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FY18 Live and Learn Construction Grant Applications now Available

Illinois Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is pleased to announce that applications for the FY18 Live and Learn Construction Grant Program are open to public libraries. Information about the public library construction grant program is available on the State Library's [website](#). The website will allow you to access the Live & Learn Construction Grant Program webpage that contains grant requirements and a link to the grant application. Applications are due to the State Library on or before **Jan. 12, 2018**.

A grant information webinar is set for 2 p.m. on **Oct. 17**. The webinar will provide an overview of the program, which will include eligibility requirements, grant categories, rules and regulations governing the program, application procedures, required supporting documentation, grant submission and review procedures. Registration for the webinar must be done through [L2](#). The webinar will be recorded and archived for those unable to attend.

For more information, contact [Mark Shaffer](#) 217-524-4901 or [Pat Boze](#) 217-782-1891.

Autism Basics Webinar for Librarians and Literacy Providers

A webinar about how to better serve individuals on the autism spectrum will be held on **Sept. 27, 2017** from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Staff from the Targeting Autism program at the State Library will conduct the live webinar. This session will cover topics including what autism is, why it is important for librarians and literacy providers to know about autism and how to create an inclusive learning environment.

The online webinar will be delivered using Adobe Connect Pro. To join, go to <http://webjunctionillinois.adobeconnect.com/autism101/> 10 minutes prior to the webinar. Enter as a Guest and sign in with your name and your agency's name. Be sure to test your connections prior to the webinar as directed by Adobe Connect. You will be able to listen through headphones or speakers and type in your questions. If you are unable to attend the live session, this webinar will be recorded and posted to the State Library's [website](#).

For more information, contact [Suzanne Schriar](#) 217-785-1533 or [Mary Pelich](#) 217-782-0974.

FY17 ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey Now Available

Each year libraries throughout Illinois are required to report their annual statistics on interlibrary loan (ILL) and reciprocal borrowing through the [ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey](#). The State Library collects and analyzes this resource sharing data. In addition, local libraries can view their own ILL statistics [online](#). Because completion of the ILLINET ILL Traffic Survey is required of all system member libraries in accordance with administrative rule [\[23 Ill. Adm. Code 3030.200 \(a\)\(2\)\(O\)\]](#), the FY17 ILLINET ILL Traffic Survey must be completed prior to submission of the FY18 Annual Library Certification.

The monitoring of the interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing traffic is essential in measuring and evaluating the number of requests initiated, filled, and unfilled, the methods of requesting as borrowers and lenders, the impact of resource-sharing options, trends and the collaborative efforts of individual Illinois libraries.

The FY17 ILLINET ILL Traffic Survey is available at <https://il.countingopinions.com/>. Data submitted should cover the fiscal year from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. The deadline for completion is

March 31, 2018. [Completion Guidelines](#) are available to help you understand what data you need to complete the survey. In addition, the [LibPas Data Input Instructions](#) will help you navigate inputting the data into the online form.

School districts should submit this survey based on interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing activity for all school buildings within the school district. Individual school buildings within a school district do not have access to this survey.

For more information, contact the Illinois State Library at 800-665-5576, ext. 2.

What is ILLINET?

Is your library a member of a regional library system? If yes, then your library is an integral part of the [Illinois Library and Information Network \(ILLINET\)](#). The statewide resource sharing network was established in 1975 representing academic, public, school and special libraries that are members of the Reaching Across Illinois Library System, Illinois Heartland Library System and Chicago Public Library System. With the support of the State Library and the library systems, ILLINET libraries collectively provide the foundation for statewide resource sharing to meet the information needs of Illinois citizens. Libraries abide by the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code and annually submit data for the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Survey. As of 2017, ILLINET includes 1,805 certified library agencies, three library systems and the State Library.

Try-it! Illinois Returns Oct. 1

Try-It! Illinois, the annual statewide electronic database trial, is returning Oct. 1. The trial offers the more than 5,000 ILLINET member libraries, their staffs and patrons an opportunity to evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. Thanks to a collaboration between the State Library and the participating electronic resource vendors, there is no charge for accessing these during Try-It! Illinois. To obtain the login and password between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30, visit [Try-It! Illinois](#). Some of this year's participating vendors include:

- Capstone
- Career Cruising
- EBSCO INFORMATION SERVICES
- Faulkner
- GALE CENGAGE
- Infobase Learning, Facts on File Online, Films Media Group
- Mango Languages
- MorningStar
- Naxos of America
- Oxford University Press
- PLUNKETT Research, LTD.
- Record Information Services
- SAGE Publications, Inc.
- Salem Press
- SCOLA
- Taylor and Francis.com
- TEACHINGBOOKS.NET
- Vocabulary.com
- World Book

Illinois' Goals for LSTA Funding

Through the Grants to States program, the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) provides funds to State Libraries using a population-based formula. State libraries may use the appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services and/or distribute the funds through sub grant competitions or cooperative agreements. In Illinois, statewide initiatives and services are currently the primary focus for Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds rather than local projects.

