

THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY

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IPLAR Survey Now Available

The FY17/18 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) survey is now open. Each public library is required to submit the IPLAR 60 days after the library's fiscal year end. The instructions and worksheet are available on the [IPLAR Login Screen](#). The 2018 survey is similar to 2017, but the Capital Needs Assessment is not required this year. There are several new questions relating to adult literacy in section 15. For more information about the IPLAR survey, please visit the State Library IPLAR [Web page](#).

Annual Online Library System Certification Began January 2

The annual [online certification](#) process began January 2, 2018. Certification is required of all library system members in order to qualify for continuing system services and grants programs from the Illinois State Library. The window for certification will close March 31, 2018.

Libraries are also 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 2–March 31), a [FAQ \(Frequently Asked Questions\)](#), 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.

Salute to Veterans

This issue of E-News is saluting Gary R. Sigler. Mr. Sigler served in the United State Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1965 to 1975. Mr. Sigler ejected from a burning plane and was captured by the Vietnamese. He spent almost six years as a prisoner of war, part of which was spent in the Hanoi Hilton. His Illinois Veterans History Project oral history interview is available at <https://youtu.be/Rhb4oZXqt6U>.

2018 "ILLINOIS READS" INTRODUCTION and KICK-OFF

"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 thirty-six titles written and/or illustrated by Illinois authors at six different age levels from birth – adult.

"Illinois Reads" officially begins each spring with a formal event and officially ends each fall on [Family Reading Night](#). The 2018 official Kick-Off is being called "The Southern Illinois Reads Book Festival" and will be held on Saturday, March 10, at the DuQuoin High School.

The following 2018 "Illinois Reads" authors and illustrators will be participating in the Festival:

- Aaron Reynolds
- C. Desir
- Deborah Ruddell
- Jacob Grant
- Jennifer Ward

- Josh Schneider
- Julia Durango
- Kat Helgeson
- Keir Graff
- Kym Brunner
- Larry Day
- Liesl Shurtliff
- Michele Weber Hurwitz
- Michelle Schaub
- Miriam Busch
- Natasha Tarpley
- Peter Jujawinski
- Rachel Ruiz
- Stacey Previn

For more information about Festival programming, go to the “Illinois Reads” [Web page](#).

“Illinois Reads” Author Spotlights

Each of the highlighted authors has published a book that has been selected to be on the 2018 “Illinois Reads” [book list](#) for children from birth to 4 years of age and will be at the Kick-Off Festival in DuQuoin .

[Jacob Grant](#) is a children’s author and illustrator who currently resides in Chicago. He writes and illustrates his own books and illustrates books by other authors as well. His book, “[Cat Knit](#),” is a book about Cat’s “knotty” relationship with yarn – his best friend. A story about adapting to change, this is a great book for parents to share with their children. The cute and expressive illustrations allow the book to be easily understood by readers and non-readers alike.

[Julia Durango](#) is the recipient of the Illinois Reading Council's 2015 Prairie State Award for Excellence in Writing for Children. She is a former school librarian who lives in Ottawa. 2018 marks the third time Durango has been included on an “Illinois Reads” list. This year, her vividly illustrated book full of engaging rhymes, “[Go-Go Gorillas](#),” is being featured. It is a fun story about the travels of the gorillas of Great Gorilla Villa to welcome the Villa’s new baby gorilla.

[Jennifer Ward](#) has lived in Edwardsville since she was nine years old and is a former elementary education teacher. She is a naturalist and the author of several award-winning children’s books – all of which present nature to kids. Her latest book, “[Feathers and Hair, What Animals Wear](#),” received the Silver Honor Parent’s Choice Award. It is a brilliantly illustrated picture book that introduces young readers to the “elementary facts about different animals’ body coverings” with a “gentle rhyme format.”

Winter Literacy Newsletter

The Winter 2018 issue of [Illinois Literacy](#) is now available. Illinois Literacy is a quarterly newsletter produced by the Secretary of State Illinois State Library Literacy Office that provides information and news concerning literacy in Illinois. Literacy programs are encouraged to submit stories and photographs of special events and achievements to the Illinois State Library Literacy Office for inclusion in upcoming issues. Please contact the [Literacy Office](#) at 800-665-5576, ext. 3, if you have any questions.

2018 Guide to the Illinois Secretary of State Literacy Effort

Secretary of State/Illinois State Library Literacy Office has published and printed the newest edition of the Guide to the Secretary of State Literacy Effort. The publication provides an in-depth overview of the literacy program, statistics from FY17 grant recipients, maps of service locations throughout the state and a listing of all agencies who received FY18 Secretary of State Literacy Grants. The listing provides location and contact information for each agency and can be used as a reference and referral guide for

anyone seeking assistance with literacy issues. If you would like a paper copy of the guide, please send your request to literacy@ilsos.net. The guide can also be accessed on the [State Library's website](#).

Literacy Spotlight

This month's Literacy Spotlight highlights **Township High School District 214, Community Education** in Arlington Heights which runs a Secretary of State supported Penny Severns Family Literacy Program. When a mother and her son started the literacy program they had never been separated from each other. When they began the program and the two were separated and there was much crying. In fact, the child cried for two weeks and it seemed that he was not going to be comfortable in the program. But with each passing day, he was becoming comfortable with the routine of the class and began participating in circle-time fun with his mother. At the end of the semester, he was smiling and becoming a very independent child. His mother became one of the program's most active assistants. She does not have a car, so they either walked about 50 minutes to get to school, sometimes took a taxi, or looked for someone from class to drive them. They were rewarded with a certificate for perfect attendance.

Newly Translated FCC Consumer Guides

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has newly translated consumer guides in Vietnamese, Tagalog, Chinese and Korean. Visit the [FCC's website](#) to view information on how to prevent frauds and scams, as well as Children's Internet Protection Act.

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>.

State Library Closed Monday January 15

The State Library will be closed **Monday, January 15**, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The library will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, January 16.

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