

THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

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

FY2020 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, 2019. In addition, as part of the application, the Expenditure Report for FY2018 is due October 15, 2019. Complete grant information is available at: <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/schoolpercapgrant.html>

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

FY2020 Live & Learn Construction Grant applications now available

Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is pleased to announce that applications for the FY2020 Live & Learn Construction Grant Program are now open to public libraries. Information about the grant program is available at:

<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/constructgrants.html>.

The website provides access to Live & Learn Construction Grant Program requirements and grant application. Applications are due to the State Library on or before January 10, 2020.

A grant information webinar will be held in September. Details on the webinar will be forthcoming in future editions of E-news. For more information, contact [Mark Shaffer](#).

Radio Information Service Grants Support Residents with Print Disabilities

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded \$365,449 in FY20 [Radio Information Service \(RIS\) grants](#). The RIS grants support 11 radio stations, ensuring that Illinois residents who are unable to read standard print material due to a disability have equal access to information published in local newspapers and magazines. A variety of topics are available including comics, grocery ads and obituaries. RIS stations also produce public affairs programs and listener call-in shows. Programs are broadcast on a special radio called a sideband receiver. These receivers are distributed at no cost to qualified recipients. Anyone who has a visual or physical disability that impairs his or her ability to read may be eligible to obtain the radio.

For more information about the Radio Information Service, contact [Sharon Ruda](#) at 217-782-9435. To view the list of recipients, visit <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2019/july/190729d1.pdf>.

Literacy Grants Awarded

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White recently awarded over \$5.6 million in [Adult Literacy Grants](#) to help students develop and enhance their reading, math, writing and English language skills. More than 14,000 adult learners will be served in 78 Illinois counties; this includes over 900 families and more than 1000 children who will participate in the Penny Severns Family Literacy Grant program.

People interested in becoming volunteer tutors are encouraged to contact the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline at 800-321-9511. To view the list of recipients, visit <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2019/july/190725d1.pdf>.

Project Next Generation Grants Help At-Risk Youth

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White awarded \$464,469 in FY20 [Project Next Generation \(PNG\) grants](#) to 29 public libraries statewide. PNG is a mentoring program administered through Illinois public libraries. Project mentors work with middle and high school students to use various technologies, achieve success through project based learning and gain life skills such as effective communication, goal-setting and conflict resolution.

Projects were awarded grants from the Illinois State Library using federal Library Services and Technology Act funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. To view a list of recipients, visit <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2019/july/190723d1.pdf>.

ILLINET Survey Now Available

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

The FY2019 (July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019) ILLINET ILL Traffic Survey must be completed by March 31, 2020.

The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code [23 ILL. Adm. Code 3030 Exhibit A] governs ILL among ILLINET member libraries. ILLINET member libraries should review the ILL Code to ensure that the library continues to meet resource sharing requirements that are necessary for continued system membership. More detailed information about adherence to the ILL Code is available at https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/ill_code.html.

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

For questions regarding the ILLINET ILL Traffic Survey or for the username and password, contact the Illinois State Library at 1-800-665-5576, ext. 2. Contact Counting Opinions for technical assistance by email at rpatrick@countingopinions.com or by phone at 1-866-850-8366.

Try-It! Illinois Vendor Invitation

Try-It! Illinois provides ILLINET member libraries, their staffs and patron communities the opportunity to sample and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources for a two-month period beginning October 1 – November 30. This invitation is to new and returning vendors. Two questions are asked of interested vendors:

1. Does your resource(s) have application with all types of libraries specifically; public, academic, school and special?
2. Does your resource(s) address the digital divide; which in turn strives to equal the playing field in the world of electronic resources with access to information?

Contact [Gwen Harrison](#) at 217-785-7334 if interested in participating in this trial.

Learning Opportunities for All

Library specific, online courses and webinars are always free through the [WebJunction Course Catalog](#), providing relevant learning at your fingertips. Sign-up for a free account to get started and then you'll have access to over 320 self-paced learning opportunities from access and equity to young adults. All programs are online, so you are able to take advantage of the training without travel.

