

THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

January 9, 2017

Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian
Greg McCormick, Acting Deputy Director

State Library Closed Monday January 16

The State Library will be closed **Monday, January 16**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The library will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 17.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, related memorabilia is on display in the State Library's Illinois Authors room located on the 1st floor. Public viewing is welcome Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., except January 16 when the library will be closed.

FY17 Live & Learn Construction Grant Applications Due Friday

Applications for the FY17 Live & Learn Construction Grant Program are due this **Friday, January 13**. Information about the State Library's public library construction grant program is available on the State Library's [website](#).

A recorded grant information webinar conducted by State Library staff that provides an overview of the Live & Learn Construction Grant Program is available on the program's [Web page](#). Details discussed include eligibility requirements, grant categories, rules and regulations governing the program, application procedures, required supporting documentation, grant submission instructions and review procedures.

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

Jesse White Announces Winners of 12th Annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that poets from St. Joseph, Harrisburg and Des Plaines are this year's winners of the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award in the 12th annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition.

Jeanne Genis of St. Joseph was awarded first place for her poem "Finch (For Brigit in Illinois)." Whitney Jones of Harrisburg received second place for her poem "The Price of Coal." Rochelle Zappia of Des Plaines is the third place winner for her poem "Don't Ever Let Them Sing." The winners read their poems and received their awards during a ceremony at the Illinois State Library.

The competition is named for the late Pulitzer Prize-winning Illinois Poet Laureate Gwendolyn Brooks, and is co-sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book and Kevin Stein, Illinois Poet Laureate.

The winning poems are available to read at http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center_for_the_book/. Also, the winning poems will be submitted for possible publication in "Ninth Letter," "RHINO" and "Quiddity" magazines and "Poetic License Press" publications.

Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant Applications Due January 15

The FY17 Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant application and FY15 Expenditure Report forms are available at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/plpc_equalization.html

Instructions for completing the grant application are available at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/grant-pdf-instructions.html>

Please contact [Jeanne Urbanek](#) if you have any questions.

FY16/17 IPLAR Now Available

The FY16/17 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) survey is now open. The instructions and worksheet are available on the survey [website](#).

This year, changes have been made to the survey based on IMLS requirements, suggestions made by the IPLAR subcommittee and the needs of the State Library. Some of the new data elements being collected include:

- Number of meeting rooms and usage
- Number of study rooms and usage
- Capital Needs Assessment Survey
- Passive programming statistics
- Successful retrieval of electronic information (database usage)
- One-on-one tutorials

For more information about the IPLAR survey, please visit the [ISL IPLAR Web page](#).

FY18 Adult Literacy Grant Applications and Information Presentations

The State Library will offer online presentations to prospective literacy grant applicants for FY18.

Grant information sessions, which review the application and program requirements, will be held on **Thursday, January 12, 2017**.

- Adult Volunteer Literacy – 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Register at: <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=24008>
- Workplace Skills Enhancement – 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Register at: <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=24010>
- Penny Severns Family Literacy – 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Register at: <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=24011>

All grant applications will be due Wednesday, **March 15, 2017**. For more information or questions about these literacy grant offerings, contact the State Library at 217-785-6921.

Annual Online Library System Certification

The annual [online certification](#) process began **January 3, 2017** and runs through **March 31, 2017**. The annual certification process is required of all library system members in order to qualify for continuing system services and grant programs from the Illinois State Library.

Libraries are required to complete the [ILL ILLINET Traffic Survey](#) before completing certification. The ILL ILLINET Traffic Survey can be completed any time prior to the certification deadline, **March 31**.

More information about certification is available at the State Library's Annual Library Certification [Web page](#). The page includes a link to the data and questions included in the certification form, a link to the online certification portal (accessible from **January 3–March 31**), Frequently Asked Questions ([FAQ](#)), a [pre-recorded webinar](#) that reviews the annual certification process and a document outlining [Library Data Entry Guidelines](#) to use in completing the certification form.

Logging in to the certification portal requires the agency's Control Number and the main administrative branch number. These numbers can be obtained by searching the library agency's record on [L2](#). For more information on the certification process, contact [Pat Boze](#).

Illinois Digital Heritage Hub Officially live on DPLA Website

The collections of the [Illinois Digital Heritage Hub](#) are officially live in the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and ready to explore. The Illinois Digital Heritage Hub represents collaboration between the Illinois State Library,

the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI), Chicago Public Library and the University Of Illinois At Urbana-Champaign.

DPLAfest Call for Proposals

DPLA is seeking session proposals for [DPLAfest 2017](#), an annual conference that brings together librarians, archivists, museum professionals and many others to celebrate DPLA and its community of creative professionals.

