

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

**LSTA GRANTS**

Applications are now available for FY2009 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants. This year's offerings include several new categories. Information and applications may be found at:

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what\\_we\\_do/lsta2009.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/lsta2009.html).

Deadlines: April 2nd, the deadline for Letters of Intent to be submitted  
May 12, the deadline for the application to be postmarked or hand delivered to the Illinois State Library. LSTA grant opportunities are made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Illinois State Library.

**VOLUNTEER LSTA GRANT REVIEWERS NEEDED**

The State Library is inviting library staff to nominate themselves for consideration as a grant reviewer of FY2009 LSTA grant applications. If you are interested in helping the State Library select LSTA grant applications for funding, please e-mail a resume, limited to two pages, to Karen Egan at [kegan@ilsos.net](mailto:kegan@ilsos.net) by May 1.

**SPRING CONSTRUCTION GRANTS**

The State Library will offer a spring season round of Live and Learn Public Library Construction Grants, with awards ranging from \$2,500 to as high as \$125,000. The program assists public libraries with construction costs in their facilities. Priority this spring will be given to public libraries that have not received a Live and Learn Construction Grant Program grant since July 1, 2004. Letters of intent were due Feb. 15. Complete information and applications can be found at:

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what\\_we\\_do/constructgrant.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/constructgrant.html)

**SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY PROGRAM GRANT**

FY2008 School Library Per Capita grants totaling almost \$1.4 million were awarded to 718 public school districts. The funds will help provide important library services to nearly 2 million students in more than 3,400 school libraries. 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 \$0.72 per student to support school library services. Information on all the libraries that received this grant is available at --

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/press/2008/january/080131d1.html>

**PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA AND EQUALIZATION GRANT PROGRAM**

The grant application reviews are being finalized. More news will be forthcoming.

**ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT FY2008**

The Illinois Public Library Annual Report form is being reviewed and finalized. Stay tuned!

**ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN CODE**

The public comment phase has been completed. The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code Committee discussed the public comments and addressed appropriate revisions.

Approval of the revised Code is on March 12, 2008 agenda for ISLAC (Illinois State Library Advisory Committee).

### **LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

The State Library is participating in a multifaceted promotional campaign with the Illinois State Archives to commemorate next year's 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birthday. The Illinois Digital Archives (IDA), a repository of the Illinois State Library's digital collections, contains books and documents about the life, political career, and assassination of Abraham Lincoln. ([www.idaillinois.org](http://www.idaillinois.org)) In addition, there is an essay contest for students in grades 5-12 to write a modern day version of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, reflecting their personal thoughts and dreams about where America is as a nation.

Forms may be downloaded at:

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/lincolnessay.pdf](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lincolnessay.pdf)

Other components of the promotional campaign will include:

- \* A series of six collectible bookmarks with notable trivia about Lincoln;
- \* A colorful poster that will be sent to school and public libraries;
- \* A display in the Secretary of State's tent at the 2008 and 2009 Illinois State Fair;
- \* Flagpole banners to be displayed around ISL and the State Archives;
- \* Informational packets to be provided to teachers for classroom use.

### **INSTITUTES**

Small Public Library Management Institute (SPLMI), The 15<sup>th</sup> annual SPLMI sponsored by the Illinois State Library and hosted by the University of Illinois at Springfield will be held June 1-6, 2008. Because this is an advanced SPLMI, attendance is restricted to only those public library directors who have attended a previous SPLMI. **Applications must be received on or before Friday, March 21, 2008 by fax or mail.** Attendees will be notified of their selection in early April. Find applications at

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats\\_new/home.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/home.html)

Institute for School and Public Librarians (ISPL): The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Institute for School and Public Librarians, sponsored by the Illinois State Library and hosted by Bradley University in Peoria will be held June 8-13, 2008. Applicants can be school or public library staff responsible for a variety of library duties including activities that focus on services to patrons/students. **Application deadline is: March 20, 2008 via fax.**

Institute information and the application is available at

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats\\_new/2008institute.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/2008institute.html)

### **2008 COMPUTERS IN LIBRARIES DISCOUNT AVAILABLE**

A group discount is being offered to ILLINET member libraries for the Computers in Libraries 2008 conference, held at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia from April 7-9, 2008. A special rate of \$219.00 for the 3-day event is available. In addition, discount prices of \$99 on the Internet@Schools East Conference and \$219 for the combo Internet Librarian general conference and Internet@Schools East are also available. No discount rates are available for the pre or post-conference seminars and workshops. For a PDF registration form, e-mail Jill Heffernan at [jheffernan@ilsos.net](mailto:jheffernan@ilsos.net).

**Return the form to Jill no later than February 29** to obtain the discount.

### **GUIDE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S LITERACY EFFORT PUBLICATION**

This publication is available on the web with current information on all the FY2008 Adult Literacy Grant programs and grant recipients. Access it at [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/ldl811.pdf](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ldl811.pdf)

### **ILLINOIS LIBRARY DAY**

Illinois Library Day is scheduled in Springfield for Thursday, April 10, 2008. A legislative breakfast will kick-off the day's events. See the web site for more information - <http://www.illinoislibraryday.info/>

### **WEB JUNCTION**

Don't forget to visit the Blog category "New @ WJ-IL" for the most recent news on content, community and courses from WJ-IL:

<http://webjunctionworks.org/il/blog/index.php/category/new-wj-il/>.

You may also read the feed by clicking on the blue and green "What's New" icon on the homepage at <http://il.webjunction.org/>.

### **ASK?AWAY FREE TRIAL**

Ask?Away Illinois can expand reference services to your community and patrons 24/7. Act now to take advantage of a FREE trial demonstration period from Jan 15 - May 15, 2008. Your patrons and you will both benefit from 24/7 access to a reference cooperative for all your questions. There is no staffing required during the trial period. Transcripts and follow up options allow you to expand your patron reference services. Contact Natalie Tagge, [ntagge@ilsos.net](mailto:ntagge@ilsos.net), or log on to <http://www.askawayillinois.info> for more details.

### **FORTHCOMING**

Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC), ISL	March 12, 2008
Deadline to submit application for June 8-13 Institute for School and Public Librarians	March 20, 2008
Deadline to submit application for June 1-6 Small Public Library Management Institute	March 21, 2008
ILLINET Network Advisory Council (INAC), ISL	March 26, 2008
Illinois Library Day, Springfield	April 10, 2008
Empowering Library Staff to Meet the Needs of Spanish Speakers, North Suburban Library System <a href="http://www.islcleo.org">http://www.islcleo.org</a>	June 5, 2008
Small Public Library Management Institute, Springfield	June 1-6, 2008
Institute for School and Public Librarians, Peoria	June 8-13, 2008