

THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY November 16, 2017

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

State Library Closed For Thanksgiving

The State Library will be closed **Thursday, November 23 and Friday November 24**, in observance of Thanksgiving. The Library will resume normal business hours on Monday, November 27. Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the staff of the State Library wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Retirement JoAnne and Vandella

Congratulations to Jo Anne Jennings, Administrative Services Department, on her retirement as of December 1. Jo Anne has dedicated more than 32 years of service to the Secretary of State's office and State Library. Congratulations to Vandella Brown, Diversity Program Manager, on her retirement also on December 1. Vandella has dedicated more than 17 years of service to the Secretary of State's office and State Library.

Family Reading Night Set For November 16

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is encouraging families in Illinois to read together today for his annual Family Reading Night. This year's theme is "Reading by Design" with Little Elliot. Thousands of colorful posters and bookmarks have been distributed by the Illinois State Library to libraries, schools and literacy programs to promote Family Reading Night events across the state.

If you need additional materials, the bookmark and poster are downloadable from the Family Reading Night [Web page](#). Libraries are encouraged to share their Family Reading Night plans and events with the State Library by forwarding the information to [Bonnie Matheis](#) or calling 217-558-2065.

FY19 Literacy Grant Information Sessions

The FY19 State Library Secretary of State Adult Literacy Grant Program applications are being offered in advance of the provision of the state budget. Grant information sessions will be held on Friday, **December 1, 2017**. All grant applicants are encouraged to attend the appropriate online presentation(s); Literacy Office staff will go over the FY19 application and programming requirements.

Adult Volunteer Literacy Grant Information

Time: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Adobe Connect link: <http://webjunctionillinois.adobeconnect.com/fy19adulteracy/>

Registration: Space is limited, so registration is required. Please register at <https://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=26108>

Workplace Skills Enhancement Grant Information

Time: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Adobe Connect link: <http://webjunctionillinois.adobeconnect.com/fy19workplace/>

Registration: Space is limited, so registration is required. Please register at <https://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=26109>

Family Literacy Grant Information

Time: 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

Adobe Connect Pro link: <http://webjunctionillinois.adobeconnect.com/fy19familyliteracy/>

Registration: Space is limited, so registration is required. Please register at <https://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=26110>

Prior to the presentations, print the relevant grant applications, the Instructions for Completing Fillable Grant Forms document and the appropriate Grant Reviewer's Rubrics, Scores and Comment form so that you can take notes during the presentation. All documents are available on our website at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/literacy/home.html>.

Please contact the Literacy Office if you have questions concerning the grant programs or application procedures, 217-785-6921 or 800-665-5576.

Annual Library Certification 2018 Webinar

A pre-recorded webinar on the Annual Library Certification will be initially broadcast on **December 4, 2017 from 10 a.m.-11 a.m.** It will be posted on the State Library's certification Web page for library directors and staff to view when convenient. This webinar presented by Pat Boze of the State Library staff is an overview of the annual library certification process, tips about logging in and filling out the online form, timetable for completion of the form by library system members and contact information for additional questions. The [State Library's Web page for certification](#) will include a link to this webinar, as well as many other supporting resources such as links to other documents and websites.

Letters About Literature Contest Deadline December 9

The deadline for Letters About Literature is fast approaching. For additional information and videos, go to: http://cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/center_for_the_book/letters.html or contact: [Bonnie Matheis](#).

FY19 Adult Literacy Grant Volunteer Reviewers Needed

The Illinois State Library is inviting librarians, literacy professionals, educators and interested members of the public to serve as volunteer grant reviewers for the [Adult Literacy Grant Program Volunteer Review Committee](#). This committee will evaluate FY19 Adult Literacy grant applications in accordance with [23 Ill. Adm. Code 3035.230](#). If you are interested in assisting the State Library in recommending Adult Literacy grant applications for funding, please compose a brief letter of application explaining why. Please include your name, address, phone number and email. Indicate your place of employment with the address. Please be specific in explaining your knowledge of adult literacy. Email your letter of application containing all the requested information to [Beth Paoli](#) before **December 15, 2017**.