Census Information Being Distributed

Census information is being sent to public libraries from the State Library for distribution to the public in the coming weeks. The themes of the flyers produced by the U.S. Census Bureau are the importance of the 2020 census for the communities and the need for local census takers. Although the census will be conducted primarily online, in some cases there will still be a need for people to go door to door. A complete and accurate count is vital to ensure that the state and its communities receive the maximum amount of federal dollars they are entitled to, and to maintain the size of the Illinois congressional delegation. Any questions or concerns regarding the federal census should be directed to [Joe Natale](#), Chief Deputy Director at the State Library, at 217-558-1745.

Illinois Literacy Summer 2019 Issue Now Available

The summer 2019 issue of Illinois Literacy is now available through the following link https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/il-literacy-summer19.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.gov.

PNG Success Story

Project Next Generation (PNG) has breathed new life into teen programming at Alpha Park Public Library (APL)-in Bartonville. APL has been very fortunate to have maintained a large group of involved teens for many years. PNG expanded by involving new users and taking risks on programming types that were not previously explored.

The PNG group focused on learning and using video in a variety of technologies including VR, 360* video and drones. The program was an eight month commitment for the students. They were attentive listeners to the professionals who came in to work with them and were willing to share resources and information with each other. The students developed a true team mentality working through their projects.

PNG has been a positive experience in many ways, and APL is thankful to have been included in it.

2019 "Illinois Reads" Author Spotlights

"[Illinois Reads](#)" is an annual statewide reading initiative of the [Illinois Reading Council](#) to promote Illinois authors and the importance of reading for people of all ages. Each year, there are six different books by Illinois authors and/or illustrators selected at six different age groups for the reading list. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is the Honorary Chair. Below are some of the award winning authors whose works were selected.

[Birth – 4 Years](#)

Libertyville native **Natalie Rompella's** nonfiction picture book, "[The World Never Sleeps](#)," tells the hidden stories of insects and other small living things during the night. Educator activities are available on the author's website.

[Grades K – 2](#)

Dave Eggers, who grew up in Lake Forest, wrote "[What Can a Citizen Do?](#)," which is a book for today's youngest readers about what it means to be an "engaged and compassionate citizen".

[Grades 3 – 5](#)

Suzanne Slade of Libertyville wrote "[Dangerous Jane](#)" about Jane Addams' work that won her the Nobel Peace Prize.

Grades 6 – 8

Aaron Renier of Chicago is the author of "[The Unsinkable Walker Bean And The Knights Of The Waxing Moon](#)," the second installment of the Walker Bean graphic novel series.

Grades 9 – 12

Erika L. Sánchez of Chicago is the author of "[I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter](#)," which provides insight into an immigrant's life.

Adult

Rebecca Makkai of Chicago is the author of "[The Great Believers](#)," an international story about friendship and redemption in the face of loss.

[Bradbury Selection](#) – Ray Bradbury's "[Something Wicked This Way Comes](#)" is the tale of Mr. Dark's traveling carnival to Green Town, Illinois and granting wishes ... for a price.

Literacy Spotlight

This month's Literacy Spotlight highlights **Black Hawk College** in East Moline. A woman had been enrolled in Black Hawk College's program for more than four years and has overcome many personal challenges throughout her life. She was diagnosed with a severe learning disability which caused difficulties learning and retaining information. The diagnosis made the woman more determined to reach her goal of obtaining her GED. After working on this goal alone for a year, she decided she needed the assistance of a tutor. With the help and encouragement of her tutors, she recently passed her GED exam.

Salute to Veterans

In this issue of E-News, we are saluting Arthur Dolton, father of ISL staff member Shari Russwinkel. Mr. Dolton served in the Navy during the Korean War as an aviation mechanic. His Illinois Veterans History Project oral history interview is available at <https://youtu.be/caqTwrIpAAU>.

State Library's comprehensive online calendar

To view the State Library's calendar of events and deadlines, visit <https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/calendar/home.html>.

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