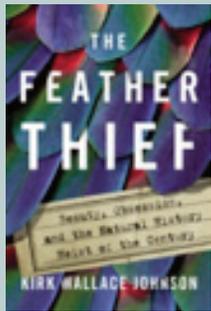


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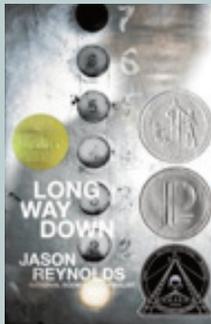
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## Program Highlights



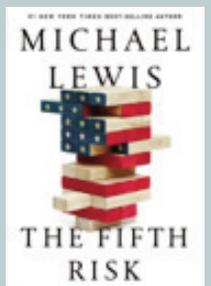
**Illinois Reads** is an initiative to assist readers in locating works written by Illinois authors. Each year the Illinois Reading Council selects books from each age category highlighting the best literature from our state. For additional information on this program, explore [www.IllinoisReads.org](http://www.IllinoisReads.org).

"The Feather Thief," by Kirk Wallace Johnson  
This is all true. It's all nature. It's all crime.



**Read for a Lifetime** is a statewide reading program that targets high school students. This initiative promotes the enjoyment of reading by encouraging students to read both classic and contemporary literature and rewards them for their efforts. For more information on this program, please visit <http://bit.ly/2uQft9Q>.

"Long Way Down," by Jason Reynolds  
An elevator ride to make you rethink your entire life. Just remember the rules: 1. No crying, 2. No snitching, 3. Revenge.



**eRead Illinois** is a digital book and audio book lending service for state employees. Download the Axis 360 App, available for most devices and desktops, and begin borrowing new and classic titles. Browse the collection here: <https://isl.axis360.baker-taylor.com>.

"The Fifth Risk," by Michael Lewis  
He captured our imagination with his books and his stories became blockbusters with "Moneyball," "The Blind Side" and "The Big Short." Now you can read his latest novel.

## Visit the Illinois State Library

The Library will display illustrations from Springfield artist and author William Crook Jr. The exhibit, "William Crook Jr. Looks at His Hometown," will be held in the atrium of the State Library from Oct. 29, 2018 through Jan. 4, 2019.

Mr. Crook has been producing pen and ink drawings for nearly 43 years. His illustrious career began when he was a design student at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He was inspired by the "underground comix" movement of the '60s and '70s, as well as the work of Robert Crumb. His love for his home state has inspired much of his work, including drawings of the state capitol, Lincoln's home and other historic sites throughout the state. Influenced by Route 66 artist and map maker, Bob Waldmire, Crook has also created a series of prints depicting historical sites along Route 66 from Illinois to California.

## Federal document spotlight

During long-running conflicts, particularly World War II, the government reminded the public to support the troops and the war effort with posters. Individuals would see these displayed downtown, in local shops, at the post office, etc. The State Library has a large collection of original WWII posters. Their messages promote everything from saving tin cans to make ammunitions, to advocating for young women to become nurses. They served as a reminder of the importance of the war in protecting American freedoms. You can browse the digital collection of war posters using the following link: <http://www.idaillinois.org/digital/collection/isl5/search/> or you can visit the collection at the library.

## Have a question?

The Reference Department is here to help answer your questions for work projects, government information, etc. We can locate articles, help find maps and search our collection of Illinois and federal documents for answers to your questions. We are also here to help with digital service questions, such as searching databases and utilizing various eBook services. Please reach out via email at [isinfo@ilsos.net](mailto:isinfo@ilsos.net) or call 217-782-7596.

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