



Secretary White presents awards to "Essays About Lincoln" winners

Secretary of State Jesse White presented awards to winners of

the "Essays About Lincoln" contest on March 24. The statewide essay contest for students in grades 5 through 12 asked students to write a modern-day version of President Abraham Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address*. The contest was part of a multi-faceted campaign developed by Secretary White's office to mark the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birthday on February 12. The State Archives, State Library, State Board of Education and Illinois Center for the Book co-sponsored the competition. The national Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Illinois Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission endorsed the contest.

"In November 1863, President Lincoln spoke at the dedication of a cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, which would be the final resting place for more than 50,000 Americans who died in the Civil War," said Secretary White. "In fewer than 300 words he made what has become one of the most revered speeches ever written. In 300 words or less, I wanted students to share their personal thoughts and dreams about where we are as a nation, and their ideals for freedom, democracy and equal opportunity."

Nearly 2,000 students from throughout Illinois submitted essays. Following are the winners:

Level 1 (Grades 5-6)

- 1st Place – June Kreml, Belleville
- 2nd Place – Grace Moran, Rock Island
- 3rd Place – Summer Wu, Lake Forest

Level 2 (Grades 7-8)

- 1st Place – Bryce Peters, Palos Heights
- 2nd Place – Sara Serritos, Chicago
- 3rd Place – Evan R. King, Paxton

Level 3 (Grades 9-12)

- 1st Place – Emiko Gomez, Chicago
- 2nd Place – Teresa Cooper, Danville
- 3rd Place – Kate Pond, Cisne

Winners and their parents/guardians met with Secretary White in his Springfield office and read their essays. They also toured the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Winners received a plaque and a cash award: \$200-first place, \$150-second place and \$100-third place. Winning essays will be published in the *2009-2010 Illinois Blue Book*. To read the winning entries, please visit www.illinoiscenterforthebook.org/projectsa.html.



Secretary of State Jesse White with winners of the "Essays About Lincoln" contest.

Illinois Archival Repositories Directory now online

The Illinois Archival Repositories Directory is now available online at www.ilsos.gov/archival_repositories/introduction. The directory gives Illinois archivists a way to locate other archivists in the state to exchange ideas and concerns, and also serves as a tool for researchers to use in locating appropriate research centers. The directory is searchable by name of repository, region, or name of county or city.

To submit a new listing or updates to an existing listing, use either the online Submission Form (www.ilsos.gov/archivalrepositories/emailForm) or the printable Submission Form (www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ard143.pdf).

DATES & REMINDERS

Society of American Archivists Annual Meeting

Sustainable Archives

August 11–16, Austin, TX

www.archivists.org/conference/austin2009

American Association for State and Local History

Annual Meeting

August 26-29, Indianapolis, IN

www.aaslh.org/2009-annual-meeting.htm

Illinois Association of Museums Annual Conference

September 30–October 2, Bloomington-Normal

www.illinoismuseums.org

Illinois Historic Preservation Agency 2009 Conference on Illinois History

October 1-2, Springfield

www.illinoishistory.gov/conference.htm

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Downstate Local Records Commission Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month, 10 a.m.

(unless otherwise noted)

State Archives Conference Room

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Cook County Local Records Commission Meeting

2nd Tuesday of the month, 11 a.m.

Video Conference Room, 9th floor

Thompson Center, Chicago

or

Capital City Center, Springfield

130 W. Mason St.

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

State Records Commission Meeting

3rd Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m.

State Archives Conference Room

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Former Archives Director John Daly passes away



John Daly

September 15, 1934 -

March 7, 2009

Former Illinois State Archives Director John Daly passed away Saturday, March 7, 2009, at his home in Rochester, Illinois. Daly was the fourth director of the State Archives and the second-longest serving director. He was 74.

“John Daly had already served as director of the State Archives for 25 years when I became Secretary of State,” said Secretary of State Jesse White. “He was a professional in everything he did, and he always made sure that the Archives was a well-run operation.”

Daly was born Sept. 15, 1934, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his undergraduate degree from LaSalle College, an M.A. in

English literature from the University of Illinois, an M.A. in history from Temple University and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Pennsylvania.

From 1963 to 1974 he served as an archivist at the Philadelphia City Archives. In 1974, Secretary of State Michael Howlett hired Daly as director of the Illinois State Archives following a national search conducted by leading archivists and academics in Illinois. Daly retired in July 2004 after 30 years of service with the Archives.

“When John arrived in Springfield the Illinois State Archives had declined considerably from its halcyon founding years under the legendary Margaret Cross Norton,” said Patrick Quinn, archivist emeritus at Northwestern University. “During John’s career he restored the Illinois State Archives to its former prominence and transformed it into one of the premier state archives in the United States. He was one of the very best public records archivists in the country and a regional and national leader of the archival profession. He played a key role in the early years of the Midwest Archives Conference and was held in high regard by all of his colleagues in the archival profession.”

As director, Daly created and later updated the first *Descriptive Inventory* of the holdings of the Archives. He developed the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) System for the long-term care of local records and established a records management system for the City of Chicago and Cook County. He also took the lead in making state records available online.

