

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
CONSULTANT'S REPORT
APRIL 2007**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or send an email to me:

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE AN LSTA GRANT REVIEWER? Are you willing to express your honest opinions? The Illinois State Library is inviting librarians to nominate themselves for consideration as a Grant Reviewer of the FY2008 LSTA grant applications. Reviewers will be required to meet online (Opal) for an orientation in late May, read applications in June – July, and then will come to Springfield for a two-day review session in late July/early August. This task should be taken very seriously with respect for the work submitted by the many applicants. If you are interested in nominating yourself as a reviewer, contact kegan@ilsos.net prior to May 1 for details.

LSTA grant applications must be postmarked no later than May 11, 2007; or hand delivered by 4:30 p.m. on May 11, 2007.

INSTITUTES

The Institute for School and Public Librarians (ISPL) and the Small Public Library Management Institute (SPLMI) have reviewed applications and acceptance letters are in the mail. The Planning Teams for both are working on finalizing the agendas.

SPLMI

A few openings are still available for the 14th annual Small Public Library Management Institute, sponsored by the State Library and hosted by the University of Illinois at Springfield June 3-8. SPLMI is one of the most highly acclaimed continuing education opportunities available anywhere in the nation for directors of smaller public libraries and directors new to the Illinois library community. Apply now at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/2007splmi.html

LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL

Stay tuned as various state agencies and associations develop programs to commemorate Lincoln's 200th birthday.

PENNY SEVERNS SUMMER FAMILY LITERACY GRANT PROGRAM

Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy grants totaling \$250,000 have been awarded to 53 organizations throughout the state. The program provides instructional service to enhance the basic reading, math, writing or language skills of both parents and children during the summer, when many other educational programs are closed. Services include interactive, reciprocal learning experiences that parents and children participate in together. In 2006, almost 1,500 parents and more than 2,500 children took part in these grant programs.

GED-ILLINOIS ONLINE STUDY OPTION – UPCOMING TRAININGS

The Illinois State Library Literacy Office is cooperating with the Illinois Community College Board and the Center for the Application of Instructional Technology at Western Illinois University to implement a statewide training program for local libraries concerning the GED-Illinois (GED-i). GED-i is an online option for an adult learner to use to study for the GED test.

Since libraries are often a place for learners to obtain computer access, this training will enable librarians to learn what the GED-i is and how to support adult learners who are using libraries to access this instructional option. Librarians across the state may attend regional training sessions. For more information, please contact JoAnne Hughes at 217/785-6921 or jhughes@ilsos.net.

Training sessions (9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.) are set for the following dates and locations:

April 18	Galesburg Public Library
April 27	Decatur Public Library
May 10	Edwardsville Public Library
May 11	Marion Public Library
May 14	Berwyn Public Library
June 29	Wilmington Public Library
July 13	McHenry Public Library

NEW "READ FOR A LIFETIME" TITLES

The State Library's hugely popular "Read for a Lifetime" program for high school students has announced a new set of titles for the 2007-08 school year. With a few exceptions, you'll notice that next year's titles highlight Illinois authors or books featuring Illinois. Check out the new list at

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/pdfs/ReadingList.pdf

DELIVERY

The University of Illinois/CARLI has issued a delivery RFP. The purpose of the RFP is to determine if a commercial service can more efficiently and economically handle the statewide delivery backbone (ILDS). Other scenarios in the RFP include delivery to all CARLI academic libraries.

NOVELIST AND NOVELIST K-8

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois State Library are pleased to announce the E-Rich offering of NoveList & NoveList K-8.

NoveList allows adults and teens to find recommended books based on existing favorite books, favorite authors, subject interests and more. NoveList K-8 helps children in grades K-8, parents, & teachers identify books that are appropriate for children's reading abilities and interests. This offering not only provides access to a database, but also offers a wide range of resources that will expand your staff's ability to serve readers of all ages and increase your library's reach.

NoveList & NoveList K-8 is available to ILLINET member academic, public, special, high school, middle school and elementary school library buildings. The Illinois State Library will subsidize 50% of the cost for each library building.

Application and Invoice Instructions can be found at

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/pdfs/novelist2007_invoice.pdf

Please contact Gwen Harrison (gharrison@ilsos.net) or 217-785-7334 for further information.

PODCAST

The Kankakee Public Library conducted an interview with Secretary of State Jesse White and State Library director Anne Craig for a podcast for their website. You can now listen to the interview at the library's website:

<http://www.kankakee.lib.il.us/>

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT UPDATE

We are pleased to report that 1,500 Patriot Information Forms have now been received at the Illinois State Archives for Secretary of State Jesse White's Veterans History Project to permanently preserve the memories of Illinois war veterans. The number of forms submitted has increased since the forms became available late last year at Illinois public libraries.

To make it easier for patrons to locate these forms, Secretary White will soon be sending public libraries a colorful poster to display along with the forms. If you need additional copies of the Patriot Information Forms, you may print out your own copies by logging on to http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ard1383.pdf.

You may also obtain additional forms by contacting Pat McGuckin at the Illinois State Library at pmcguckin@ilsos.net.

In the near future, the Veterans History Project will be expanding to include audio taped interviews, and we've heard from many librarians who have said they would love to conduct such interviews with veterans as part of their patron outreach programs. We're pleased to announce that we have arranged for an official with the Library of Congress to conduct a training session on doing such interviews as a pre-conference event at this year's Illinois Library Association annual conference in Springfield. Mark your calendar now for the training session, which will be held on October 9th from 1:30 to 5 p.m. More details later!

