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Small Public Library Management Institute – June 2-7

Applications are available for the 18th Small Public Library Management Institute (SPLMI). Sponsored by the Illinois State Library and hosted by the University of Illinois Springfield, the institute will be held June 2-7. The weeklong institute is intended for directors of small public libraries as well as directors of all sizes of libraries that are either new to their position or new to the Illinois library community.

Key goals of the institute are to assist public library administrators in better under-

standing their roles and responsibilities as well as how to provide better service to their constituents. Topics this year will range from legal and budgeting issues to policy development, innovative programs, building safety, leadership, customer service and personnel. In addition, there are numerous opportunities for idea-sharing, networking and team projects.

Participants will be housed in individual rooms on the UIS campus during the week, with all classes taking place on

campus. The registration fee for the week is only \$50, which includes housing, meals, speakers and program materials. For an application or more information, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/splmi.html. Applications may be mailed, faxed or submitted as an email attachment and must be received by **5 p.m., March 15**. For additional information, contact the Library Development Group at 217-782-1891 or 800-665-5576.

ILEAD USA

The State Library continues its preparations to host ILEAD USA (Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover): The 21st Century Technology and Leadership Skills Institute for the States. This continuing education initiative will be held at the University of Illinois Springfield on **March 25-28, June 17-20** and **October 21-24**. The ILEAD USA initiative, begun in 2009 by Illinois as ILEAD U, has been expanded to partner states Colorado, Iowa, Ohio and Utah.

Follow the latest developments on the ILEAD USA schedule and speakers at www.webjunction.org/partners/illinois/il-programs/ileadusa.html. ILEAD USA is made possible by a Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant awarded to the State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).



ILLINOIS EMERGING WRITERS COMPETITION — Secretary of State Jesse White and Illinois Poet Laureate Kevin Stein hosted a reception in Springfield for winners of the 2012 Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award. The competition was created by White to recognize unpublished Illinois poets. First-place winner was Greg Harrell (far right); second place, Dan Hamann (far left); and Hannah Kurcharak, third place. The winning entries can be read at illinoiscenterforthebook.org.

CARLI digitization update

The State Library has contributed 527 items to the Internet Archive through the CARLI Digitization Initiative. Of those items, 109 volumes are from the Illinois History collection contained in the 977.3 portion of the State Library's Dewey collection. The volumes in the collection range from the pre-territorial era to the emergence of Chicago as an international city. The material includes volumes about early Kaskaskia and Cahokia; English and French settlements in Frontier Illinois; George Rogers Clark; Black Hawk War; Lincoln-Douglas debates; 19th Century census and election information; Great Chicago Fire; and material about various counties (Williamson, Edwards, Lee, McLean, Stark, Ogle, Putman, Marshal, Bureau, Stephenson, Will, Jersey, Fulton).

Other materials from the State Library in the Internet Archive made possible by CARLI are items from the Illinois Government Documents collection, including:

- *The Illinois Coal Reports (1883-1986)*
- *The Annual Report of the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (1978-2010)*
- *The Executive Orders of the Governors (1990-2010)*
- *The Annual Report of the Illinois Courts: Administrative Summary (1991-2010)*
- *The Papers and Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society (1922-1953)*
- *Official Votes Cast in Illinois for General Elections (1884-2006)*
- *Official Vote: Illinois Primary Elections (1912-2008)*
- *Index to the Transcripts of House Debates (1971-1993)*
- *Index to the Transcripts of Senate Debates (1971-1993)*
- *Index to the Laws of Illinois (1812-1968)*
- *Illinois Regional Economic Data Book (1970-1989).*
- *Illinois Issues* magazine (2001-2011)
- *Illinois House Journals, Laws of Illinois, Incorporation Laws and Reports made to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Illinois (1834-42: During Lincoln's terms in the Illinois General Assembly)*
- *Illinois Registers (1992-2000)*

Family Reading Night 2012

The Secretary of State's annual Family Reading Night was held November 15 at hundreds of locations across Illinois. The event is a night when parents and children are urged to turn off their televisions, computers, video games and other forms of entertainment and spend time reading together. The theme this year was "One World, Many Stories." Thousands of colorful posters and bookmarks were distributed to libraries, schools, literacy programs and other organizations by the State Library. This was the 21st year the Secretary of State's office sponsored Family Reading Night.



Among the locations hosting Family Reading Night in November were (top to bottom) Coal City Public Library, Galva Public Library and Iroquois West Elementary School.

Annual online library certification

A new process took effect January 2 in which regional library system member libraries must complete online library certification. The annual certification process is required for all library system members — full or developmental — in order to qualify for system services and programs/services from the State Library. The window for certification is **January 2-March 31, 2013**.

