Programs must partner with an adult literacy provider, a child-at-risk agency and a public library.
- The Workplace Skills Enhancement Project provides onsite instructional services to employees of participating Illinois businesses, enabling them to enhance their basic reading, writing or language skills and increase their opportunity for career advancement. Eligible employees must read at or below the ninth-grade level. Grantees must match the grant award and may also provide instructional services to prospective employees. The fiscal agent and submitting agency may be either the educational partner or the business partner.

Individuals interested in becoming volunteer tutors are encouraged to contact the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline at 1-800-321-9511.

### **Jesse White Awarded over \$550,000 in Illinois History-Digital Imaging Grants**

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that the Illinois State Library has awarded Illinois History-Digital Imaging grants to 15 academic, public and special libraries totaling \$555,305 to carry out projects involving the selection, digital capture and storage of important historical and cultural collections. In addition, the collections will be accessible through the Illinois Digital Archives database maintained by the State Library.

Libraries receiving grants are:

- Bensenville Community Public Library District: \$31,000 for the "The Bensenville Historical Materials Archival Project"
- McLean County Museum of History in Bloomington: \$94,615 for the "Pantagraph Negatives Project"

- Eastern Illinois University in Charleston: \$6,849 for the “Digitization of Local History Oral Interviews”
- Chicago Public Library: \$18,480 for the “Increasing Access through Digitization: The Illinois Writers Project at Chicago Public Library”
- Roosevelt University in Chicago: \$59,050 for the “Digitization of Moving and Sound Recordings of the Illinois Labor History Society”
- Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago: \$13,080 for the “La Peña Concert Series at The Old Town School of Folk Music, 1995-2005”
- Elgin Community College Renner Academic Library: \$10,356 for the “The Gil Renner Collection: Insight into the Genesis of the Illinois Community College System”
- Chicago Horticultural Society - Chicago Botanic Garden’s Lenhardt Library in Glencoe: \$73,368 for the “Chicago Horticultural Society Documents and Original 19th Century Scientific Working Papers”
- Highland Park Public Library: \$81,024 for the “Ravinia: Music Under the Stars around the World”
- Sallie Logan Public Library in Murphysboro: \$13,605 for the “The Murphysboro Apple Festival Through the Years and the Tri-State Tornado of 1925”
- Methodist College in Peoria: \$33,946 for the “The History of Methodist College with Digitized Primary Objects”
- Plainfield Public Library: \$5,003 for the “Preserving Plainfield’s History”
- Illinois State Museum Society in Springfield: \$12,567 for the “The Story of the Illinois State Museum”
- Stickney-Forest View Public Library District: \$7,520 for the “Stickney Area Local History Initiative”
- Morrison-Talbott Library in Waterloo: \$94,842 for the “Monroe County, IL Gardner Survey Records”

Information concerning the Illinois History-Digital Imaging Grant Program can be found at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/il-history-digital-imaging.html>.

### “Illinois Reads” author spotlights

The authors and illustrators below have published books that are included in the 2018 “Illinois Reads” [book list](#) for children from grades 3-5. “Illinois Reads” is an initiative of the [Illinois Reading Council](#) that highlights the importance of reading at all ages and supports Illinois authors. Each year, the program offers a list of 36 titles written and/or illustrated by Illinois authors at six different age levels from birth to adult.

- Robert Burleigh was born and raised in Chicago. He is an artist and an award-winning author of over 40 books for children. His book, [“Solving the Puzzle under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor,”](#) is a beautifully illustrated biography about the “pioneering woman scientist who is the first person to ever successfully map the ocean floor.” It received Kirkus and School Library Journal starred reviews and is a Cooperative Children’s Book Center Choice recommended book.
- Jeffery Michael Ruby is the chief dining critic at “Chicago” magazine for which he has written and edited since 1997. He spent 11 years as the magazine’s humor columnist and has written two books. His first children’s book, [“Penelope March is Melting,”](#) has been described by Booklist as “a story about friendship, inner strength, and the knowledge that we are all capable of so much more than we think.” It has lively action scenes making it a good choice for reluctant readers and booklovers alike.
- Liesl Shurtliff lives in Chicago, studied Music Dance Theatre in college and started writing after the birth of her first child. Her New York Times bestselling book, [“RED: The True Story of Red Riding Hood,”](#) is a lively adventure that features a brave heroine, pixies, a wolf and a beauty. Shelf Awareness gave it a starred review and called it, “Moving and filled with hope ... the charm of Shurtliff’s retelling is how she imbues the storybook tropes with vibrant humanity.”
- Lucy Knisley is an author and illustrator who lives in Chicago. She attended the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and is a critically acclaimed and award-winning comic creator. Specializing in personal, graphic novels and travelogues, Knisley has made comics for Marvel, Valiant and BOOM! Studios. The book she illustrated for Dean Robbins, [“Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing,”](#) received both Publishers Weekly and Kirkus starred reviews.

- Michelle Schaub is a children's author, poet and teacher who lives in Downers Grove. Her poems have appeared in several anthologies and magazines. Having taught writing to middle school students for over ten years, she enjoys making schools visits and has a downloadable School Visit and Presentation Packet available on her website. Her book, "[Fresh Picked Poetry: A Day at the Farmers' Market](#)," has lively illustrations and charming rhymes. It received a School Library Journal starred review.
- The Executive Editor of Booklist, Keir Graff, lives in Chicago and writes in his down time. While he has written crime and suspense novels for adults, in the last several years, he has started writing novels for middle-schoolers to much fan fare. His second children's book, "[The Matchstick Castle](#)," is a fast-paced and fanciful exploit that will appeal to both boys and girls. It has been compared to "Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library" and is a recommended read by author John Green.

### **Literacy Spotlight**

This month's Literacy Spotlight highlights the **Literacy Connection** in Elgin. A woman came to the Literacy Connection's tutoring program to improve her English in order to become more independent. Her ultimate goal was to become more confident in order to secure better employment. She met with her tutor two hours every week and made significant progress. She is now able to communicate better at work. She completed a training program through her employer and secured a permanent position. The woman no longer needs someone to interpret for her. She is able to navigate her daily life independently due to the assistance of the Literacy Connection.

### **Salute to Veterans**

In this issue of E-News, we are saluting Frances Relzda. Mrs. Relzda served in the Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES) in the U.S. Naval Reserve during World War II from 1944 to 1947. Mrs. Relzda worked in a naval factory in Norfolk, Virginia taking x-rays of explosives looking for defects. Her Illinois Veterans History Project oral history interview is available at [https://youtu.be/O2wse2RQO\\_0](https://youtu.be/O2wse2RQO_0).

### **State Library's comprehensive online calendar**

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