Illinois' [Long Range Plan for the Use of Library Services and Technology Act Funds 2018-2022](#) was recently submitted to IMLS for approval. This plan is based on libraries of all types providing services on behalf of the people who live and work in Illinois, accountability for the federal funds and compliance with federal laws. Illinois has three goals for use of the LSTA funds that prioritize access to information and ideas, lifelong learning and reading:

1. **Access:** Extend library services for all Illinois residents by providing access to information and ideas. Projects under this goal focus on sharing resources, embracing technology or providing diverse resources whether digital, virtual or tangible to improve access to the information that library users seek. For example, last year, residents in Illinois conducted over 1.7 million searches in online databases purchased with LSTA funds. This calculates to over 4,600 searches being done statewide every day with Illinois libraries of all types providing access. These trustworthy databases provide reliable information for information seekers of all ages. In addition, LSTA funds support the library systems' operation of the interlibrary delivery network. Since 2013, the delivery system has transported more than 40 million items between libraries as Illinois residents borrowed materials that were not available at their home library at no cost to the recipient.
2. **Lifelong Learning:** Provide opportunities to support education, information fluency and lifelong learning. Through programs, presentations and other educational experiences, the ILLINET library community of regional library systems, academic, public, school and special libraries provides significant support for the personal growth, lifelong learning and essential continuous education of Illinois residents of all ages and abilities including a competent and knowledgeable library workforce. For example, LSTA funds supported the 2017 Directors' University to provide public library directors with a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities and to provide them with the skills they need to better serve their constituents.
3. **Reading:** Further a literate Illinois by creating a culture that encourages reading. From formal to independent reading, libraries provide resources and implement reading-based services for the residents of Illinois. Academic, public, school and special libraries add value to the communities they serve and improve the quality of life for their constituents by providing opportunities to read. Support of services for vulnerable populations such as the blind and physically handicapped is a number one priority for use of LSTA funds.

The Illinois Digital Heritage Hub

The Illinois Digital Heritage Hub (IDHH) is providing two opportunities this fall to learn how to add your collections to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

The program, "Get to Know the Illinois Digital Heritage Hub," is set for **Oct. 12, 2017** from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. during the [Illinois Library Association Annual Conference](#). The IDHH is Illinois' on-ramp to DPLA and an opportunity to learn how to access more than 15 million resources from across the country to every part of Illinois. The session will provide information about IDHH; an explanation how a library share's its digital collections; and how communities and institutions can benefit from engaging with this cultural heritage digital library. Andrew Medlar, chair of the IDHH and Hannah Stitzlein, metadata services specialist for IDHH, will be conducting the presentation.

IDHH and Metadata Best Practices will be held 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on **Nov. 14, 2017** at the Skokie Public Library. IDHH released the Metadata Best Practices in early 2017 to assist institutions in providing

quality metadata to DPLA. Led by Hannah Stitzlein, this program will explain how to use these best practices to create and develop quality metadata that functions well in DPLA. The program will include an introduction to how metadata operates in DPLA, how to use standardized rights statements and a walkthrough of the metadata best practices for IDHH contributed items.

Registration is open to all metadata specialists and those interested in metadata, not just members of RAILS. Visit the RAILS [calendar](#) for more information.

For more information, contact [Sandra Fritz](#) at 217-558-2064.

Internet Librarian Conference Discount for ILLINET Members

A discount is being offered for ILLINET members to attend the 21st annual Internet Librarian Conference organized by Information Today, Inc. This year's event will be held **Oct. 23-25, 2017** at the Monterey Marriott in Monterey, California. Additional information about this conference is located at <http://internet-librarian.infotoday.com/2017/Workshops.aspx>.

Online registrations will be accepted until Sept. 22, 2017. To receive the discount, register at: <https://secure.infotoday.com/RegForms/internetlibrarian/?Priority=ILL17>.

