

THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

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

Library Trustees Web Page Updated

Two new webinars have been added to the State Library's Web page for public library and library system trustees. These new pre-recorded webinars, presented by Neil Olson from the Public Access Counselor's Office of the Illinois Attorney General, provide informative introductions to Open Meetings Act (OMA) and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They are available at any time for review by board members and library staff.

- [Introduction to the Freedom of Information Act Webinar](#)
- [Introduction to the Open Meetings Act Webinar](#)

There are several other on-demand webinars available on the trustee Web page. There are also links to trustee manuals and training courses as well as state and federal legislative information. Contact [Pat Boze](#) with any questions about the webinars.

Literacy Resource List Now Includes Autism Section

In consultation with the State Library's Targeting Autism Grant Program, a new section has been added to the [Online Resource List](#) within the Literacy Office. The section, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), provides resources for literacy practitioners and librarians to help serve children with ASD. The resources include booklets, articles, Power Point presentations and websites all packed with guidelines on how to teach literacy skills to learners with special needs.

ILA's Doyle receives 2017 John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award

The [Intellectual Freedom Round Table](#) (IFRT) of the American Library Association (ALA) announced that Robert P. Doyle of the Illinois Library Association (ILA) is the recipient of the 2017 John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award. The Immroth Award recognizes Doyle's defense of intellectual freedom in a library career spanning more than 30 years.

Doyle is the executive director of the ILA and has opposed legislation mandating internet filtering in Illinois libraries. He tirelessly advocated for local control and built an impressive statewide infrastructure to support intellectual freedom utilizing the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Public Policy Committee and Advocacy Committee within the ILA. He also supported an annual [ILA award](#) to recognize outstanding contributions in defending intellectual freedom.

The Immroth Award honors the courage, dedication and contribution of a person who has set the finest kind of example for the defense and furtherance of the principles of intellectual freedom. The award consists of a citation and \$500. John Phillip Immroth was a teacher, author, scholar, advocate and defender of First Amendment rights. He was the founder and first chair of the Intellectual Freedom Round Table in 1973.

Illinois Library District Wins National Award

The Mississippi Valley Library District has been announced the winner of the 2017 LibraryAware Community Award. Of the 2,635 people who live in the Village of Fairmont City, 71.4 percent are immigrants who speak Spanish as their first or only language. Most of the adults migrated from Mexico and have a fourth to sixth grade reading level.

To serve this community effectively requires a unique library that designs its services to community needs. That innovative engaged approach is what allowed the Mississippi Valley Library District to win the 2017 LibraryAware Community Award,

presented by Library Journal and funded by LibraryAware, a product of EBSCO Publishing's NoveList Division. It carries a prize of \$10,000. Read the full story [here](#).

The Mississippi Valley Library District is also a past recipient of the Project Next Generation grant, an educational technology initiative of Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White, which was established to help educate at-risk students and bridge the digital divide.

IMLS National Medal Finalist Include Illinois Nominees

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced 30 finalists for the [2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service](#). The National Medal is the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community.

IMLS is encouraging those who have visited finalist libraries and museums to share their story on the IMLS Facebook page as a way to further honor their work in their respective communities. Please support the three Illinois nominees: The Illinois Fire Service Institute Library, Champaign Illinois; The Chicago Academy of Sciences/Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Chicago Illinois; and The Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center, Skokie, Illinois. The National Medal winners will be announced later this spring.

Project Outcome Program Offered by PLA

The Public Library Association (PLA) will offer a variety of special programs and events at the [ALA Annual Conference](#) June 22-27, 2017 in Chicago. On Friday, June 23, PLA will offer a free [Project Outcome Workshop: Simple Tools to Measure Our True Impact on the People We Serve](#), for libraries interested in deep-dive training into Project Outcome. This free, full-day workshop will teach participants how to deploy outcome measures in their library, collect and use resulting data, and leverage the project's support network to ensure successful adoption. Space is limited and [registration](#) is required.

School Media Grant

The Illinois School Library Media Association/Library Book Selection Service Endowment Fund (ISLMA) has announced its 2017-2018 Readers' Choice Grant. Private and public schools along with public libraries, registered to participate in any of the 2017-2018 Readers' Choice programs (Monarch, Bluestem, Rebecca Caudill or Lincoln Book awards) are eligible to apply for this competitive grant. Grant recipients will be awarded one set of the 2017-2018 books for the award program indicated on their application.

The grant application form, guidelines, checklist, rubric and FAQ's are available at the Endowment Fund [website](#). All applications must be submitted by **April 30, 2017**. If you have questions about the grant, contact ISLMA at execsecretary@islma.org.

"Illinois Reads" Author Spotlights

Each of the highlighted authors has published a book that has been selected to be on the 2017 "Illinois Reads" [book list](#) for grades K-2.

Alice B. McGinty is an award-winning author who lives in Urbana. She has written over 40 books for children. Her book, "Gandhi: A March to the Sea," echoes the marching rhythm of Gandhi's famous 24 day peaceful barefoot march protest in 1930. This illustrated book received the South Asia Book Award, which is a starred review from the School Library Journal.

Beloved author, Amy Krause Rosenthal passed away on March 13 of this year. She was a native Chicagoan and a prolific author with more than 40 titles to her credit. Rosenthal and Geneva based illustrator, Tom Lichtenheld, combined their extraordinary talents to create many award-winning children's books. Their New York Times bestseller, "I Wish You More," is about endless good wishes.

Suzanne Slade was born in Harvey and currently lives in Libertyville. As the author of more than 100 books for children, her works include award-winning picture books, biographies as well as many non-fiction titles about animals, sports and nature. Her book, "The Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford," is a little-known story about the friendship of the two inventors. It is also a National Science Teachers Association Outstanding Science Trade Book and Best STEM Book List K-12 selection.

To learn more about Alice, Amy, Tom or Suzanne, 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 **John A. Logan College** in Carterville, which runs a Secretary of State supported Penny Sevens Family Literacy Program. A woman started receiving English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring from the college in order to earn a General Education Development (GED) certificate. Since enrolling, she has improved her English greatly and is enrolled in Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes. The learner's reading score has improved to GED level and she passed three out of four of the tests she needed to receive her diploma. Along with ESL and ABE classes, the learner has actively been a part of the family program with her son for over four years. He is improving both academically and socially. She and her son utilize the library for educational programs weekly Parent and Child Together time. With the help of a tutor, she hopes to finish the last GED test this summer and enroll in classes at John A. Logan College to further her education.

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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