Proposals should be related to digital libraries, broadly defined. This year, proposals should be centered on the intersection of digital libraries and:

- Social justice
- Copyright and rights management
- Public engagement
- Analytics, assessment and impact
- Metadata/data quality
- Collaboration across types of institutions and sectors
- Training, professional development and technical literacy
- Open educational resources
- Open access content, including use and reuse
- Technical infrastructure of interoperability including:
 - International Image Interoperability Framework (IIIF) integration
 - ResourceSync
 - Linked Open Data
 - Repository systems
 - Aggregation technologies
 - Search and discovery

Proposals that highlight digital library work in the host city of Chicago are also encouraged.

The deadline to submit a session proposal is **Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2017**.

[View "Call for Proposals and Submission Form"](#)

Check Out Continuing Education Events for January

The [Wyoming State Library Training Calendar](#) is a wonderful tool for finding continuing education events and webinars sponsored by the American Library Association, United for Libraries, Library Journal and many other organizations. Thanks to the team at Wyoming State Library for sharing this great resource.

"Illinois Reads" Program and Spring Kick-Off

Each month, we will highlight three [2017 "Illinois Reads"](#) authors and their selected titles. "Illinois Reads" is an initiative of the [Illinois Reading Council](#) that highlights the importance of reading at all ages and supports Illinois authors. Each year, the program offers a new list of six titles written and/or illustrated by Illinois authors at six different age levels from birth to adult.

The program officially begins each spring with a formal launch and officially ends on "[Family Reading Night](#)" in November. The 2017 program kicks-off on **Saturday, March 11** at [Wilmington Middle School](#). The list of the 2017 Illinois authors and titles has been formally announced and will be highlighted each month starting with this month's E-News. For more information about the launch, go to the 2017 "Illinois Reads" [Web page](#).

Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White is the honorary chair of the "Illinois Reads" Committee and encourages everyone to get involved by becoming an "[Illinois Reads](#)" [Ambassador](#). Ambassadors can host or participate in a Family Reading Night program, attend an "Illinois Reads" author event as well as read from the rich list of titles each year.

This edition of E-News we highlight Matthew Cordell, Sherri Duskey Rinker and Wendell Minor.

Matthew Cordell is an acclaimed author and illustrator from Gurnee. His artistic passions led him to Chicago and it was there that he met his wife, children's picture book and young adult author, Julie Halpern. While Cordell is a popular illustrator for other children's authors, he also writes and illustrates his own books. A three time "Illinois Reads" author/illustrator, it is Cordell's personally heartfelt book, "Wish", that is an "Illinois Reads" selection this year.

Sherri Duskey Rinker is a native Chicagoan who currently lives in St. Charles. She is a graphic designer and the "New York Times" bestselling author of "Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site" and "Steam Train, Dream Train" both of which are also international bestsellers and have been past "Illinois Reads" selections. Her latest book, "Silly Wonderful You", has been described as a "cozy but fast-paced" rhyming "love letter from a parent to her child" and is a 2017 "Illinois Reads" selection.

Wendell Minor was born and raised in Kane County. He is the illustrator and/or author of over 50 award winning children's books. While he writes and illustrates his own books, he has also collaborated with many other authors, including Mary Higgins Clark, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and Illinois author, Robert Burleigh. Through his work, he wants "to inspire children to gain a positive perspective on the world's beauty." His picture book, "Daylight, Starlight Wildlife", is a 2017 "Illinois Reads" selection.

To learn more about Matthew, Sherri or Wendell, visit their author profiles in the [Illinois Authors Wiki](#), a project of the State Library's [Illinois Center for the Book](#).

Literacy Spotlight

This month's Literacy Spotlight highlights **Literacy Volunteers of America-DuPage** in Naperville. A learner moved to the U.S. with her husband in 2005 with minimal English language skills. At the time the learner's children attended school, it became apparent to her that she needed to be able to communicate with their teachers and doctors. After being paired with a tutor, the two began practicing entry level English skills. The tutoring sessions have continued for three years and the scope of the study sessions have expanded to include the cultural aspects of literacy to ensure complete understating of conversations. Today, with the help of a tutor, the learner can easily converse with doctors, teachers and native English speakers. The learner has also obtained her driver's license and is looking for employment.

Illinois Digital Archives

Famous Illinoisan Carl Sandburg was born on January 6, 1878 in Galesburg. He was a poet, Abraham Lincoln biographer, historian and writer who won three Pulitzer Prizes. Take a look at this [postcard](#) from 1947 depicting the home where Sandburg was born.

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>.

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