

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
CONSULTANTS REPORT
AUGUST 2008**

FY2009 LSTA Grants applicants will be receiving notification letters over the course of the next two weeks from Secretary White and Anne Craig. I was hoping to be able to provide a list of the awards to libraries in LTLS, but the SOS press office has not officially announced them, so I will have this for you before the next board meeting. I can tell you that 259 LSTA grant applications were received and 106 were funded.

E-NEWS

ISL-Announce is an electronic “read-only” mail list providing timely announcements from Illinois State Library staff regarding grants, electronic resources, continuing education, and other programs and items of interest to Illinois library staffs. To subscribe:

<http://www.islemail.org/mailman/listinfo/isl-announce>

NEW INAC (ILLINET Network Advisory Council) MEMBERS

Congratulations to the four new members who have been appointed to the ILLINET Network Advisory Council:

- Laura Barnes, Illinois Sustainable Technology Center
- Nanette Donohue, Champaign Public Library
- Anita Morgan, St. Xavier University Library
- Michelle Roubal, Plainfield Public Library District

LIBRARY SYSTEM STANDARDS COMMITTEE

The committee roster for the Library System Standards Committee is nearly finalized. During the next twelve months, the committee will be revising the library system standards with input from the Illinois library community.

Committee members include:

- David Carlson (Chairman), Dean of Library Affairs, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale
- Tom Dorst, Associate Director for Administration, CARLI
- Shirley May, Byrnes, Executive Director, DuPage Library System
- Marilyn Boria, Director, Elmhurst Public Library
- Jane Sharka, Past-President, Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA)
- David Joens, Director, Illinois State Archives
- James Quisenberry, President, Lincoln Trail Libraries System
- Mike Steiner, Programs and Policies, Office of the Secretary of State

Illinois State Library staff members working with the committee are:

- Anne Craig, Director
- Lawren Tucker, Chief Deputy Director

- Patricia Norris, Associate Director/ Grants & Programs
- Joe Natale, Exec. Asst. to the Director for Planning & Outreach
- Kathleen Bloomberg, Associate Director of Operations

ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT (IPLAR) DEADLINE 9/1/2008

This is a reminder for every Illinois Public Library that 9/1/2008 is fast approaching. September 1, 2008 is the legal submission deadline for the FY2008 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) for public library districts. All the other types (city, town, township, village) of public libraries should already have submitted their annual report to the Illinois State Library since their FY2008 fiscal year ended on or before 6/30/2008.

An information packet with username/password and access information was mailed to every public library in late April/early May. Information (other than username/password) is also available at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/iplar2008.html. (Remember if you are typing in this URL whats_new must be entered with an underline between whats and new.)

The IPLAR URL is <http://collect.informata.com>. If your library has not already done so, please begin working on your IPLAR immediately in order comply with legal deadlines as detailed in the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

For information contact: Ron Winner, rwinner@ilsos.net, 217-785-1168.

NEW WEBJUNCTION ILLINOIS PLATFORM

WebJunction Illinois, the online community for librarians, has launched a new platform with many new features and an updated user interface: <http://il.webjunction.org>.

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

Each year the State Library and the Illinois Center for the Book sponsor "Letters About Literature" in partnership with the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and Target Stores. Letters About Literature is a reading and writing promotion for students in grades 4 - 12 where students read a book and write a personal letter to the author explaining how the book changed his/her perception of the world. Students can participate through their schools, youth programs, libraries or individually.

State and National winners are selected from three different judging levels based on the grade of the participating student. National winners receive a \$10,000 grant for their school or community library and National honorable mentions receive a \$1000 grant for the same.

Letters About Literature informational packets are sent to public and private schools across Illinois in early September, and Illinois libraries are more than

welcome to be added to this mailer. If you would like to have your library added to the mailing list or have questions about Letters About Literature, please contact Bonnie Matheis, Coordinator of the Illinois Center for the Book, at bmatheis@ilsos.net or 217-558-2065.

The deadline to enter the 2009 Letters About Literature competition is December 14, 2008. State winners will be announced in April 2009 and national winners will be announced in May 2009. For additional information about previous Letters About Literature competitions and winners, feel free to go to the Illinois Center for the Book website at <http://illinoiscenterforthebook.org>. Specific information about the 2009 competition will be posted to the website in early September.

LITERACY SPOTLIGHT: BLUE GARGOYLE ADULT LEARNING PROGRAM, CHICAGO

Michael Dellar had a difficult childhood, filled with experiences no child should have to endure. Two years ago he began learning to read and write with the help of his volunteer tutor, Paul Strauss. Left homeless by his sister, Michael was able to move into his own apartment with the assistance of Blue Gargoyle and a social service agency. What could have been a major setback preventing his continued affiliation with Blue Gargoyle has turned into a momentous first in his life. Michael has since experienced other significant "firsts." He now has a part-time job and a copy of his birth certificate and a state identification card, which he has never possessed before. Michael has learned to ride the Chicago Transit Authority bus alone and has been in downtown Chicago several times. He now uses a computer and works on his own stories. Michael is learning to interact professionally within a work environment and is proud of his job, taking his new responsibilities very seriously. Michael and Paul were both Spotlight award winners that were announced by Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White last May. Learn more about the ISL Literacy Office by logging on to: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/literacy/home.html

DIVERSITY IN ACTION—DIGITAL TV TRANSITION

"The Digital TV Transition: What You Need to Know About DTV" will be presented at Beardstown Houston Memorial Library on August 18, 2008 from 11:00 am.-12:30 pm by the Illinois State Library's Diversity Program. This free workshop includes information on the changes from analog to digital television that will occur after February 17, 2009. Developed by the Federal Communications Commission and WebJunction, this workshop is open to the public but focuses on Spanish-speaking persons, senior citizens, rural communities and other minorities. More information can be located at www.dtv2009.gov

DIVERSITY IN ACTION—SPRINGFIELD RACE RIOT

The Springfield Race Riot of 1908 is the subject of exhibits and programs at the Illinois State Library in August. In commemoration of the centennial of this

landmark event, the State Library is hosting " The Summer of Hate Exhibit," containing 14 banners. The ISL Diversity Program has also developed a bibliography and materials describing the Race Riot. Books include Summer of Rage: the Springfield Race Riot of 1908 by James Krohe, The Sociogenesis of a Race Riot: Springfield, Illinois, in 1908 by Roberta Senechal, and "Riot in Springfield" in Outlook, August 22, 1908.

On August 27, the ISL Diversity Program will host a noontime presentation of "The Race Riot of 1908" by Curtis Mann. Learn more about this historic event at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Springfield_Race_Riot_of_1908

FORTHCOMING

DATE/DEADLINE	LOCATION	PROGRAM/ACTIVITY
8/26/2008	ISL	Illinois State Library Advisory Committee Meeting
9/23-26/2008	Chicago	Illinois Library Association Annual Conference
10/2-3/2008	Springfield	Reaching Forward South Conference
10/7/2008	ISL	INAC (ILLINET Network Advisory Council) Meeting
10/30/2008	ISL	System Presidents and Directors Meeting
11/6-8/2008	Arlington Heights	Illinois School Library Media Association Annual Conference
12/4/2008	Schaumburg	ISL Electronic Resource Exposition (E-R-XPO)
12/6/2008	ISL	Letters about Literature competition deadline

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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