

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY CONSULTANT'S REPORT

February 2007

FY2008 LSTA GRANTS ANNOUNCED

The FY08 Library Services and Technology Act grant offerings are now posted at the State Library's website. These are the grant types:

* The Emerging Grant Writer grant is a new offering designed to encourage persons who have never written a successful LSTA grant to apply. The grant seeks to alleviate the first time grant writer's apprehension by easing them into the grant writing process. The Emerging Grant Writer application should focus on a new or enhanced activity, program or library service.

* As information needs increase, libraries must be ready to provide information and training on issues relating to the safety of their patrons and the community as a whole. With The Safety Grant, a new offering, the public, school, academic or special library can be an integral piece of the safety and disaster preparedness puzzle. The Safety Grant focuses on programs and services. The intent of the offering is for libraries to provide training, educational programs or demonstrations on issues relating to safety.

* The Digital Imaging grants allow libraries to create Internet-ready electronic versions of their materials and collections, specifically Illinois-related historical and cultural materials. Digital Imaging grants assist libraries in developing successful digital imaging projects and provide greater access to collections. This grant cycle has an emphasis on World War II and materials related to local history as they relate to the state and nation in a historical and cultural context. Proposals for projects in other subject areas will be considered based on the significance as documented in the grant proposal.

* The Libraries: Innovate, Create, Collaborate (LINCC) LSTA grant offering provides the opportunity to create partnerships that will reflect deep understanding of the community, with an emphasis on innovative and creative programming and services.

* The Demonstration of Public Library Services grant returns, and is intended to show the value of public library services to Illinois residents currently residing outside of a taxed library service area. Applicants are encouraged to explore innovative methods of providing services and address the needs of the unserved population within Illinois. The project design should be inviting and educational, showing an understanding of the needs of the unserved population.

* The Developing a Statewide Technology Toolkit grant encourages regional library systems to collaborate and cooperate on a statewide initiative to enhance library services using new technologies such as blogs, RSS, Wikis and instant messaging. Together, the regional library systems will focus on research and development, testing and training that will have statewide impact.

A minimum of 40% of the LSTA grants funded will relate to the "The Strategic Plan for Technology & Telecommunications for Illinois Libraries". This plan is posted at:

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/pdfs/strategic_plan.pdf>.

Successful applications, if technology related, will explain how the application is related to the Strategic Plan, specifically the Strategic Goals and Objectives starting on page 5, and the Action Plan for FY2008 starting on page 7.

Find out everything else you need to know about this year's LSTA grant offerings by logging on to <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/servicestechologygrant.html>.

IMPORTANT: When you open the page to login to the online Letter of Intent, there are three separate boxes for the control number, branch number and password. To login, type the control number TAB type the branch number TAB type the password. So, for example, if you type 12345_67, it won't work. Instead, type 12345 TAB 67 TAB password.

CRIME VICTIMS COMPENSATION BOOKLETS

Workshops conducted by the Secretary of State's Office of the Court of Claims were held last fall on how to combat the abuse of elderly persons. The Illinois State Library assisted by working with the regional library systems to offer the presentations. A booklet was presented to each participant with information about the Illinois Crime Victims Compensation program, and about the compensation that victims of elder abuse are entitled to receive. Also included in the booklet is a copy of the application form that needs to be filled out to apply for the compensation. ISL is sending a copy of the Crime Victims Compensation Program booklet to those libraries that were not able to participate in the workshops. Libraries may also download their own copy at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/cc941.pdf
Direct questions to Mary Downing at 217-782-5506 or the Director of the Court of Claims, Delores Martin at (217) 782-7102.

LIBRARY SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOP UPDATE

As a follow-up to the Library Sustainability workshops held in 2006, librarians and staff in small and rural libraries serving populations under 25,000 may take online continuing education courses offered on WebJunction (<http://webjunction.org/do/Home>). The Library Sustainability project was designed to develop and implement community-specific action plans for sustaining public access computing. To access the WebJunction course catalog, contact Andrew Bullen at 312-814-4386 or Connie Frankenfeld at 217-782-5432 (cfrankenfeld@ilsos.net).

ILLINOIS LIBRARY DAY REGISTRATION

The registration form for Illinois Library Day April 19 is online at http://www.ila.org/events/regforms/ILD_07.pdf. The interactive registration form is at https://www.ila.org/events/reg_ild.htm. Log on to www.illinoislibraryday.info for more detail. Thanks Bob Doyle at ILA, Jan Ison, Amanda McKay and Lincoln Trail Libraries System for once again handling registration and maintaining the ILD website.

