

THIS WEEK AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

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Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian
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E-News Transitions to Monthly Installments

E-News from the Illinois State Library will now be sent out monthly instead of weekly. With the new schedule, the newsletter will be emailed on the second Monday of every month starting with September 12th. Special announcements about grant offerings and deadlines will be issued as needed.

State Library Wins Demco Award for Targeting Autism Forum

The Illinois Library Association's [Demco Library Innovative award](#) recognizes a library's achievement in planning and implementing an innovative or creative program or service, which has had a measurable impact on its users. The award is sponsored by Demco, Inc. The award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon held on Tuesday, October 18 during the 2016 ILA Annual Conference in Rosemont. To learn more about the State Library's Targeting Autism initiative, visit the library's [Web page](#).

Ann Ford Wins Alexander J. Skrzypek Award

Ann Ford, Executive Director of the Illinois Network of Centers for Independent Living (INCIL), is the recipient of the [2016 Illinois Library Association Alexander J. Skrzypek Award](#). The award is given to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of library services for the blind or physically disabled in Illinois. The award is sponsored by the Illinois State Library Talking Book and Braille Service.

FY17 Live & Learn Construction Grant Applications Now Available

Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is pleased to announce that applications for the FY17 Live & Learn Construction Grant Program are now open to public libraries. Information about the State Library's public library construction grant programs is available on the State Library's [website](#). The website provides access to specific program information, requirements and a link to the grant application. Applications are due to the State Library by **January 13, 2017**.

A webinar is scheduled for **Thursday, September 22** at 2 p.m. During the webinar, State Library staff will provide an overview of the program to include eligibility requirements, grant categories, rules and regulations governing the program, application procedures, required supporting documentation, grant submission, review procedures and take general questions regarding any aspect of the program. Registration for the webinar must be done through [L2](#). The webinar will be recorded and archived for those unable to attend.

For more information, please contact [Mark Shaffer](#), [Pat Boze](#) or [Jay O'Dell](#).

Julia Durango to Represent Illinois at National Book Festival

[Julia Durango](#)'s book, "The Leveller," will represent Illinois as one of "52 Great Reads" on the "Discover Great Places Through Reading Map" available at the States Pavilion at the 2016 National Book Festival. The festival will be held in Washington, D.C. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on Saturday, September 24, 2016. At the festival, each state's Center for the Book selects an author to highlight. For the past several years, the Illinois Center for the Book has highlighted a book by the author receiving the Illinois Reading Council's Prairie State Award for Excellence in Writing for Children. Durango lives in Ottawa and is an award-winning children's author. The author selected "The Leveller," to represent Illinois at the National Book Festival this year.

This year's festival will feature authors, poets and illustrators. Attendees can meet and hear firsthand from their favorite poets and authors, get books signed, hear special entertainment, have photos take with storybook characters and participate in a variety of activities. At the Pavilion of the States, children are given the "Discover Great Places Through Reading" maps to take to each state table for stamping. Once a map has been stamped by each state, the children receive a small prize. For more information about the book festival, please visit the Library of Congress' [website](#).

The Illinois Center for the Book is the Illinois affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and is a programming arm of the Illinois State Library.

Project Outcomes Updates

A [special training opportunity](#) will bring an expert trainer to your region to facilitate training into outcome measurement using the Project Outcome tools. Convene a cohort of public libraries interested in implementing outcome measurement to drive change, influence decision making and demonstrate the true impact of their library's programs and services on the community. Workshops can be booked for dates starting in October 2016 and will continue through next year. If your library is interested in bringing Project Outcome to your region, fill out an [interest form](#).

A new discussion forum is available on the Project Outcome [website](#). Project Outcome Peers is a place for library leaders and staff to discuss their respective program outcomes, ask questions about different patron engagement strategies and further the thoughts and conversations that begin with Project Outcome.

On September 8, 2016 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., United Libraries Council, the University of Washington Information School and the Public Library Association will be hosting a joint webinar to discuss how their assessment tools can be used in conjunction to improve the library story. Visit the Project Outcome website for registration updates.

Project Outcome will give prizes to participating libraries that complete a Summer Reading Survey by September 30. Schedule your Summer Reading Survey today.

Illinois Reads Author Spotlight-Young Children's Authors

[Amy Krause Rosenthal](#) and [Tom Lichtenheld](#) have collaborated on several award-winning children's books including the New York Times Bestsellers "Duck! Rabbit!," "Exclamation Mark," "I Wish You More" and "Stick and Stone." Amy is an author who lives in Chicago. Born in Dixon, Tom, author/illustrator, currently resides in Weldon. Their book, "Friendshape," is a 2016 "Illinois Reads" [selection](#) for children up to 4 years old. Many classroom activities for the book are listed on Pinterest.

[Janice May Udry](#) is a children's author who was born in Jacksonville and graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston. Her philosophy on the test of a good children's book is that it "will not bore an adult." Her first book, "A Tree Is Nice," was written in 1956 and won the 1957 Caldecott Award for the most distinguished American picture book. A 2016 "Illinois Reads" [selection](#), her book is still a favorite of children, librarians and teachers today.

To learn more about the authors, 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 **Baby TALK** in Decatur which runs a Secretary of State supported Penny Severns Family Literacy Program. A woman enrolled in Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes through Family Literacy and expressed concern about her son's development. The learner recently moved to the area and did not have much support.. With the help of the Family Literacy program, the learner's son was able to work with a therapist in Baby TALK's Success Together Experiencing Play and Stimulation program. The learner stated, "My son went from just laying on the floor flapping his arms and legs to sitting up, crawling, walking, running, singing and saying words." Her son also learned to feed himself, interact with other children and started to learn colors and numbers. Today, the learner is a different woman. Not only has the woman been successful with her child's development, she has gained employment, purchased her own home and made multiple grade level improvements during her two years in ABE classes.

GovDocInfo

On August 18, 1920 the 19th Amendment was ratified extending the right to vote to women. Introduced by Woman Suffrage Committee Chairman James R. Mann of Illinois, the Susan B. Anthony Amendment was successfully pushed by suffrage lobbyists who tied U.S. defense of democracy abroad to the extension of democracy at home. The bill gained momentum as the U.S. mobilized to fight World War I with the help of many women. Mann declared, "The time is ripe, the people are ready and the beneficiaries of this amendment are eager, willing and able to perform the duties of citizenship." Achieving this milestone required a lengthy and difficult struggle involving decades of agitation and protest. Beginning in the mid-19th century, several generations of woman suffrage supporters lectured, marched, lobbied and practiced civil disobedience to achieve what many Americans considered a radical change of the Constitution. Few early supporters lived to see final victory. To learn more about the history surrounding the passage of the 19th Amendment, visit the National Archives [website](#).

Illinois Digital Archives

This week we highlight the State Library's [collection of photos](#) from the State Fair provided by the Illinois State Fair Museum.

The first State Fair opened on October 11, 1853, with an admission of 25 cents. The attractions included cattle, horses and sheep venues among displays of reapers, mowers, farming tools and a variety of corn planters. On the third day, over 15,000 people attended. The fair was a success, netting \$853 in profits with \$1,500 in premiums paid out to prize-winning exhibits.

For the next 40 years, the Illinois State Fair was hosted by twelve different cities including Freeport, Chicago, Alton and Olney. The fair settled permanently in Springfield in 1894.

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State Library's Comprehensive Online Calendar

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