FY18 Live and Learn Construction Grant Applications Being Accepted

The State Library is accepting applications for the FY18 Live and Learn Construction Grant Program. The program is open to public libraries with applications due by **January 12, 2018**. 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 [Web page](#) that contains grant requirements, a link to the grant application along with a link to the archived grant information session webinar.

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

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

The FY18 Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant application and FY16 Expenditure Report forms are now available at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/plpc_equalization.html

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

When you have completed the application and report(s), click on the email button in the upper right hand corner of each document and send them to Percap-grant@ilsos.net by **January 15, 2018**. Be sure to include your city in the subject line.

Here are a few helpful reminders when completing your FY18 Public Library Per Capita and Equalization application and FY16 expenditure report(s):

- Use only the latest version of Adobe Reader to complete the application and expenditure report forms. Macintosh and Windows versions of the free Adobe Reader are available from Adobe at <http://get.adobe.com/reader/>.
- To access the application, you will need your control and branch number. Note: Your branch number is 00.
- Save the application and expenditure report to your desktop, in Adobe Acrobat and work on it from there, saving frequently.
- Be sure to complete the application as per the requirements, including initials, date and correct population. Answer ALL questions; failure to do so constitutes an incomplete application!
- We DO NOT need your county clerk information.
- Report on FY16 funding only. The expenditure period runs from the time you received the FY16 award letter until June 30, 2017.
- The expenditure report(s) must be sent at the same time as the application. All are due by January 15, 2018.
- Your FY16 Per Capita/Equalization Amount must be exact.
- You do not need to list the dollar amount under each applicable category, just a short description to clarify the expenditure.
- Late/incomplete applications or scanned copies will not be accepted.

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

Try-it! Illinois is Underway

The [Try-It! Illinois](#) statewide database trial runs until **November 30, 2017**. There is still plenty of time to sample a wide variety of electronic resources for free. Some of the featured databases include:

- A to Z Databases
- Auto Mate
- Consumer Reports
- Financial Ratings Series Online – Weiss Ratings
- Hobbies and Crafts Reference Center
- LearningExpress Library and Job & Career Accelerator
- Mango Languages
- Morningstar Investment Research Center
- Oxford Dictionaries
- P4A Antiques Reference (Prices4Antiques)
- The Vogue Archive
- Value Line Investment Survey Online and Research Center Online

Links to Try-It! Illinois are also provided on the State Library's website at:

- <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/tryit-illinois.html>
 - <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/databases/alphabetical.html>
- For more information about Try-It! Illinois, please call 217-785-7334 or email gharrison@ilsos.net.

Statewide Organ/Tissue Donor Student Poster Contest

Currently underway is the 2018 Organ/Tissue Donor Student Poster Contest. Submissions must be postmarked by **January 31, 2018**. A letter from the Secretary and entry form for the contest has been mailed out to all K-12 public and non-public schools statewide. Entries are divided into four categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.

The winners will be invited to a ceremony at Secretary White's office at the Capitol Building in Springfield in March or April. In addition to their awards, the winners will receive gift cards to Barnes and Noble Bookstore. The overall winner will receive a \$100 gift card, while the other winners will each receive a \$50 gift card, compliments of Donate Life Illinois. For more information on the Organ/Tissue Donor Student Poster Contest, contact Samantha Brill at (217) 558-1322, via email at Sbrill@ilsos.net or visit LifeGoesOn.com.

Release of Nexus LAB:OPEN Leadership Resources for libraries, archives, and museums

After many months of collaboration, Educopia Institute, the Center for Creative Leadership, TrueBearing, Toolkit Consulting and more than [35 library, archives and museum associations](#) have announced the launch of the [Nexus "Leading Across Boundaries" \(LAB\) resources](#). Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Nexus LAB initiative brought together archivists, librarians and museum professionals to collaborate on leadership development. The Illinois State Library was proud to join collaborators from around the nation involved in the creation of these open leadership development resources that can be used by trainers and professionals spanning across these fields.

