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# INSIGHT

## Emerging Writers winners honored

Secretary of State Jesse White recently honored the winners of the 2010 Illinois Emerging Writers Competition during a ceremony at the Illinois State Library. The contest was created by Secretary White to recognize unpublished poets and short story writers in the state.

Pictured left to right are: Secretary White; Andrew Galligan, 3rd place-Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award; Janice Croom, 3rd place-James Jones Short Story Award; Cristina Carrera, 1st place-James Jones Short Story Award; Keli Stewart, 1st place-Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award; Ray Elliott of the James Jones Literary Society; Kevin Stein, Illinois Poet Laureate; and Tacuma Roeback, 2nd place-James Jones Short Story Award. Not pictured is Elizabeth Ziglinski of Morton, 2nd place-Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award.



## Try-it! Illinois wrap-up

The 11th annual Try-It! Illinois statewide database trial ran from October 1 through November 30. Try-It! Illinois offers library staff and users an excellent opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. Thanks to partnerships between the Illinois State Library and participating electronic resource vendors, there is no charge for accessing these databases during the trial period. Libraries are encouraged to share Try-It! Illinois with patrons, providing the opportunity to use and recommend electronic resources for possible purchase at the local level.

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# Borders literacy donation program

For the eighth year, Secretary of State Jesse White, The Illinois Literacy Foundation and Borders bookstores collaborated to raise funds for local literacy programs and promote literacy awareness in Illinois. From October 5 through November 1, 2010, Borders customers were given the opportunity to add a dollar or more to their purchases to benefit literacy programs. The program raised \$44,210. In all, 30 Borders stores, one Borders Express and one Waldenbooks store participated in the 2010 program.

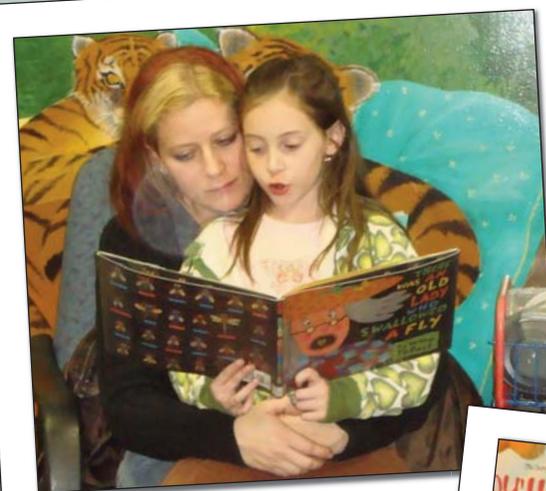
## Family Reading Night 2010

Family Reading Night events with the theme "Fall into Reading" were held throughout the state on Thursday, November 18. The Secretary of State's office and the Illinois State Library sponsor Family Reading Night each year to encourage parents and children to develop a regular habit of spending time together reading.



ABOVE: Jorge Aguiar reads to his mom, Naty, at the Aurora Regional Fire Museum where Family Reading Night was celebrated with stories and crafts about firefighters. Presenting the program were staff members from the Aurora Public Library.

BELOW: Tonya and Mya Sarter took part in FRN festivities at Coal City Public Library.



ABOVE: Aurora Public Librarian Diane Christian reads *Chief Rhino to the Rescue* to children at the Aurora Regional Fire Museum.



ABOVE: The Andrades family enjoyed FRN events at Iroquois West Elementary School in Gilman.



ABOVE: An enthusiastic group enjoyed FRN events at Kaskaskia College in Centralia.

# Apportionment history on IDA

As Illinois lawmakers prepare to redraw legislative and congressional district boundaries based on the 2010 census, the Illinois Digital Archives now includes the report, "Guide to Apportionment in Illinois 1818-2001." The report was compiled by State Library reference librarian Raymond Collins and includes maps for the years 1818 to 1854 as well as highlights of the accompanying apportionment laws. A bibliography of apportionment maps available at the State Library also is a highlight of the report, which is available at [www.idaillinois.org](http://www.idaillinois.org). The report also will be available in the State Library's online catalog. For more information, please contact the Reference Department at 217-782-7596, [isinfo@ilsos.net](mailto:isinfo@ilsos.net).

