

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY CONSULTANT'S REPORT MARCH 2007

PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANTS

Stay tuned for the official press release from Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian.

ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORTS (IPLAR)

The FY2007 IPLAR Internet form is available at <http://lrc.lis.uiuc.edu/IPLAR/input/>. User IDs and passwords have been distributed to every public library.

LSTA LETTER OF INTENT

If you are interested in applying for a FY2008 LSTA grant, the required letter of intent must be submitted by **April 2 by 11:59 pm** for your application to be eligible. So, if you have saved a letter of intent, please remember to log back on and submit it.

LSTA GRANTS

- ★Special Grant Offering★ **Illinois State Library Heritage Project**. The Illinois State Library is offering a grant opportunity for one successful applicant to compile a comprehensive history of the Illinois State Library. This application is due May 31, 2007. Read about this opportunity at: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/servicetechnologygrant.html
- The following FY2008 LSTA grant opportunities are available at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/lsta2008.html
- The intent of **The Emerging Grant Writer** offering is to encourage those who have never written a successful LSTA grant, to apply. This grant is designed to alleviate the first time grant writer's apprehension by easing them into the grant 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 and able to provide information and training on issues relating to the safety of their patrons and the community as a whole. With **The Safety Grant**, the public, school, academic or special library can be an integral piece of the safety and disaster preparedness puzzle. *The Safety Grant* offering 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.
- **Digital Imaging** grants allow libraries to create Internet-ready versions of their materials and collections, specifically Illinois-related historical and cultural materials. 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.
- Throughout the years, nationwide recognition has been accorded to Illinois libraries for their innovative and creative partnerships, programs, and services. To continue this tradition, 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.

- **Demonstration of Public Library Services** 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 provided services and address the needs of the unserved population within Illinois.
- Regional library systems are encouraged to collaborate and cooperate on a **Statewide Technology Toolkit** initiative to enhance library services using new technologies such as blogs, RSS, Wikis and instant messaging. FY2008 will focus on statewide implementation of best practices based on the outcomes of the FY2007 projects. Mentoring, training, and statewide implementation will be replicated and made available statewide.

IF YOUR LIBRARY IS INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR AN LSTA GRANT

- The Letter of Intent is the first step in making a formal application for FY08 LSTA grant funds. The Letter of Intent must be submitted online no later than 11:59 p.m. on Monday, April 2, 2007. Instructions are in the application for each offering. You will need your ELI login and password since the Letter of Intent is online.
- The full application must be postmarked no later than May 11, 2007; or hand delivered to the Illinois State Library by 4:30 p.m. on May 11, 2007.
- Funded grants will begin activities on October 1, 2007 and end on June 30, 2008 with encumbered funds spent by August 15, 2008.
- Applications must demonstrate outcomes based on patron or community need.
- Applications must be programmatic in nature to provide services or activities for the end users.
- For eligible activities and terms appropriate for grant funding, refer to each specific offering.
- Awards will be announced in September 2007.

ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN CODE

Gwen Harrison, Network Consultant, and the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code Revision Committee held their first meeting on February 21. The Committee will continue to meet through May to prepare a revised code for review and comment.

INSTITUTES

Applications and information are now available for the State Library's two popular summer institutes--the Small Public Library Management Institute (SPLMI) and the Institute for School and Public Librarians (ISPL).

SPLMI applications and information can be found at:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/2007splmi.html

ISPL applications and information can be found at:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/2007institute.html

Hurry--the deadline to apply for both institutes is March 23!

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 (<http://www.islcleo.org>).

The locations, dates and times are:

April 24 (Tuesday)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Metropolitan Library System, Burr Ridge
April 26 (Thursday)	10:00 a.m. - Noon	Alliance Library System, East Peoria
May 1 (Tuesday)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Illinois State Library, Room 403
May 3 (Thursday)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Benton Public Library, Benton

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." The State Library has received a number of copies of the directory, and you can obtain a copy by contacting Mary Downing (mdowning@ilsos.net) at the Illinois State Library. Copies have been sent to the systems for distribution to all public libraries.

GOVDOC INFO

Governor Blagojevich delivered a combined State of the State and budget address this week. You can read the address by logging on to http://www.illinois.gov/gov/pdfdocs/Budget_Address_20070307.pdf

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Following the retirement of Chief Deputy Director Mike Ragen, Kathleen Bloomberg is now serving as Federal Documents Coordinator and Regional Librarian for the State Library. Kathy also serves as Associate Director of Operations. Joe Natale continues to serve as State Documents Coordinator.

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST SCHEDULED FOR ILLINOIS LIBRARY DAY

This year's Illinois Library Day festivities April 19 will kick off with a breakfast for lawmakers at the Illinois State Library. You can sign up for the breakfast and all other ILD activities by logging on to https://www.ila.org/events/reg_ild.htm.

There is also a link to at the ILD website at <http://www.illinoislibraryday.info>

STATEWIDE DIVERSITY FORUM

Lincoln Trail Libraries System is hosting a free statewide diversity forum to be held at the Hawthorn Suites, 1 Lyon Court, Bloomington, IL on March 27, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Library staff, trustees and volunteers are invited to participate and to bring a community partner representative with them to the forum. This partner can be someone you currently collaborate with in your community or someone you would like to start a relationship with.

Read more at: <http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?nID=445>

CULTURAL AWARENESS: DIVERSITY IN ACTION

Diversity Fair Scholarship: If your library developed a Spanish Outreach activity after attending one of the Illinois State Library 's " Empowering Library Staff to Meet the Needs of Spanish Speakers " training programs, you may want to consider applying for a WebJunction Diversity Fair Scholarship. <http://webjunction.org/do/DisplayContent?id=15016>

WebJunction is awarding a scholarship for past participants in our Spanish Language Outreach workshops to attend the Diversity Fair at the American Library Association Annual Conference in June. The scholarship will be awarded to a SLO workshop participant who has implemented a successful outreach project to Spanish speakers. The winner will receive a scholarship to attend the ALA Annual Conference and present a poster at the Office for Literacy and Outreach Diversity Fair Poster Session on Saturday, June 23, 2007. The deadline to submit applications is April 9, 2007. <http://blog.webjunctionworks.org/?p=370>

FORTHCOMING

3/20 -22 /2007	Synergy, Starved Rock Lodge, Utica
3/22/2007	ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code Revision Committee, ISL
3/23/2007	Illinois Network Advisory Committee (INAC), ISL
3/27/2007	Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (ISLAC), ISL
4/2/2007	Deadline for LSTA online letters of intent
4/15/2007	National Library Week
4/19/2007	Illinois Library Day, (ILD) Springfield
2/11/2007	LSTA grant applications due at the Illinois State Library
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
6/3-6/8/2007	Small Public Library Management Institute, Springfield
6/5/2007	"Empowering Library Staff to Meet the Needs of the Spanish Speaking Community", MLS, Chicago. Register at http://www.iscileo.org/ce/?Action=Details&EventID=686
6/10-6/15/2007	Institute for School and Public Librarians, Bradley University, Peoria
10/9-10/12/2007	Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Springfield
11/1-11/3/2007	Illinois School Library Media Association Conference, Springfield