

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

CONSTRUCTION GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Ten public libraries have been awarded grants under the FY08 Live and Learn construction grant program offered by the Illinois State Library.

The libraries receiving grants are:

- * Bensenville Community Public Library District, \$50,000 to upgrade the library entrance, lobby and restrooms for handicapped accessibility.
- * Ida Public Library, Belvidere, \$10,441 to add power assisted doors and to correct drainage issues that created problems for patrons who utilize the library's handicapped accessible ramp and entrance.
- * Wood Dale Public Library District, \$25,000 to create a handicapped accessible circulation desk with a sit-down service area to replace an existing circulation desk that is not accessible to the handicapped.
- * St. Elmo Public Library District, \$25,000 to assist in the remodeling of a building for a new branch library in the village of Brownstown.
- * Greenville Public Library, \$24,638 for new carpeting throughout the library and to paint the exterior of the building.
- * Walnut Public Library District, \$25,000 for asbestos abatement in contaminated flooring.
- * Paxton Carnegie Library, \$25,000 to replace the front entrance concrete steps, which are no longer safe because of crumbling concrete.
- * Sparta Public Library, \$25,000 for reconfiguration of the library to expand customer service without enlarging the library itself. The project will create an accessible computer workstation, teen room and front entrance patron information desk.
- * Bryan-Bennett Library, Salem, \$25,000 to assist in converting an old grade school into the library's new location. The new facility will have 50% more space.
- * Marion Carnegie Library, \$27,196 to renovate an interior section of the library to house a teen center for young adults.

LIVE & LEARN PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Live & Learn Public Library Construction Grant Review Committee reviewed applications for the second round of FY08 Public Library Construction grants. ISL staff members Neil Kelley, Mark Shaffer and Susan Goodman took part in the meeting.

Many thanks to the following committee members for their service:

Marilyn Boria, Elmhurst Public Library, Shirley May Byrnes, DuPage Library System
James Casey, Oak Lawn Public Library, Dennis Danowski, Macomb Public Library
District, Laura Frizol, LaSalle Public Library, Richard McCarthy, Burnidge-Cassell
Associates, Elgin, Bev Obert, Rolling Prairie Library System, Gisa Power, Mason City
Public Library District, and Molly Scanlon, O'Fallon Public Library

LSTA UPDATE

The Illinois State Library (and LSTA grant review committees) are entering the reviewing phase of the LSTA application process. Approximately forty grant reviewers representing all types of libraries, from all over the state will spend the next month critically reading and evaluating the hundreds of grant applications that were due postmarked May 12th. Best of luck to grant applicants.

EXHIBIT AVAILABLE: "Lincoln-Douglas Debates"

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition is offering a special traveling exhibit commemorating the Lincoln/Douglas debates to any library in Illinois. The Sesquicentennial of the Lincoln Douglas Debates in Illinois is this year. For the last two years, the seven debate communities plus Springfield and Bement, Illinois, have been planning events which include a Lincoln and Douglas Reunion Tour, the creation of a collector's coin set, and a promotional brochure and web site. The communities created an exhibit that could travel throughout the state of Illinois to public libraries during the Sesquicentennial year. The planning committee created seven identical exhibits which are available beginning this month and can be displayed through the end of 2008.

The Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition will pay the cost of shipping each of the seven exhibits to the first seven regional library systems that express interest. The seven library systems would then make the exhibit available to their member libraries. At the end of the year, the exhibits would be returned to the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition.

Each exhibit is a 20' wide curved popup with fabric panels that will hold the graphics. They come with lighting, magnetic bars and two wheeled shipping cases that are approximately 60 lbs. each. Each case contains detailed assembly instructions. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM) in Springfield provided a historian to develop the concept and write the text. The ALPLM also provided all of the graphic design services. If your library system is interested in obtaining one of these displays, please contact:

Nicky Stratton, Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition, #1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701, 217-782-6817, nstratton@lookingforlincoln.com

LINCOLN EXHIBIT: "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times"

The Gilder Lehrman Institute has selected the Illinois State Library to host its new Abraham Lincoln Traveling Exhibition during the Lincoln Bicentennial in 2009. Forty public libraries, academic libraries and national park sites around the nation were selected to host the exhibit entitled, "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times." The National Endowment for the Humanities is supporting the exhibition as part of its "We the People" program. The Gilder Lehrman Institute, based in New York City, promotes the study and an appreciation of American history. The exhibit at the Illinois State Library will be incorporated into Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White's "Lincoln for the Next Generation" program, which has received the endorsements of the national Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Illinois Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

2009 – 2011 PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANT REQUIREMENTS

The Illinois State Library (ISL) will be offering workshops to explain the requirements for obtaining an Illinois State Library Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid grant. ISL staff will go over the grant application and explain requirements for the next three years. Persons wanting to participate should sign up at the system whose training they will be attending, and participants may attend a workshop at any of the systems offering training. While the workshops are not mandatory, participation is encouraged. The following have been scheduled:

- ★ May 29th. 10:00 am – noon at La Salle Public Library
The event will also be videoconferenced to the following Prairie Area Library System sites: Shorewood Service Center, Coal Valley Service Center, Rockford

- Service Center, Sterling Public Library, Sycamore Public Library, Kankakee Public Library, and Highland Community College in Freeport.
- ★ July 29th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am at Metropolitan Library System, Burr Ridge
 - ★ July 29th, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm at Tinley Park Public Library
 - ★ August 4th, 9:00 am – 11:00 am at Rolling Prairie Library System, Decatur

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.

