

# Inform Quarterly

*A Newsletter from the Illinois State Library's Reference Section*

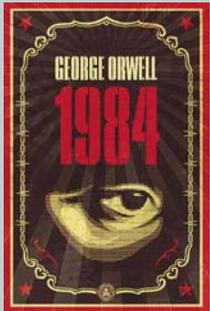
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## Program Highlights



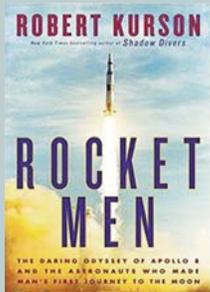
**Illinois Reads** is an initiative to assist readers in locating works written by Illinois authors. Each year, the Illinois Reading Council selects books in each age category which highlight the best literature our state has to offer. For additional information on this program, explore [www.IllinoisReads.org](http://www.IllinoisReads.org).

“Creepy Pair of Underwear,” by Aaron Reynolds  
No one should be afraid of underwear, even if they do glow green.



**Read for a Lifetime** is a statewide reading program that targets 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 more information on this program, visit: <http://bit.ly/ReadforaLifetime>.

“1984,” by George Orwell  
Beware of the thought police. Big Brother is watching.



**eReadIllinois** is a digital book and audio book-lending service for state employees. Simply download the Axis 360 App, available for most devices and desktop use, and begin borrowing new and classic titles. Browse the collection here: <http://isl.axis360.baker-taylor.com/>.

“Rocket Men,” by Robert Kurson  
In 1968, the U.S. took a giant leap in the space race. Their risk with the hasty launch of Apollo 8 helped make American dreams come true.

## Bicentennial history

Illinois will be celebrating 200 years of statehood throughout 2018. Below are interesting facts about Illinois' history:

- In 1911, the State of Illinois purchased the land that is currently known as Starved Rock. It was the first recreational state park in Illinois. In 1966, it became a National Historic Landmark.
- The cabin at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site is a replica. The original cabin was purchased from John Hull, a cousin of Lincoln. He was paid \$10,000 for the cabin and its land. The cabin was painstakingly taken apart and shipped to Chicago for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. It can be tracked up to 1894 where it was a pile of logs sitting in the alley behind the John Brown Fort Building. The cabin and these logs have not been seen since.

## Federal document spotlight

Now is the time to start planning your summer vacation. Did you know Illinois boasts more than 400 national parks, forests and historical sites? In 2017, the 100th anniversary of the first national park was celebrated. The Illinois State Library has brochures and maps containing information about these important locations. Visiting one or more of these places would make a wonderful and memorable family vacation. Imagine seeing gigantic redwood forests, mountains, historic battle sites, and more. Whether you visit one place or many, you will see history come alive. Are you interested in one of these maps? Explore our catalog and discover what Illinois adventure you would enjoy. Selections can be viewed or picked up Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. <https://vufind.carli.illinois.edu/vf-isl/>.

## Have a question?

The Reference Department is here to help answer your questions for work projects, government information, etc. We can locate articles, help find maps — old and new — and search our collection of Illinois and federal documents for answers to your questions. We are also here to help with your digital services questions such as using databases and various eBook services. Email [isinfo@ilsos.net](mailto:isinfo@ilsos.net) or call 217-782-7596.

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