

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
CONSULTANT'S REPORT
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LIBRARY SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND STANDARDS

The library system standards have been identified as a primary objective for review and revision. Input from the library community including library system staff and board members; ILLINET library staff and governing board officials; and related library organizations will be vital to the collaborative process of rule revision. The State Library staff will seek broad-based input into the future key roles and responsibilities for library systems through surveys, meetings and hearings. A committee representing the statewide library community will work closely with staff on the library system standards. We would like to define and update library system roles and requirements and member library responsibilities. We ask for your support, insight and ideas during the upcoming months. Due to such challenges as flat state revenue and spiraling gasoline prices, expectations for library systems need to be realistic and up to date. Kathleen Bloomberg will be the point person on the State Library staff, with administrative support from Joseph Natale.

FY2009 SYSTEM AREA AND PER CAPITA GRANT PRESENTATIONS

The system grant presentations are open to the public. Citizens are encouraged to attend.

Monday, July 21, 2008:

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Rolling Prairie Library System

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., DuPage Library System

Wednesday, July 23, 2008:

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Metropolitan Library System

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Lewis & Clark Library System

Thursday, July 24, 2008:

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Lincoln Trail Libraries System

Monday, July 28, 2008:

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Alliance Library System

Wednesday, July 30, 2008:

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Prairie Area Library System

1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Shawnee Library System

Thursday, July 31, 2008:

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., North Suburban Library System

PER CAPITA GRANT WORKSHOPS

Workshops are scheduled 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 review the grant application and explain requirements that will be in place for the next three years to obtain a grant. If you want to participate, sign up at the system whose training you want to attend. You 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.

Grant workshops are as follows, with more to be scheduled:

June 25, Alliance Library System, East Peoria, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

July 10, North Suburban Library System, Wheeling, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

July 18, DuPage Library System, Geneva, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

July 29, Metropolitan Library System, Burr Ridge, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

July 29, Metropolitan Library System, Tinley Park Public Library, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

July 31, Shawnee Library System, Rend Lake Market Place, Mt. Vernon, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

July 31, Shawnee Library System, Marion Carnegie Library, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 4, Rolling Prairie Library System, Decatur, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

August 6, Lincoln Trail Libraries System, Champaign, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

TIPS FOR USING BIBLIOSTAT FOR IPLAR & ILLINET

Every library should be testing its Username and Password to gain access to the IPLAR and/or ILLINET ILL Traffic Form Surveys. Letters with the Username and Password have been sent to every ILLINET library via the U.S. Postal Service. Try your "log in." If you are having technology/access issues, call the Bibliostat Help Desk at 1-866-785-9935. The Help Desk staff will walk you through some troubleshooting tips to gain access-primarily dealing with pop-up blockers and clearing your browsing history/cache. If you are having trouble seeing the buttons at the bottom of your screen, press the F11 key. If you don't understand IPLAR federal edit checks, send an e-mail to Ron Winner (rwinner@ilsos.net <<mailto:rwinner@ilsos.net>>) who will view your edit checks and assist you in responding to them.

If you didn't keep your interlibrary loan statistics separated by "in-state, out-of-state, returnables, and non-returnables", pragmatic estimates for those figures are permissible and necessary in order enable the auto-calculate functions.

If you're not an Internet Explorer user, let Bibliostat or State Library staff know so that a copy of your "survey" can be sent to your library. The next generation of Bibliostat Collect, scheduled for release this fall, will support a variety of Internet browsers.

The "Submit Survey" button can be found by clicking on the Status and Printing link.

For IPLAR or ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Form content questions contact:

Ron Winner, rwinner@ilsos.net, (IPLAR or ILLINET), Gwen Harrison, gharrison@ilsos.net (ILLINET), Becky Hunter, bhunter@ilsos.net (Username/Password)

STATE LIBRARY GETS NEW ROUTE 66 PROJECT

The Illinois State Library will be joining the Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program of the National Park Service as a founding partner for the Route 66 Archives and Research Collaboration (ARC). ISL, as an archival research center for Illinois, will assist with the preservation of Route 66's history. ISL will work with libraries and other institutions both on and off the historic road to collect resources, maintain a general inventory of collections within Illinois, and encourage development and educational interest in Route 66. The State Library will ask other Illinois libraries to look through their own collections and determine what resources they may have and what they would be interested in collecting. Collection development will assist researchers and Route 66 enthusiasts. ISL will also be seeking individuals and organizations to conduct oral histories from people associated with Route 66. The Illinois State Library is in the process of identifying Route 66 related resources held in the State Library's collection. ISL will also develop bibliographies and tools for finding materials. ISL is particularly proud to have been given a portion of the Route 66 collection belonging to the late author and Route 66 expert Tom Teague.

ADVANCED SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE

The 15th annual Small Public Library Management Institute (SPLMI), sponsored by the State Library and hosted by the University of Illinois at Springfield, was held in early June. The weeklong Institute is traditionally intended for directors of smaller public libraries and directors new to the Illinois library community. However, during the past five years, many participants have expressed an interest in a follow-up course or an "advanced" SPLMI. In response to this interest, 47 SPLMI graduates participated in another "advanced" SPLMI this year.

EZRA JACK KEATS MINI GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Ezra Jack Keats Mini-grant Program for Public Schools and Public Libraries supports educators, parents and children in their efforts to spread literacy and love of learning. Maximum Award: \$500. Eligibility: public schools and libraries Deadline: September 15, 2008. Access more information at <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/programs/minigrant.html>

SPREAD THE NEWS ABOUT E-NEWS!

Our weekly newsletter is the best source available to find out what's going on at the State Library-everything from grant offerings and important meetings to news about electronic resources. If you know of anyone else you think should be getting E-news from the ISL, let us know and we'll sign him or her up, or have him or her contact Pat McGuckin at pmcguckin@ilsos.net

NEW ISL CONSULTANT ASSIGNMENTS

I'd like to thank the staff, the Board of Lincoln Trail Library System and Director Jan Ison for an informative and valuable two years. Your next ISL Consultant will be Karen Egan. See you at the State Library, Cyndy Colletti

FORTHCOMING

June 26 – June 2	ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA
June 30	Deadline to enter Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lda964.pdf
July 21-- 31	System Presentations at ISL
Sept. 23 – 26	ILA Annual Conference, Chicago
Nov. 6 – 8	ISLMA Conference, Arlington Heights