

**THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY**  
**October 2019**

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**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:

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

Applications are due to the State Library on or before **January 10, 2020**.

A grant information webinar was held recently and recorded for those unable to attend. To access the archived grant information webinar,

visit <http://webjunctionillinois.adobeconnect.com/p5kw7427xg4j/>

For more information, contact [Mark Shaffer](#).

**ILLINET Survey Now Available**

The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan (ILL) & Reciprocal Borrowing Statistical Survey is available now 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 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 [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/ill\\_code.html](http://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. For technical assistance, contact Counting Opinions at [rpatrick@countingopinions.com](mailto:rpatrick@countingopinions.com) or 1-866-850-8366.

**Illinois Adult Learning Hotline**

The Illinois Adult Learning Hotline, a project co-funded by the Secretary of State's Illinois State Library and the Illinois Community College Board, provides referral services for students, volunteers, and employers wishing to access adult education and literacy programs throughout Illinois.

Call the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline, 800-321-9511, or go online at [www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/hotline/index.html](http://www.thecenterweb.org/alrc/hotline/index.html) to:

- locate adult education classes near your home or work in English as a Second Language (ESL), adult literacy, preparation for high school equivalency (HSE) in English and Spanish, and citizenship
- find a program in need of volunteers
- contact a variety of adult education programs in your area

Operators speak English, Spanish and Polish. The hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. TDD or Voice User Number: 800-321-9511.

### **Illinois Literacy Fall 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-fall19.pdf](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/il-literacy-fall19.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](mailto:literacy@ilsos.gov).

### **Family Reading Night Extra Materials Available**

Family Reading Night 2019 will take place on Thursday, November 21. The theme extends ILA's iREAD theme, "It's Showtime at Your Library!" Bookmarks and posters have been mailed to all ILLINET member elementary and middle school libraries and ILLINET public libraries. If you are not an ILLINET member or need additional materials, email [Bonnie Matheis](mailto:Bonnie.Matheis@ilsos.gov) with the name of your institution, mailing address and number of materials needed. Spanish bookmarks are available this year. They are downloadable from the [Family Reading Night web page](#).

### **What Are Your Plans For Family Reading Night?**

If you are celebrating Family Reading Night at your library, please share the details with us! Your library may be featured in the Secretary of State's statewide press release. Please contact [Bonnie Matheis](mailto:Bonnie.Matheis@ilsos.gov) with details on how you will be participating in this annual event.

### **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 authors whose works were selected for 2019.

### Birth – 4 Years

- Artist and award-winning illustrator, **Chris Sheban** lives in Northbrook. He illustrated Jane Yolen's book, "[What To Do With A Box](#)." According to Kirkus' review the books, "...inspired executions of art and verse perfectly capture the unending fun of time spent inside a box."
- **John Sullivan** works for the City of Chicago as a security guard and during one of his rounds he found his cat, Beebe. They were companions for 17 years. His book, "[Kitten And The Night Watchman](#)" was inspired by that experience.

### Grades K – 2

- Author and artist/illustrator, **Deborah Marcero**, lived and taught in Chicago and her Kirkus starred book, "[My Heart Is A Compass](#)" follows Rose on her journey as she becomes a storyteller and inventor of detailed maps.
- Chicago poet, **Useni Eugene Perkins**, is well known for his inspirational poem, "[Hey Black Child](#)." In this book, Perkins' poem has been brought to life by Bryan Collier, a Caldecott honor illustrator and Coretta Scott King award winner.

### Grades 3 – 5

- Chicago author, **Tom Watson**, has been featured by Illinois READS before for his Stick Dog series. This year, "[Stick Cat: A Tail Of Two Kitties](#)," makes its way onto the scene with Watson's trademark laughs, adventure and hilarious stick-figure drawings.
- A member of Chicago's Barrel of Monkey's Theatre Co., **Mary Winn Heider** teaches creative writing to 3rd – 5th graders. Her hilarious book, "[The Mortification of Fovea Munson](#)," is about the summer 12-year-old Fovea is forced to help in her parents' cadaver lab.

### Grades 6 – 8

- **Celia C. Perez** works as a librarian for one of the City Colleges of Chicago and has written an award-winning book, "[The First Rule Of Punk](#)."
- Oswego author, **Adam P. Schmitt**, is a middle-school teacher. After witnessing a touching moment at a wake, he wrote "[Speechless](#)," "a poignant, funny, and candid look at grief, family secrets, difficult people, and learning to look behind the facade."

### Grades 9 – 12

- **Samira Ahmed** grew up in Batavia. Her NY Times Bestseller, "[Love, hate & other filters](#)," is about 17-year-old Maya Aziz, who is caught between two worlds, her India-born parents' world and her dream world, when a terrorist attack changes her life forever.
- **Silvia Hidalgo** is a graphic artist/illustrator who moved to Chicago from Costa Rica. While studying for the citizenship test, she realized graphics could help others absorb more information. So, she created her book, "[How to be an American : a field guide to citizenship](#)."

## Adult

- Born in West Chicago, **Kirk Wallace Johnson**, wrote the book, “[The Feather Thief](#).” “Absorbing . . . Though it's non-fiction, “The Feather Thief” contains many of the elements of a classic thriller,” said Maureen Corrigan, NPR’s Fresh Air.
- **Ronald H. Balson** lives in Chicago. His latest Liam Taggart and Catherine Lockhart book, “[The Girl From Berlin](#),” has them aiding an old friend where they are drawn into a property dispute in Tuscany that reveals long-buried secrets.

## **Literacy Spotlight**

This month’s Literacy Spotlight highlights **JD Norman Industries, Inc.** in Addison, which runs a Secretary of State supported Workplace Skills Enhancement Program. The instructor assisted program participants with reviewing safety-related training materials, work schedules and pay stubs.. In addition, participants were equipped with tools to help them better interact with coworkers as well as how to report workplace incidents to management. Supervisors have noticed that the team members have expanded their vocabulary, which has made them more confident. The students agreed that the skills they learned in the program were applicable in their personal lives.

## **Salute to Veterans**

In this issue of E-News, we are saluting Charles R. ‘Bobby’ Hamlin III. Mr. Hamlin served in the Marines during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom from 2006 to 2016. Mr. Hamlin shares his account of serving in both Iraq and Afghanistan during his Illinois Veterans History Project oral history interview found here: <https://youtu.be/TDF8rqZgeUI>.

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

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