INSTITUTE FOR SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIANS (ISPL), June 10 – 15, 2007

The announcement and applications were mailed to the Systems on January 22, 2007. 13th Annual Institute, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
Information:
http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/2007institute.html

SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE (SPLMI), June 3 – 8, 2007

The announcement and applications were mailed to the Systems on January 22, 2007. 14th Annual Institute, University of Illinois at Springfield, IL
Information:
http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/2007splmi.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 (www.islcleo.org). The locations, dates and times are:
Tuesday, April 24 1-3 PM Metropolitan Library System, Burr Ridge
Thursday, April 26 10-Noon Alliance Library System, East Peoria
Tuesday, May 1 1-3 PM Illinois State Library, Room 403
Thursday, May 3 1-3 PM Benton Public Library, Benton

DIVERSITY

The ISL Diversity Program, in cooperation with Springfield libraries, has organized a series of Black History Month Events for February. The schedule can be found at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/pdfs/2007black_history_month_events.pdf. Events are free and open to the public.

NEW VIDEOCONFERENCING EQUIPMENT

The State Library has new videoconferencing equipment. This equipment will allow State Library personnel to take part in workshops or meetings with the regional library systems. Refer questions to Jill Heffernan at jheffernan@ilsos.net <<mailto:jheffernan@ilsos.net>> or 217-557-3386.

NEW GRANT FOR SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office (PPO), in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), has announced "Picturing America," a new grant opportunity for schools and school libraries.

A pilot project of NEH's We the People program, "Picturing America" has been created to promote the teaching, study and understanding of American history and culture in K-12 schools through examples of the nation's most significant works of art and architecture and to facilitate interdisciplinary partnerships between school library media specialists, art teachers, history teachers, classroom instructors and other educators.

"Picturing America" will provide 500 public and private schools with:

- A collection of 20 double-sided, laminated posters depicting works of American art.
- A booklet that contains essays for each poster, teaching suggestions, and quick introductory exercises geared to different grade levels.
- The Picturing America Web site, which will contain links to extensive lesson plans and other educational resources organized by poster, themes, and subjects (history, social studies, and other disciplines).

Public, private, parochial and charter schools and home school consortia (K-12) are eligible to receive "Picturing America" awards. Applications may be submitted on behalf of the schools by school librarians, art teachers, classroom teachers and other educators and school administrators. The online application is available at

<http://publicprograms.ala.org/picturingamerica>. NEH estimates that the complete application process will take one hour to complete.

A list of "Picturing America" images, as well as guidelines and applications, are available online at <http://publicprograms.ala.org/picturingamerica>. Online applications will be accepted through March 19, 2007. Awards will be announced in May 2007. "Picturing America" collections will be distributed in September 2007 for use during the 2007-2008 school year. If you have any questions, please contact the ALA Public Programs Office at publicprograms@ala.org <<mailto:publicprograms@ala.org>>.

SCHOOL PER CAPITA GRANTS AWARDED

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has awarded Fiscal Year 2007 school library per capita grants totaling almost \$1.4 million to 726 public school districts to help provide library services to nearly 2 million students in more than 3,400 school libraries. The grant funds must be used to support the services of the district's school library media program. Funds may not be used for capital improvements such as shelving or wiring. This year's grants provide \$0.71 per student to support school library services, with a minimum award of \$100. Grants are available to tax supported public school districts that are members of one of Illinois' regional library systems.

NEW SYNERGY CLASS

Congratulations to the librarians who have been selected to participate in the 2007 class of Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative. Synergy is the statewide library community's proactive movement to recruit and develop future Illinois library leaders. The group will take part in three three-day seminars to be held March 20-22 at Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center, Utica; August 7-9 at Pere Marquette Lodge, Grafton; and November 6-8 at Hickory Ridge Marriott Conference Hotel, Lisle. This year's class includes:

Ely M. Anderson, Library of Rush University
Leslie M. Bednar, Lewis & Clark Library System
Stephanie M. Bonjack, VanderCook College of Music, Ruppel Library
Christine M. Cahill, Carrie Busey Elementary School, Champaign
Jane W. Candela, Packer Engineering, Inc.
Lauren Collen, Niles Public Library District
Amber Creger, Chicago Public Library, Woodson Regional Branch
James A. DiDonato, Round Lake Area Public Library District
R. Toby Greenwalt, Westmont Public Library
Jacob Hill, Elmhurst College, A. C. Buehler Library
Katharine James, Illinois State University, Milner Library
Gary W. Jones, Southeastern Illinois College
Pamela Kloser, Joliet Public Library, Black Road Branch
Jannette La Roche, Moline Public Library
Portia Latalladi, Chicago Public Library, Garfield Ridge Branch
Nancy R. Maloney, BP America, Inc.
Halle Mikyska, Kane County Law Library
Rob Morrison, University Library-Chicago Campus, National-Louis University
Geoffrey W. Morse, Northwestern University Library
Karolyn Ann Nance, Fremont Public Library District
Lisa Y. Pappas, Plainfield Public Library District
Lisa Poignant, Chillicothe Public Library District
Maria Pontillas, Glenview Public Library
Blaine Redemer, Illinois State Library
Melissa (Missy) Roser, DePaul University, The John T. Richardson Library
Lisa Sarm, Lincoln Public Library, Springfield
Molly Scanlan, Benton Public Library District
Brian Shepard, Arlington Heights Memorial Library
Heidi Richter Smith, Waukegan Public Library
Bryan Vogh, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region
The Illinois State Library, the Illinois Library Association and their partners are sponsors of Synergy.

