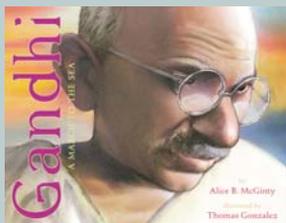


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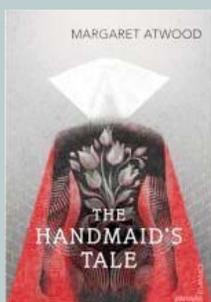
Program Highlights



Illinois Reads is an initiative to assist readers in locating works written by Illinois authors. Each year the Illinois Reading Council selects books in each age category which highlights Illinois authors. For additional

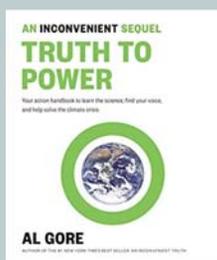
information about this program, please visit www.IllinoisReads.org.

"Gandhi: A March to the Sea" by Alice B. McGinty
Join Gandhi on a peaceful protest during a 24-day march to the sea.



Read for a Lifetime is a statewide reading program targeting high school students. This initiative promotes the enjoyment of reading by encouraging students to read both classic and contemporary literature and rewards them for their efforts. For additional information on this program visit <http://bit.ly/2uQft9Q>.

"The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood
This story is now an award-winning series on Hulu. The book depicts a bleak world in the future where declining birth rates cause women to be valued for their ovaries and their ability to create life.



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"An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power" by Al Gore
Is global warming real? How can we change the course of fate? Can we heal the world and create a better future for all?

Bicentennial history

Illinois has been an identified land area since 1670; however, it was not until Aug. 26, 1818, that Illinois ratified its first constitution. It took another four months for Illinois to be officially welcomed as a state of the Union. On Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state. Illinois will be celebrating 200 years of statehood throughout 2018.

- In front of the Illinois State Museum stands the Proud Ravens Pole, also known as Lincoln's Totem Pole. It was carved by the chief of the Raven clan of Alaskan Indians in 1883. Its purchase price included a case of oranges and a case of Coca-Cola.
- Illinois was the original home to the Mormon Temple. The Mormon's and their prophet, Lt. Joseph Smith, were settled in Nauvoo until his death in 1844. In 2002, a new temple was built on the site of the original.
- Does Highway 55 run beside your house? When was it erected? Now you have the ability to find out. The Illinois Digital Archives (IDA) has state highway maps that date back to 1917. Sixty-seven free digital maps are featured in this collection. Begin scouting your location by visiting the IDA's website at <http://bit.ly/2tNMSWm>. For additional requests, please contact the Reference department. The Illinois State Library is home to thousands of maps detailing everything from stage coach lines to railroads and even property ownership.

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