The State Library's Annual Library Certification website is available at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/librarycertification.html.

The site includes a link to the data and questions included in the certification form, a link to the online certification portal (accessible January 2-March 31), and a timeline and Frequently Asked Questions document about the annual certification process.

The certification portal requires the agency's Eli Control Number and the main administrative branch number for each library system member. This information is available through [L2](#). Locate your library agency information and scroll through the information to find the Eli Control Number. Main administrative branches are identified as 00 for public, academic, special and private school libraries. Public school library administrative branches are identified as 99.

For more information, contact Pat Boze at pboze@ilsos.net.

ISL Grant Program proposed rules update

Proposed rules for the Illinois State Library Grant Programs (23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035) have been published on page 16997 in the Dec. 7, 2012, issue of the *Illinois Register* at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/index/register/register_volume36_issue49.pdf. The primary purpose of this rulemaking is to establish consistency among the various State Library grant programs in response to a request by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

In applying for a grant under the Literacy Grant Program (Subpart B), the Talking Book and Braille Service (Subpart F), and the Library Service and Technology Act Program (Subpart G), applicants shall provide the information requested in Section 3035.135 (d) in an electronic format. Information requested includes the name of the project director; the administrative capacity of an applicant to carry out the programmatic and financial requirements of the grant; project title, purpose, description and schedule; abstract; target audience and need; outcomes, evaluations and methods; and detail and explanation of expenses.

The rulemaking also includes the Family Literacy Program in Section 3035.200. The Family Literacy Program is being renamed the Penny Severns Family Literacy Program, and the Penny Severns Summer Literacy Program in Section 3035.280 is being repealed.

Additionally, in Section 3035.10, the reference to definitions for the Subpart, which affects all grant programs in Part 3035, is being changed to the definitions contained in the Illinois Library System Act (23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030.10).

Finally, the life-safety ranking for public library construction projects in Section 3035.525 is being deleted because all projects involve life-safety criteria, and there are a sufficient number of other measures in the Section to rank a project within a priority.

For more information, contact Joe Natale at jnatale@ilsos.net, 217-558-4185.

"On the Front Lines" returns Aug. 5-7

The State Library's popular "On the Front Lines" conference will return August 5-7 at the University of Illinois Springfield. "On the Front Lines" is designed to provide front-line library staff with training, technology tools and techniques to effectively and efficiently meet patron needs. For more information, contact Karen Egan at kegan@ilsos.net or 217-782-7749, or Gwen Harrison at gharrison@ilsos.net or 217-785-7334.

Statewide library delivery service updates

New webpage

The State Library has developed a new webpage with important information about statewide delivery service for Illinois libraries at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/delivery.html.

Materials clarification

State Library Director Anne Craig recently contacted the Secretary of State's general counsel for clarification on what types of items can be delivered to member libraries through the Illinois Library Delivery System and the three regional library systems' intra-system delivery services. Read the response at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/pdfs/delivery_memo_agc.pdf.



Try It! Illinois

Thanks to everyone who took part in Try-it! Illinois — the State Library's popular, annual statewide electronic database trial, which ran October 1-November 30. The trial offered more than 5,000 ILLINET member libraries, their staffs and patrons an opportunity to evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources free of charge.

Special thanks to the participating vendors:

- Record Information Services
- Mergent, Inc.
- The World & I Online
- Mango Languages
- Infobase Learning/ Facts On File Online / Films Media Group
- OCLC
- Plunkett Research
- EBSCO
- Credo Reference
- TumbleBooks
- S&P Capital IQ
- Rosen Publishing, Inc.
- ABC-CLIO
- LexisNexis
- Alexander Street Press
- AtoZ Databases
- NewsBank Inc.

Around the library...

The State Library **Literacy Office** was recently honored by Literacy Volunteers of DuPage County as "Community Partner of the Year."

Cyndy Colletti, manager of the State Library Literacy Office, celebrated 20 years with the State Library.

Library Development Group consultant **Karen Egan** is one of six librarians nationwide to be named to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Lunar and Planetary Institute's Explore! Advisory Board. Explore! is designed to engage children in space and planetary science in the library and informal learning environments. Learn more at <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/education/explore/>.

Two State Library employees embarked on well-deserved retirements at the end of 2012: **Shirley Jonas**, a personnel liaison who had been with the library for nearly 37 years, and **Patricia Salamon**, a correspondence operator with the Talking Book and Braille Service who worked for the library nearly 14 years.

Megan Kapusta has been promoted to a full-time Library Aide II position with the Talking Book and Braille Service.

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March 25-28

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Annual Library Certification Process Ends

April 11

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