

## THIS WEEK AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY July 15, 2016

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### Illinois Department of Employment Service (IDES)-Update

IDES is enhancing its employment services to provide jobseekers with more work-search and re-employment options, referrals, hiring events and job planning programs. Librarians can help IDES implement this initiative by informing individuals that most applicants with new Unemployment Insurance claims on or after July 17, 2016 must also register and upload their resume to [www.IllinoisJobLink.com](http://www.IllinoisJobLink.com). **Please note that benefits will not be paid until registration for employment service is complete.** An individual's responses to questions on the application for Unemployment Insurance benefits will determine whether registration is required. This does not apply to current claimants.

For more information about how to register patrons for employment services, see the Department's FAQs at [www.ides.illinois.gov](http://www.ides.illinois.gov). A [flyer](#), available in both English and Spanish, is available that can be displayed in your library.

### Updated WebJunction Content and Upcoming Webinar

[Create a free WebJunction learner account](#) today to find a wide range of training topics including customer service, library management and programming through WebJunction. Attendees earn completion certificates for finishing each class. WebJunction's free e-newsletter, Crossroads, highlights upcoming webinars and new course content. [Subscribe today](#) and be part of the online learning community.

New highlighted content from WebJunction for public libraries includes:

- [Ready, Set, Learn! Supercharged Storytimes Orientation Archive Now Available](#): Now that WebJunction's successful Supercharged Storytimes project has wrapped up, the Supercharged Library of engaging resources is available on their website. [Learn more about this five-module course](#) and how to enroll for free.
- [Reading Conversations: Readers Advisory for All Library Staff](#). Are you looking to get your staff ready and eager to talk to patrons about books and reading? Check out this fun "Reader BINGO Challenge" example from the Whatcom County Library System. The program has resulted in a culture change at the library and staff proudly posts their BINGO cards in their workstations, not only to show their progress but to share the titles of books they're reading.

Upcoming WebJunction webinars:

- [Coding for Everyone: How Your Library Can Help Anyone Learn to Code](#), **Tuesday, July 19, 2016, at 2 p.m.**
- [Beyond the Job Description: Ten Practical Tips for the New Rural Library Director](#), **Thursday, August 11, 2016, at 2 p.m.**

Can't attend a live session? All webinars are archived and included in the [WebJunction course catalog](#).

### Illinois Reads Author Spotlight

[Linda Sue Park](#) was born in Urbana and grew up in Chicago. [Julia Durango](#) lives in Ottawa. Both are award-winning children's authors and together they created, "Yum! Yuck!: A Foldout Book of People Sounds." In it, children are eating ice cream at a busy street market and express laughter and surprise in different languages. The beautifully illustrated book is a 2016 "Illinois Reads" [selection](#) for children

grades K-2 that lets young readers try out the less familiar sounds while guessing the emotion being expressed.

To learn more about [Linda Sue Park](#) and [Julia Durango](#), visit their author profiles 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 **Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County** in Oak Park. A woman, originally from Mexico, studied English on her own for most of her adult life. She enrolled in the literacy program at Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County to improve her communication skills. The student felt insecure communicating at work with coworkers who spoke English fluently. Literacy Volunteers of Western Cook County matched the learner with a tutor that gave her the self-confidence to only speak English in her day to day interactions.

### **GovDocInfo**

The National Park Service turns 100 on August 25, 2016, and everyone can take part in the celebration. The centennial will kick off a second century of stewardship of America's national parks and engaging communities through recreation, conservation and historic preservation programs. Visit the National Park Service [website](#) to discover national parks and programs near you.

### **Illinois Digital Archives**

With flowers in full bloom and the sun shining, it is the perfect time for a picnic. Whether you are picnicking in the park, hitting the beach or heading out of the city for the day, make sure you pack something for everyone. View this [postcard](#) from 1938 of people picnicking at the Gages Lake Picnic Grounds in Grayslake.

### **Sign up for E-News**

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### **State Library's Comprehensive Online Calendar**

To view the State Library's calendar of events and deadlines, visit <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/calendar/home.html>.