DIRECTORY OF MUSEUMS

The Illinois Association of Museums, an independent statewide network representing a variety of museums, has published a new edition of "The Directory of Illinois Museums." Every public library in Illinois will soon receive a copy through ILDS and your Regional Library System's delivery. If for some reason you do not receive a copy by the end of February, you can contact Mary Downing at the Illinois State Library at mdowning@ilsos.net <<mailto:mdowning@ilsos.net>>.

UPDATING ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN CODE

A committee will meet beginning Wednesday, February 21 to begin the work of updating the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code. The ILLINET Network Advisory Council (INAC) requested the update. The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code has not been updated since 2000. Committee members include:

Kathy Roegge - University of Illinois at Springfield
Nancy Huntley - Lincoln Public Library of Springfield
Laura Frizol - LaSalle Public Library
Kate Boyle - Metropolitan Library System
Tony Heaton - Illinois Wesleyan University
Jane Ehrenhardt - Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Michael Wold - OSF St. Mary Medical Center

E-RATE NEWS

Sort through and store your internal documentation now. The Universal Service Administration Company recommends that you store copies of the following in a place where you can easily retrieve them:

- * The technology plan that you wrote ("created") before you filed your Form 470. While this can be a draft document, you should indicate the date that you created the plan on the first page and/or in a header or footer. (Once your technology plan has been approved, you should also keep a copy of the approved technology plan and your approval letter from your USAC-certified Technology Plan Approver <http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/search-tools/tech-plan-approver-locator.aspx?WT.mc_id=sl-newsbrief-20070202>.)
- * If you hired a consultant, the consulting agreement or Letter of Agency (LOA) <http://www.usac.org/sl/tools/reference/letters-of-agency.aspx?WT.mc_id=sl-newsbrief-20070202> with the consultant.
- * Request for Proposals (RFP), if one was issued.
- * A printout of at least the first page of the Form 470 that provided the basis for your funding request(s), especially if your entity wasn't the entity listed in Block 1 (e.g., if you are a school or library purchasing from a state master contract where the state filed the Form 470). The first page includes the Form 470 Application Number, the Applicant Form Identifier, and the contact information provided for the contact person, all of which may be important for reference.
- * Your plan for evaluating the bids you received.
- * The bids themselves, both those that won and those that lost.
- * The list of your evaluation criteria, including the weight given to each criterion. Remember that the price of the products and services that are eligible for discounts must be weighted most heavily.
- * The results of your evaluation process, including your rationale for selecting the winning bid. If you disqualified one or more bidders, you should also retain documentation showing the rationale for disqualification.
- * A memo to your file in the event that you received only one bid - or no bids.
- * Your contract, if you and your service provider signed one.
- * Your contract extension, if you and your service provider signed one.
- * Any documents that show compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) <http://www.usac.org/sl/applicants/step10/cipa.aspx?WT.mc_id=sl-newsbrief-20070202>. As with technology plans, you may not need to be in compliance (or working toward compliance) until your FY2007 services start, but you should store any documents you have now, such as a notice of a public meeting or hearing on your Internet safety policy.
- * Any documents you used to calculate your discount percentage - for example, your National School Lunch Program (NSLP) forms, printouts of NSLP data on your state's website, or alternative discount mechanism documents such as surveys.
- * Any documents supporting cost allocation of ineligible entities, products, or services.

ISL FOR GPO-NTIS PILOT PROJECT

The State Library was pleased to learn this week that we have been selected to participate in the Beta Test group for the U.S. Government Printing Office- National Technical Information Service Pilot Project. Both the Beta and the Pilot will include access to bibliographic records for approximately 240,000 publications from 1964-2000 from the Automated Document Storage and Retrieval (ADSTAR) system. Depository libraries will be able to download at no charge the electronic documents for which links are available, and to purchase print, microfiche or CD/DVD copies from NTIS. The beta test began Wednesday Feb. 7 and will last for several weeks.

LIBRARYU -- COURSE FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES

A new course offered by LibraryU, the popular Web-based training initiative will be of keen interest to library trustees. Trustee-Training (TRU005) reinforces trustee roles and responsibilities and addresses some of the issues public library trustees face today. Presented in 4 segments, each requiring approximately 15 minutes to complete, this module uses creative interactive exercises and real life scenarios to educate and encourage trustees in their role. Enroll now at <<http://www.libraryu.org/>>. NOTE: Although this module has an Illinois focus, much of the information is relevant to public library trustees in general.

FORTHCOMING

3/1/2007	INAC, Springfield
3/20 -22 /2007	Synergy, Starved Rock Lodge, Utica
3/27/2007	Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC), Springfield
4/15/2007	National Library Week
4/19/2007	Illinois Library Day, (ILD) Springfield
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
6/5/2007	"Empowering Library Staff to Meet the Needs of the Spanish Speaking Community", MLS, Chicago. Register at < http://www.islcleo.org/ce/?Action=Details&EventID=686 >