

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
CONSULTANT'S REPORT
APRIL 2008**

ILLINOIS LIBRARY DAY – April 10, 2008

The Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White was quite impressed with the events of the day. Despite cold and rain, the day was a success thanks to everyone who attended.

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN: 2008-2011

The approved ISL Strategic Plan is ready. Take a look at the Executive Summary and Strategic Plan at

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/pdfs/strategic_plan2008.pdf. This plan encompasses the results of a Statewide Survey that was launched 3 years ago and input from ISL Stakeholders. Twenty-four dedicated ISL staff committee members worked diligently at creating a document that will serve as a compass for the State Library.

FREE COMPUTERS

The office of Secretary of State Jesse White may be able to supply an Illinois school, public and other not-for-profit library or literacy organization with free-of-charge, recycled personal computers that do not have operating systems or software installed. Libraries would pick them up on a first-come, first served basis at regional library system headquarters. Please take the following survey at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=uogkdBboJA7fbhMdl55tHA_3d_3d so that the SOS office will know the number of computers you would like for your institution.

LSTA GRANTS – due May 12, 2008

Three hundred FY09 Grant letters of intent were received by this week's deadline. Grant applications must be postmarked no later than May 12, 2008 or hand delivered to the Illinois State Library by 4:30 p.m. on May 12, 2008.

The following FAQs are available with suggestions that may improve your grant application.

Grant FAQs Part 1: <http://il.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=19771>

Grant FAQs Part 2: <http://il.webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=19932>

ANNUAL ILLINOIS OCLC USER'S GROUP (IOUG) MEETING – May 9, 2008

IOUG's Annual Meeting will be held Friday, May 9, 2008, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Illinois State Library. The theme of this year's meeting is "Back to the Future: The Technological Evolution of Libraries Revisited." Register at www.islcleo.org. The \$45.00 registration fee does include lunch. If you have further questions contact ILLINET/OCLC Services Office at 217-785-1532.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS – deadline May 1

MAY 1st is the deadline for the scholarships intended to pay for the education of students seeking their MLIS degree. Fifteen \$7,500 scholarships are awarded annually. For more information and applications go to

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/scholarships.html >.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANT REQUIREMENTS & WORKSHOPS

All of the public libraries should have received the next three years of requirements for the Public Library Per Capita grants.

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/equalizationgrant.html#percapita.

The State Library will be offering workshops at the regional library systems during the next few months to explain requirements for obtaining an Illinois State Library Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid grant. ISL staff will go over the grant application and explain requirements that will be in place for the next three years to obtain a grant. The first workshop will be held on May 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at La Salle Public Library. The event will also be videoconferenced to the following Prairie Area Library System sites: Shorewood Service Center, Coal Valley Service Center, Rockford Service Center, Sterling Public Library, Sycamore Public Library, Kankakee Public Library, and Highland Community College in Freeport.

Additional workshops are scheduled for July 29 at Metropolitan Library System, Burr Ridge Office from 9:00 am- 11:00 am and Tinley Park Public Library from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm.

Persons wanting to participate should sign up at the system whose training they will be attending, and participants may attend a workshop at any of the systems offering training. While the workshops are not mandatory, participation is encouraged. Contact Mary Downing at mdowning@ilsos.net or 217-782-5506 or Jeanne Urbanek at jurbanek@ilsos.net or 217-524-0050 for more information.

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The Illinois State Library is pleased to announce the opportunity for public libraries to work with Bibliostat, a division of Baker & Taylor, to utilize its Collect product for submitting the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR). Collect is a web-based program utilized for collecting data, and provides a new format, new functionalities, and full compatibility with the federal public library data collection program.

An IPLAR information packet is being mailed to every Illinois public library director. The packet includes username and password, an overview, and information on what's new and different. For more information or questions, contact Ron Winner at the State Library at rwinner@ilsos.net <<mailto:rwinner@ilsos.net>>, 217-785-1168. Ron will be conducting future information sessions about the FY08 IPLAR via OPAL or Wimba.

COMING SOON

May 9	Illinois OCLC Users' Group Annual Meeting, ISL.
May 9	Reaching Forward Annual Conference of Library Assistants, Rosemont http://www.reachingforward.org/
May 12	FY09 LSTA Grant Applications due at ISL
May 14	Spotlight on Achievement and Spotlight on Service awards for literacy students and volunteer tutors, ISL
May 31	Deadline for submissions to "Essays About Lincoln" contest, http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lincolnsessay.pdf
June 1 - 6	Small Public Library Management Institute, University of Illinois at Springfield
June 8 -13	Institute for School & Public Librarians, Bradley University, Peoria
June 30	Deadline to enter Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lda964.pdf