MAP DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

ISL has the second largest state library map collection in the nation, and the fifth largest government library map collection. For an informational sheet on some of our map department services, contact our staff by telephone at (217) 782-5823 or by email at islmap@ilsos.net.

Some of the fliers we have available deal with:

- the original government survey plats and field notes of Illinois
- Sanborn fire insurance atlases
- Illinois historical aerial photography web site and cd-rom collection
- Illinois historic aerial photography original collection
- 2004 Illinois National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP)
- 2005 Illinois digital orthophotos (aerial photos corrected for distortions caused by the terrain, the orientation of the airplane, and the camera lens to true map accuracy).

You can now print out copies of information sheets on General Land Office plats, Sanborn fire insurance atlases, 2005 Illinois Digital Orthophotos, the 2004 Illinois NAIP, the Illinois Historical Aerial Photography web site and CD-ROM collection and the Illinois Historical Aerial Photography original print collection. Check out the changes at

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_have/map_resources/home.html

ILLINOIS DIGITAL ARCHIVES

The metadata for a collection of Illinois Historic Aerial Photographs has now been added to IDA. Learn about the collection on the "About" page <http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm4/about.php>, where you will scroll down to "Illinois Historic Aerial Photographs, 1936-1941". Links to the photos are found at <http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=%2Fisgs>

WORKSHOP ON SHAREABLE METADATA

The State Library will host "Metadata for You & Me: A Workshop on Shareable Metadata" on Friday May 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p. m. The workshop addresses the needs of library, museum

and cultural heritage professionals in the creation, development and use of interoperable or shareable descriptive metadata. The content of workshops is based on the Best Practices for Shareable Metadata, an initiative of the Digital Library Federation and the National Science Digital Library, that provides guidance for creating metadata that can be easily understood, processed and used outside of its local environment. Registration and more information can be found at <http://images.library.uiuc.edu/projects/mym/register.html>

CONSTRUCTION GRANT WORKSHOPS

The State Library will present four workshops this spring on the FY2008 Live & Learn Construction Grant Program for libraries interested in the program or considering applying for a grant this coming fall. ISL Staff will review the specifics of the program and discuss the application process. Registration is required and can be made through the State Library's CLeO website (<http://www.islcleo.org>).

The locations, dates and times are:

April 24 (Tuesday)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Library System, Burr Ridge
April 26 (Thursday)	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Alliance Library System, East Peoria
May 1 (Tuesday)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Illinois State Library, Room 403
May 3 (Thursday)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Benton Public Library, Benton

IOUG ANNUAL MEETING

This year's Illinois OCLC Users Group annual meeting will be held at DePaul University, Loop Campus in Chicago on May 16. The annual meeting will begin with registration and a continental breakfast at 8:00 am in Room 8005 of the DePaul Center located at 1 East Jackson Boulevard in Chicago. Opening remarks will begin at 9:00 am and the day's events will conclude at 3:00 pm. Go to www.islcleo.org to register (\$40 fee includes breakfast and lunch) to attend this event.

Hotel information: A limited number of rooms are available for \$135.00 plus tax at the Hotel Blake, located at 500 South Dearborn Street in Chicago, just a few blocks from the DePaul Center. Be sure to mention the IOUG Annual Meeting when you call 312-986-1234 to reserve your room. Deadline for this rate is April 15.

REPAIRS FOR BOOK COLLECTIONS

The State Library will host one of two workshops that will give participants an opportunity to learn appropriate archival-quality repairs from trained professionals. The workshop is geared to any staff in CARLI member libraries that want to learn how to perform simple, quick repairs that don't require much space or equipment. The repairs covered in this workshop are not appropriate for special collections materials.

Attendance is limited to 30 attendees at each of the two workshops. A registration fee will be charged. Registration for non-CARLI members will be accepted one week prior to the registration deadlines (April 16 for the April 25 workshop; April 20 for the May 1 workshop). The registration fee for non-CARLI members is \$60.00. Travel costs and any parking fees are the responsibility of the attendee. Cancellations will be honored until the registration deadline for each workshop; after this date the full registration fee will be due. CARLI will offer this workshop at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb on April 25 and at the State Library May 1. More information on registration is on the CARLI website <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/>

FORTHCOMING

4/15/2007	National Library Week
4/16/2007	Deadline for FY2008 Adult Literacy Grant program applications
4/19/2007	Illinois Library Day, (ILD) Springfield
5/11/2007	LSTA grant applications due at the Illinois State Library
5/16/2007	Illinois OCLC Users' Group Annual Meeting, DePaul University, Chicago
5/23/2007	Spotlight on Achievement and Spotlight on Service awards for literacy students and volunteer tutors, Springfield
6/3-6/8/2007	Small Public Library Management Institute, Springfield
6/5/2007	"Empowering Library Staff to Meet the Needs of the Spanish Speaking Community", MLS, Chicago. Register at http://www.iscileo.org/ce/?Action=Details&EventID=686
6/6/2007	Literacy Advisory Board meeting, Springfield
6/10-6/15/2007	Institute for School and Public Librarians, Bradley University, Peoria
10/9-10/12/2007	Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Springfield
11/1-11/3/2007	Illinois School Library Media Association Conference, Springfield