For more information, contact [Jill Heffernan](#) at 217-557-7259.

Illinois Author Highlighted at the National Book Festival

The Illinois Center for the Book highlighted Illinois author, [Alice McGinty](#), at the Illinois booth in the Pavilion of the States of the 2017 National Book Festival held in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 2. Each year, the Illinois Center for the Book honors the Illinois Reading Council's [Prairie State Award for Excellence in Children's Writing](#) at the festival. McGinty is the 2017 Award winner and she selected her book, "Gandhi: A March to the Sea" to be included on the "Discover Great Places through Reading" brochure and map at the States Pavilion. One book by a children's or young adult author from each state is highlighted on the list.

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](#)," is poetic and echoes the marching rhythm of Gandhi's famous 24 day peaceful barefoot march protest in 1930. This beautifully illustrated book received the South Asia Book Award, a starred review from the School Library Journal and is a 2017 "[Illinois Reads](#)" selection. A Classroom Guide that highlights Common Core lessons is available.

"Illinois Reads" Author Spotlights

Each month, the State Library highlights three [2017 "Illinois Reads"](#) authors and their selected titles. "Illinois Reads" is an initiative of the [Illinois Reading Council](#) that stresses the importance of reading at all ages and supports Illinois authors. Beginning each spring and concluding in the fall on [Family Reading Night](#), 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. Each of the highlighted authors has published a book that has been selected to be on the 2017 "Illinois Reads" [book list](#) for grades 9-12.

[Claudia Guadalupe Martinez](#) grew up in El Paso, Texas and has lived in Chicago since 2002. She has a Masters Degree in English Education and is the author of two award-winning books that highlight her culture. Her second book, "[Pig Park](#)" is described as "an excellent example of how young people, through creative action, really can bring about personal and political change." It received a starred review from Voice of Youth Advocates (VOYA) Magazine.

A graduate of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern, [Jeff Fleischer](#) is a Chicago-based author and journalist. His book, "[Rockin' the Boat: 50 Iconic Revolutionaries – From Joan of Arc to Malcom X](#)" includes stories and pictures with witty labels of historical "Movers and Shakers" like George Washington,

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Geronimo, Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King, Jr.. The book was a Forward Reviews 2015 Best Books of the Year.

[Nnedi Okorafor](#) is an award-winning novelist of African-based science fiction, fantasy and magical realism for children and adults. She has strong Illinois roots having graduated from Homewood-Flossmoor High School and both the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Chicago. Her novel, "[Lagoon](#)" "blends magical realism with high-stakes action." It was a finalist for the British Science Fiction Association's Award for Best Novel.

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](#), hosting or participating in a Family Reading Night program, attending an "Illinois Reads" author event and reading from the rich list of titles each year.

Read For a Lifetime

The Illinois Secretary of State's Office Read for a Lifetime is the first statewide reading program designed for high school students and is in its 20th year. The goal of the program is to promote the enjoyment of reading by encouraging students to read and rewarding them for their effort.

Each year, our Read for a Lifetime "Book Club" generates a list of 25 book titles for participating readers to choose from. The list includes a mix of classic and contemporary literature, historical fiction, non-fiction, poetry, romance and graphic novels. Each participant who reads at least four titles from the list during the school year receives a certificate of accomplishment from Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White.

To date, 20,181 students and adults from schools, public libraries and home schools throughout Illinois have participated in Read for a Lifetime. These participants have read a combined total of 94,568 books. A total of 516 senior high school students have participated in the program throughout all four years of high school. Thirteen of those students have received special recognition for reading all 25 book all four years, making them members of the 100 Titles Club.

For information, contact [Jeanne Urbanek](#) at 217-524-0050 or visit the State Library's [website](#).

Literacy Spotlight

This month's Literacy Spotlight highlights Literacy Volunteers Fox Valley in St. Charles. An example of the work the group does is demonstrated by a man who enrolled at Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley to improve his English in order to attend college. The learner had graduated from high school in his native country of Vietnam, but he still required extensive help. He requested a tutor who could help him with college enrollment. After working with at tutor for one year, the learner progressed rapidly and was reading at a 12th grade level. He applied and was accepted to Northern Illinois University where he became interested in attending a pre-med program. Again, returning to Literacy Volunteers of Fox Valley, he was matched with a tutor who had been a college admissions counselor. With the help of his tutor, the learner was accepted to a pre-med program with a full scholarship.

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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