1. A [design framework](#) based on shared leadership challenges and competencies in libraries, archives and museums. The layers outline leadership competencies for six career stages, as well as related learning objectives and downstream outcomes derived from increased skill.
2. A [validated evaluation framework](#) that can be used by leadership trainers for any leadership program evaluation. These may be quickly customized for use in evaluating a broad range of existing and future leadership development programs.
3. A set of [fully-documented, open trainer materials](#) for seven leadership curriculum modules. These are flexible and customizable and include slides, detailed facilitator notes and activities.

The Nexus offerings are designed to be customizable to fit a wide variety of continuing education and professional development environments. Hosts and trainers are encouraged to freely adopt and adapt the materials to best fit their needs. Leadership development trainers and consultants are invited to join the project affiliated LinkedIn group to engage with others working in this space. To learn more, visit <https://educopia.org/research/nexus> or email katherine@educopia.org.

Salute to Veterans

This issue of E-News is saluting Aloysius 'Pete' Langheim. Mr. Langheim served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II from 1942-1946. While in the Coast Guard, Mr. Langheim sparred with Jack Dempsey, who reigned as the world heavyweight champion from 1919 to 1926, and was touring Coast Guard training bases during the war. Mr. Langheim was recently awarded a Purple Heart for injuries he incurred during World War II. His Illinois Veterans History Project oral history interview is available at <https://youtu.be/xfDHaeMCiDU>. Mr. Langheim passed away on Nov. 12, 2017.

"Illinois Reads" Author Spotlights

Each month, we 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. 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.

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.

Each of the highlighted authors has published a book that has been selected to be on the 2017 “Illinois Reads” [book list](#) for adults.

[Jeremy McCarter](#) is an award-winning writer, director and producer in Chicago. He created, directed and produced the “Public Forum” series. His writing collaboration with Lin-Manuel Miranda created the #1 New York Times Bestseller, “[Hamilton: The Revolution](#).” The book is a wonderful testament to the eleven-time Tony Award-winning musical “Hamilton” and will be “a joy to anyone who loves the sound track or who has been lucky enough to score tickets to the show.”

Born in India, [Sonali Dev](#) now lives in Naperville. She is an award-winning author who started writing when she was eight years old. After earning a degree in architecture and written communication, she “migrated across the globe and started a family while writing for magazines and websites.” She now writes romance stories that highlight her Indian culture. Her second book, “[The Bollywood Bride](#),” has been called “A bright beautiful gem” and “Truly unforgettable.”

[Cristina Henriquez](#) resides in a western suburb of Chicago. She is the author of the award-winning novel, “[The Book of Unknown Americans](#).” Along with being named a New York Times Notable Book of 2014, one of Amazon’s Top 10 Books of the Year and a NPR Great Read – just to name a few, it was also long listed for the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction and a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. The book has been described as “inspiring”, “powerful”, “brave”, “vivid” and “memorable.”

Literacy Spotlight

This month’s Literacy Spotlight highlights **McHenry County College** in Crystal Lake. A learner was brought to McHenry County College by her parents when she was 19 years old. After she had completed seventh grade in a local school, her parents decided to home school her. Staff at McHenry County College administered assessment tests and found that her reading was at a ninth grade level and her math was at a fifth grade level. The learner was shy and reluctant to speak to any staff or instructors. She proceeded to enroll in adult basic education (ABE) classes for reading and math but after one semester of classroom instruction her math scores declined. Staff suggested she enroll in the Adult Volunteer Literacy program and she began working with a math tutor. With the help of tutor, she achieved her High School Equivalency Certificate. The learner now displays self-confidence and no longer is as shy. The learner is now comfortable in a school atmosphere and plans to attend McHenry County College to begin her college 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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