

# *Illinois Authors*

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*Illinois State Library*  
*Gwendolyn Brooks Building*



On the exterior fourth-floor frieze of the Illinois State Library, Gwendolyn Brooks Building, are the names of 35 Illinois authors who were either born in Illinois or spent a significant portion of their careers in Illinois:

*Jane Addams, 1860-1935*

*George Ade, 1866-1944*

*Nelson Algren, 1909-1981*

*Sherwood Anderson, 1876-1941*

*Paul Angle, 1900-1975*

*L. Frank Baum, 1856-1919*

*Saul Bellow, 1915-2005*

*Black Hawk, 1767-1838*

*Ray Bradbury, 1920-2012*

*Gwendolyn Brooks, 1917-2000*

*Cyrus Colter, 1910-2002*

*Theodore Dreiser, 1871-1945*

*Finley Peter Dunne, 1867-1936*

*Eliza Farnham, 1815-1864*

*James T. Farrell, 1904-1979*

*Edna Ferber, 1887-1968*

*Henry Blake Fuller, 1857-1929*

*Hamlin Garland, 1860-1940*

*Lorraine Hansberry, 1930-1965*  
*Ben Hecht, 1894-1964*  
*Ernest Hemingway, 1899-1961*  
*Robert Herrick, 1868-1938*  
*James Jones, 1921-1977*  
*Ring Lardner, 1885-1933*  
*Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1865*  
*Vachel Lindsay, 1879-1931*  
*Edgar Lee Masters, 1869-1950*  
*William Maxwell, 1908-2000*  
*Frank Norris, 1870-1902*  
*Donald Culross Peattie, 1898-1964*  
*Elia Wilkinson Peattie, 1862-1935*  
*Carl Sandburg, 1878-1967*  
*Upton Sinclair, 1878-1968*  
*(Louis) Studs Terkel, 1912-2008*  
*Richard Wright, 1908-1960*

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