## "The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut" – April 28

The Illinois State Library is joining schools, businesses, government agencies, families and others in "The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut" at 10:15 a.m. on April 28, 2011. More than 1 million people in the eight-state New Madrid Seismic Zone region are expected to practice "Drop, Cover and Hold" during the ShakeOut drill.

"Drop, Cover and Hold" refers to the protective actions people should take when an earthquake strikes: "Drop" down to the floor; take "Cover" under a sturdy desk, table or other furniture; and "Hold" onto the furniture item and be prepared to move with it until the shaking ends.

Illinois is at risk from two major seismic zones: the Wabash Valley Seismic Zone and the New Madrid Seismic Zone. The Wabash Valley zone is located between southeastern Illinois and southwestern Indiana. The New Madrid zone is located in the Central Mississippi River Valley and includes portions of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

"The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut" drill is being organized by the Central United States Earthquake Consortium, which includes members from the eight states impacted by the New Madrid Seismic Zone. Other partners include state and local emergency management agencies, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Citizen Corps, U.S. Geological Survey, the American Red Cross, and other public and private entities.

## Keppel Award

State Library Director Anne Craig and ISL State Data Coordinator Ron Winner were honored with the Francis Keppel Award at the fall 2010 State Data Coordinators Conference hosted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services in Washington, D.C. The award is presented annually to a State Library chief officer and state data coordinator for submitting prompt, complete and high-quality public library data.

## Illinois Authors Wiki

Illinois Authors Wiki at [www.illinoisauthors.org/authors/Home](http://www.illinoisauthors.org/authors/Home) is a project of the State Library's Illinois Center for the Book, which features information about authors, photographers and illustrators who have published books and lived in Illinois or written about Illinois. What makes Illinois Authors Wiki different from other wikis is that all entries are made through voluntary efforts of authorized librarians, authors, publishers and other individuals working to develop a comprehensive resource about Illinois authors. The Wiki is a continual work in progress and will become even more valuable with the addition of the authors themselves and through the work of specialists who share an interest in Illinois' literary heritage.

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### Thanks to the following vendors who took part in Try-it! Illinois 2010.

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## 2011 LSTA funding reminder

Because of the State of Illinois' continuing fiscal problems, the Illinois State Library will be directing FY2011 LSTA funding toward fundamental programs such as delivery and critical resource-sharing services instead of its continuing education initiatives. Programs that will not be funded this year are Synergy, the Illinois Library Leadership Initiative; Small Public Library Management Institute; Institute for School and Public Librarians; On the Front Lines Conference; and scholarships for students pursuing master's degrees in library science. Secretary of State Jesse White and the staff at the Illinois State Library feel it is most important to preserve resource sharing during this austere fiscal period.

One State Library program, ILEAD U (Illinois Libraries Explore, Apply and Discover), is operated with a three-year Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian competitive award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and will continue through 2012.

## Library mailing list available

The State Library is pleased to provide interested individuals and organizations a list of Illinois libraries in electronic format. The listing includes approximately 640 public libraries, 3,200 school libraries, 200 academic libraries and 480 special libraries. The list is available via e-mail. The library does not provide labels or send any listings by mail. Please send your request to Pat McGuckin at pmcguckin@ilsos.net.

## State Library staff news

The following State Library employees retired in November and December:

**Dennis Weller**, Reference Department  
**Barb Fitch**, Administrative Services  
**Susan Goodman**, Library Development Group  
**Earl Huston**, Technical Services

Reference Librarian **Robert Jones** has been chosen to be part of the 2011 Class of Emerging Leaders by the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders Committee.

**Dan Dixon** of the Library Operations Unit and **Margaret Collins**, former Patent and Trademark librarian, were honored with the Individual Writers Award by the Illinois State Genealogical Society (ISGS) for their article, "The McWorters of New Philadelphia, Illinois: Patents as a Genealogical Resource." The award was presented at the 2010 ISGS Conference. Dan was also named to the ISGS Board of Directors for 2011.

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February 28-March 3  
ILEAD U Conference • U of I Springfield

April 10-16  
National Library Week

April 14  
ISL Advisory Committee • Videoconference

April 28  
System Presidents and Directors Meeting • State Library

The Illinois State Library  
will be closed:

February 11  
Lincoln's birthday observed

February 21  
Presidents Day



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