The State Archives and John Daly earned several awards during his tenure, including the Waldo Gifford Leland Certificate of Commendation (1979); the Society of American Archivists Distinguished Service Award (1982); the C. F. W. Coker Award (1984); and the Philip M. Hamer and Elizabeth Hamer Kegan Award (1987). In 1980, the Illinois State Genealogical Society honored him with a life membership. He also was a fellow of the Society of American Archivists and received awards from the Association of Records Managers and Administrators and the Federation of Genealogical Societies.

In 2008, the conference room in the Margaret Cross Norton Archives Building was named after Daly, making him the only non-Secretary of State to have a room named after him in that prestigious building.

John is survived by his wife, George Ann Porter Daly, and a sister, Marilyn K. Carter of Jamison, Pennsylvania.

New IRAD on-campus supervisors

Two new on-campus supervisors have joined the staff of the Illinois Regional Archives Depository (IRAD) System. Joining IRAD are Pam Hackbart-Dean, director of Special Collections Research Center at Southern Illinois University, and Heather Richmond, assistant archivist with Archives and Special Collections at Western Illinois University.

The Illinois State Archives established the IRAD system to care for the archival records of local governments. IRAD maintains seven regional archives located on state university campuses across of the state. The regional archives are staffed by graduate student interns. The on-campus supervisors oversee the day-to-day activities of the interns.

Archives employee receives MAC scholarship for annual meeting

The Midwest Archives Conference (MAC) recently selected State Archives employee Tim Mottaz as a recipient of an Emeritus Scholarship for First-Time Meeting Attendees. MAC's annual meeting is held each spring and features more than two full days of presentations, panel discussions and workshops on a broad range of subjects germane to archival work. Tim received \$250 to support his attendance at the MAC meeting being held April 30-May 2 in St. Louis. He is a records archivist in the Archives' Publications Unit responsible for arranging and describing state government records, creating finding aids and assisting in preparing Archives publications for distribution.

MAC is the nation's largest regional professional association for archivists with more than 1,150 members. The MAC region consists of 13 heartland states: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio and Wisconsin. MAC also has individual and institutional members from more than 30 other states and five other nations. For more information on MAC, please visit www.midwestarchives.org.

Illinois Electoral College Ballot Box



David Colonius of the Secretary of State's carpentry shop displays the 2008 Illinois Electoral College ballot box. David built the box, which was used by Illinois electors in December when casting their votes for president and vice-president of the United States. David made the box out of materials taken from the recently restored Illinois Senate chamber, including a desk that was used during the time President Barack Obama served as a state senator. The ballot box is currently being held at the State Archives along with other Electoral College materials.

Illinois Archives Month October 2009

This year will mark the third year that the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) will participate in the Society of American Archivists' annual Archives Month commemorations in October. The ISHRAB encourages all Illinois archives organizations to participate in Illinois Archives Month by hosting local events, exhibits and activities that highlight Illinois' rich cultural and documentary heritage. The ISHRAB will publicize events on its Events Calendar at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/ishrab/ishrab.html.

A poster will be created once again promoting Illinois Archives Month, which will be available to any Illinois archives, library, museum or historical society. The theme of this year's poster is "Transportation in Illinois."

For more information about Illinois Archives Month or to post an activity on the Events Calendar, please contact:

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ILLINOIS STATE ARCHIVES HOURS:

Monday-Friday
8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

1st Saturday of each Month
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Closed all state holidays and
holiday weekends

www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Federal Township Plats, 1804–1891 (2002), 102 Illinois counties with each county on a single CD-ROM – \$20 per county

A Summary Guide to Local Governmental Records in the Illinois Regional Archives, second edition (1999), 265 pp. – \$6

Descriptive Inventory of the Archives of the State of Illinois, second edition (1997), 940 pp. or CD-ROM – \$20

Abraham Lincoln in Illinois: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (2008), teacher’s manual (87 pp.) and 35 document facsimiles with transcriptions – \$10*

Hard Times in Illinois, 1930-1940: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (2002), teacher’s manual (119 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles – \$10*

The Illinois and Michigan Canal, 1827-1911: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (1998), teacher’s manual (115 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions – \$12*

Illinois at War, 1941-1945: A Selection of Documents from the Illinois State Archives (1994), teacher’s manual (119 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles – \$12*

From the Ashes, 1872-1900: A Selection of Documents from the Proceedings Files of the Chicago City Council (1990), teacher’s manual (123 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions – \$10*

Early Chicago, 1833-1871: A Selection of City Council Proceedings Files from the Illinois State Archives (1986, 1999), teacher’s manual (115 pp.) and 50 document facsimiles with transcriptions – \$14*

***Teaching packets are available free to Illinois educational institutions by submitting a request on letterhead stationery. All other requests are filled for the fee listed.** To order publications, please contact: Illinois State Archives, Publications Unit, Norton Building, Springfield, IL 62756, 217-782-2226. Please make checks payable to Secretary of State. For a complete list of Illinois State Archives publications, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/publications.html.

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