2008 PER CAPITA GRANT CHECKS

By now every public library in Illinois should have received their 2008 Public Library Per Capita and Equalization grant checks. If you haven't received your check please contact Mary Downing at 217-782-5506 or at mdowning@ilsos.net.

ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT (IPLAR) FY 2008

Congratulations to the Hanover Township Library, the first public library to submit the FY08 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) using the Bibliostat Collect product! Director Shari Farral reports, "This online process went so much smoother for me this year. The set-up was much easier to deal with than in previous years. I especially liked the ability to 'flag' questions. The 'Resolve all issues' section was quite helpful, and I liked that it caught issues and allowed the library to give explanations in Federal notes. So, to the State Library and Bibliostat, a big thank you!"

Public libraries now have the opportunity to work with Bibliostat, a division of Baker & Taylor, to utilize its Collect product for submitting the FY08 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR). Collect is a web-based program utilized for collecting data, and provides a new format, new functionalities, and full compatibility with the federal public library data collection program. An IPLAR information packet has been mailed to every Illinois public library director. The packet includes username and password, an overview, and information on what's new and different. For more information, contact Ron Winner at the State Library at rwinner@ilsos.net 217-785-1168. Ron will be conducting future information sessions about the FY08 IPLAR via Wimba.

ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN TRAFFIC FORM FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007)

The Illinois State Library is pleased to release the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Form FY2007. All ILLINET libraries will have the opportunity to utilize the Bibliostat Collect product to submit their interlibrary loan statistics. Bibliostat is a division of Baker and Taylor. Improvements and enhancements using this new vendor's Collect software program, include new formats, new functionalities, and compatibility with other Bibliostat products. A mailing, that includes Username/Password and other information, has been distributed to all ILLINET libraries. Questions? Contact Gwen Harrison, gharrison@ilsos.net, 217-785-7334 or Ron Winner, rwinner@ilsos.net, 217-785-1168. In response to questions about the FY2008 Traffic Form--it is in development at Bibliostat and should be released soon.

ISL NEW STAFF ASSIGNMENTS

ISL Director Anne Craig announced this week that Suzanne Schriar has been named Associate Director for Library Automation and Technology, and Joe Natale has been assigned to the ISL Administration staff as point person on Administrative Rules, grant writing, and implementation of the new ISL strategic plan. Congratulations!

WEBJUNCTION ILLINOIS HITS NUMBER ONE

It's only been six months since the official launch of WebJunction Illinois at the Illinois Library Association annual conference in Springfield, but WJIL is now leading the nation in WebJunction registrations. Thanks to everyone for enthusiastically embracing this exciting new online community for librarians. For more information:
<http://webjunctionworks.org/il/blog/index.php/2008/05/06/new-wj-il-0506/>.

CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY ELECTED ISLMA BOARD AND OFFICERS

President-Elect: Gail Janz, Morris Community High School, Morris
Secretary: Jill Berry, Elm School, Burr Ridge
Treasurer: Sarah Hill, Paris High School, Paris
Board Members (2-year terms): Annette Mills, Triad High School, Troy;
John Moranski, Auburn Middle/High School, Auburn

ISL MAP DEPARTMENT FEATURED IN ILLINOIS ISSUES

In case you have not seen it yet, Dana Heupel discusses the Illinois State Library's Map Department in an editorial appearing in the May 2008 issue of Illinois Issues. You may access the editorial via the Web at the URL provided below. Dana Heupel is executive editor of Illinois Issues and director of publications for the Center for State Policy and Leadership at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Illinois Issues is a public affairs magazine published by the University of Illinois at Springfield.
"Few places have more maps than the Illinois State Library."

ILLINOIS BLUE BOOKS

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has just published the 2007-2008 edition of the Illinois Blue Book, and every library in Illinois will be receiving a copy during the coming weeks. ISL will be distributing them through the Illinois Library Delivery Service (ILDS), but we ask for your patience because it will take a little while to distribute all copies. Additionally, because the school year is ending, we are going to wait until September to distribute copies for school libraries. The Illinois Blue Book is one of the most valuable reference tools available for information about the state of Illinois and Illinois government.

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. We're glad to have you as a subscriber, but 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. Join the 6,000 subscribers who depend on E-news every Friday to find out what's happening at the State Library!

FORTHCOMING

May 29	Public Library Per Capita Workshop, LaSalle Public Library Register at PALS
May 31	Deadline for submissions to "Essays About Lincoln" contest, < http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lincolnsessay.pdf >
June 1-6	Small Public Library Management Institute, University of Illinois at Springfield
June 5	"Empowering Library Staff to Meet the Needs of Spanish Speakers," NSLS, registration is free http://www.iscleo.org
June 8-13	Institute for School and Public Librarians, Bradley University, Peoria
June 11	ILLINET Network Advisory Council, ISL
June 26 – July 2	ALA Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA
June 30	Deadline to enter Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/da964.pdf
July	System Presentations at ISL
Sept. 23 – 26	ILA Annual Conference, Chicago
Nov. 6 – 8	ISLMA Conference, Arlington Heights