

THIS WEEK AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY July 8, 2016

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Final Library Certification Summary

The Annual Library Certification process officially closed March 31. Certification is required in order for a library to maintain system membership and eligibility for State Library sponsored grant opportunities. A summary of the number of libraries that completed the certification process to maintain system and ILLINET membership for FY17 (July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017) follows:

Compared to FY16, eight fewer academic libraries, five fewer school libraries and 24 fewer special libraries completed certification. The same number of public libraries completed certification.

Internet Librarian Conference Discount for ILLINET Members

Information Today, Inc is offering a discount to ILLINET member librarians to attend the Internet Librarian 2016 Conference. The special rate is \$379 for the 3-day event (regular rate is \$549). In addition, there is discount price of \$109 (regularly \$219) on the Internet@Schools Track. No discount rates are available for the preconference workshops.

The Internet Librarian Conference will be held **October 17-19** at the Monterey Marriott in Monterey, California. Information about this conference is located at: <http://internet-librarian.infotoday.com/2016/>

The deadline to receive the discount for the conference is **September 16, 2016**. To register, go to: <https://secure.infotoday.com/RegForms/internetlibrarian/?Priority=ILL16>. For additional information about the discount, contact [Jill Heffernan](#) at 217-557-7259.

Illinois Reads Author Spotlight

[Cynthia Liu](#) lives in Chicago where she writes contemporary picture books for children about spunky characters in humorous situations. Her newest release is a delightful picture book about Bear who can do everything—except ride a bike. In “Bike On, Bear!,” a 2016 “Illinois Reads” [selection](#) for children birth to 4 years old, young readers will discover how he overcomes his two-wheeled unbearable challenge.

To learn more about Mrs. Liu, visit his [author profile](#) in the [Illinois Authors Wiki](#), a project of the State Library’s [Illinois Center for the Book](#). Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White is the honorary chair of “[Illinois Reads](#),” a program of the [Illinois Reading Council](#).

Literacy Spotlight

This week’s Literacy Spotlight highlights **Illinois Business Innovation Services (BIS)** in Naperville which runs a Secretary of State supported Workplace Skills Enhancement Program. Peacock Foods in Geneva is a food packing and shipping company that utilizes the services offered at Illinois BIS. Since encouraging employees to enroll in the Workplace Skills Enhancement program, Peacock Foods has found that employees have improved their verbal skills and are able to recognize common item names or

terms. Other employees are motivated to take classes as their colleague's skill levels improve. Employees are now able to read short memos and write their ideas and suggestions for facility improvements. With the help of the staff at Illinois BIS, Peacock Foods has become a more efficient organization and their employees are excelling.

GovDocInfo

On July 7, 1898, President William McKinley signed a resolution annexing Hawaii. No change in government took place until 1900, when Congress passed an act making Hawaii an "incorporated" territory of the U.S. This act remained in effect until Hawaii became a state in 1959. To learn more about the vote taken on the resolution to approve the annexation of Hawaii, visit the United States House of Representatives [website](#).

Illinois Digital Archives

Major League Baseball (MLB) will hold its annual All-Star game next Tuesday July 12, in San Diego, California. The first "midsummer classic" was held on July 6, 1933 at Comiskey Park in Chicago. That year Babe Ruth led the American League with a home run as they defeated the National League, 4-2. Prior to the summer of 1933, All-Star contests consisted of pre and post season exhibitions that often involved teams made up of a few stars playing beside journeymen and even minor leaguers. View this [postcard](#) from 1954 of a ball game being played at Comiskey Park.

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