

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

NEW EMPLOYEES

June 18th, Lawren Tucker of Petersburg began work as the new Chief Deputy Director of the State Library. Lawren most recently served as Policy Director for Illinois Senate President Emil Jones, Jr. and the Senate Democratic Caucus. Lawren succeeds Mike Ragen, who retired in January.

Lisa Waller has begun work as a Library Aide at the State Library Talking Book and Braille Service.

William Echelbarger has joined the ISL Automation and Technology/OCLC staff as an OCLC Network Coordinator this month.

Brandon Myles and Brandon Lounsbury are serving as summer workers at the State Library.

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White honored this year's winners of the annual Letters about Literature contest at an award ceremony in Chicago. Each winner read their essay and was given a plaque by Secretary White. Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing promotion program sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores.

NEW PROJECT NEXT GENERATION PROGRAM

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced this week that the Hayner Public Library District in Alton has been selected to serve as the newest host for Project Next Generation, White's statewide mentoring program for young people. There are twenty-five public libraries with PNG programs throughout the state. PNG is a mentoring program that provides positive learning opportunities for young people.

Alton joins PNG programs currently operating at public libraries in Beardstown, Bensenville, Bethany, Bloomington, Carbondale, Centralia, Champaign, Danville, Decatur, Des Plaines, Dixon, Elmwood Park, Effingham, Freeport, Harrisburg, Joliet, Kankakee, Macomb, Loves Park, Peoria, Quincy, Richton Park, Sparta and Springfield.

FY2008 ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA AND EQUALIZATION AID

As stated in the FY2008 Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid grant requirements, libraries must submit a Disaster Plan that has been adopted by the library board after October 15, 2005. To access information about Disaster Planning, Basic Guidelines, Disaster Prevention, Disaster Recovery and an example of a Disaster Plan prototype, log on to:

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

Another excellent plan is the dPlan(tm): The Online Disaster-Planning Tool. Medium and large libraries might find this plan particularly useful. The link to the dPlan is <<http://www.dplan.org/>>.

The 2008 Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant applications will be mailed on July 2. The grant application and all supporting documentation must be postmarked on or before October 15, 2007 or hand delivered to the Illinois State Library no later than 4:30 p.m. on October 15, 2007. For questions please contact Mary

Downing at 217-782-5506, 800-665-5576 or mdowning@ilsos.net
<mailto:mdowning@ilsos.net> after June 11th.

LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY (LSTA) CELEBRATION

The Illinois State Library together with the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) are making plans for a big celebration during October's Illinois Library Association annual conference in Springfield. The celebration will mark the 10th anniversary of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

This federal program, administered in Illinois by the State Library, has provided important grant funding to hundreds of libraries, museums and our regional library systems. On Wednesday October 10th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., ISL is hosting a reception for all FY08 LSTA grant recipients. We'll announce FY08 grant recipients in late August. If you get a grant and plan to attend ILA, mark your calendar now.

FY08 LSTA, DEMONSTRATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES GRANTS

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White this week awarded FY08 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants to libraries in Athens, Chillicothe, Forreston, Harrisburg and Tuscola that are designed to show the value of public library services to residents currently residing outside the boundaries of a taxed library service area. These LSTA grants have been awarded earlier than usual to allow the libraries to prepare for the February primary election. Other FY08 LSTA grants will be announced in late August or early September.

CHILDRENS BOOK COLLECTION DONATED TO LASALLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Congratulations to Laura Frizol and her staff at the LaSalle Public Library. The State Library has awarded a \$90,000 grant to LaSalle Public Library to help the library make a collection of outstanding children's literature available for statewide resource sharing. Carus Publishing, has offered a collection of children's books as a donation to the library. There are approximately 35,000 books in the collection. The grant will help the library with expenses involved in moving this collection of children's books from Carus Publishing to the library, where it will eventually be available statewide via resource sharing.

ASK AWAY

AskAway virtual reference program recently marked its one-year birthday. Remember, you can find AskAway Illinois by logging on to askawayillinois.info or finditillinois.org.

WEBJUNCTION ILLINOIS WANTS YOUR PICTURES!

As part of the upcoming launch of WebJunction Illinois later this year, developers want to create a "group portrait" of the Illinois library family. They're looking for photos of your libraries, your library staff and volunteers, programs at your libraries, special collections, artwork and artifacts - basically the people, places and things that comprise libraries in Illinois. School, public, special or academic libraries and regional library systems are all invited to be a part of this historic project.

Go to the LibraryU homepage (<<http://www.libraryu.org>>) to find out how to upload to the Illinois Libraries Flickr photo group, then look for the results of your contributions to take center stage when WebJunction Illinois goes live this summer. Please be sure that your library has a release for photos that you upload that include images of any people other than library staff.

VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

There continues to be an outstanding response from placing Illinois Veterans History Project forms in public libraries. Many patrons are picking up and filling out the forms and returning them to the Illinois State Archives. Contact Pat McGuckin at pmcguckin@ilsos.net for additional forms, or download a PDF file and print out your own at

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ard1383.pdf>

E-RICH WEB PAGE REVAMPED

The Illinois State Library's Electronic Resource Service web page has been completely revamped. An new exciting feature of this page is the Consideration Application. The Consideration Application allows for electronic resource suggestions for possible inclusion in the menu of E-RICH offerings. These suggestions may originate from librarians, patrons, and vendors. The newly revised page is located at

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

CULTURAL AWARENESS: DIVERSITY IN ACTION

The ISL Diversity Program is encouraging E-News readers to sign up for a free diversity competency workshop. The event will be held from 8 am to 5 pm in Springfield on Tuesday, July 24 at the Prairie Capitol Convention Center. Written and developed by diversity consultant and educator Susan O'Halloran, Walking the Talk, takes a real world, sustainable approach to addressing the issues of diversity in organizations of every type. This workshop is provided by a grant from the State Library, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the federal Library Services and technology Act (LSTA). The event is sponsored by Lincoln Trail Libraries System in partnership with the Southern Illinois Professional Development Center (SIPDC). Coffee/rolls and lunch provided. To register, contact Pat at SIPDC at 618-650-2254 or Email: pwellen@siue.edu <<mailto:pwellen@siue.edu>>. Registration ends July 16.

The ISL Diversity Program has recently updated its fact sheet on the ISL website.

Download a PDF version by logging on to

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lda1151.pdf>

CONFERENCE DISCOUNT TO WEBSEARCH UNIVERSITY, WASH DC

WebSearch University will be held September 17-18, 2007 at the Washington Marriott in Washington D.C. A special rate of \$395.00 is available to ILLINET member libraries.

This conference will provide practical tips and relevant search techniques; tips on how to find relevant Web sites for specific topics; what Web 2.0 and Library 2.0 are all about and how it affects you; cutting-edge technologies, including Wikis, podcasts, and visual search; what's new with major and niche search engines; how to outsmart Web Search engines; and advanced search techniques from the world's best searchers. To receive the discount and registration form, contact Jill Heffernan at jheffernan@ilsos.net <<mailto:jheffernan@ilsos.net>> or 217-557-3386.

SURVEY ABOUT SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ONLINE DATABASES

The Illinois State Library, in cooperation with Lincoln Trail Libraries System, is conducting a survey to determine which online subscription databases Illinois public libraries currently purchase for their users. The results of this survey will support the Illinois WorldCat Local Project as well as assist the Illinois regional library systems and the Illinois State Library in e-resource coordination and planning. The survey should

take 5-10 minutes to complete. We appreciate your prompt response to the following questions. To view the entire survey, please go to:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=LyRdvw1KERRRclfn4brgg_3d_3d>

SURVEY ABOUT NATIONAL LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION NEEDS

We're also cooperating with COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) in distributing the 2007 COSLA Library Construction Survey of the States. The COSLA Legislative Committee has decided that a national library construction survey was needed in order for State Library agencies to compile data on their states' library construction needs. Once compiled, this data would be used by State Library agencies to advocate for federal public library construction funding. Public libraries can complete the survey online by August 31 by logging on to
<<http://www.njstatelib.org/LDB/cosla/cosla1.php>>.

CITIZENSHIP TOOLKIT AVAILABLE FOR ORDER

The State Library is pleased to join the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services(USCIS) in urging public libraries to order a free Civics and Citizenship Toolkit. The kit provides valuable information to begin developing or enhancing public library collections for immigrants. The toolkit is free to public libraries, one toolkit per library, first come first served. Public libraries should order directly from the website www.citizenshiptoolkit.gov <<http://www.citizenshiptoolkit.gov/>>. Because resources are limited USCIS says only public libraries are eligible to receive the kit.

ILLINET/OCLC DELEGATE ELECTION RESULTS

The State Library congratulates the following Illinois candidates elected to the OCLC Members' Council for the term running from June, 2007 - May 31, 2010: Deanne Holshouser, Director, Edwardsville Public Library; Jan Ison, Director, Lincoln Trail Libraries System; and Jay Starratt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville.

ART AND ARCHITECTURE EXHIBIT

The State Library will host the traveling exhibit "Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries" celebrating the rich architectural and artistic heritage contained in Illinois libraries. The colorful exhibit will run from July 23-August 15 and can be seen in the atrium of the State Library during regular library hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Booth Library at Eastern Illinois University developed the exhibit using funds provided by the State Library through the federal LSTA. Two teams spent much of last summer traveling throughout the state of Illinois visiting libraries, where they photographed the art and architecture and documented information related to the art collections, as well as architectural and library histories. Using a variety of formats, the traveling exhibit is designed to appeal to audiences of all ages.

ILLINOIS DIGITAL ARCHIVES

The Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago is currently hosting a "much talked about" exhibition on Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution. We're proud to have a collection of more than 800 images from the Field Museum in IDA. Check them out at <http://www.idaillinois.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=%2Ffmnh>

FORTHCOMING

7/23 – 8/15/2007	Art and Architecture in Illinois Libraries Exhibit, ISL
8/7-8/9/2007	Synergy, Pere Marquette State Park Lodge, Grafton
8/10- 8/19/2007	Illinois State Fair, Springfield
9/20/2007	Government Documents Conference, Illinois State Library
9/20-21/2007	Reaching Forward South annual conference, Springfield – register at www.reachingforwardsouth.org
10/9- 10/12/2007	Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Springfield
10/25- 26/2007	Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Conference, Urbana
11/1- 11/3/2007	Illinois School Library Media Association Conference, Springfield