

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY CONSULTANT'S REPORT MAY 2009

LSTA GRANT OFFERINGS

Over 500 LSTA grant applications have been received and the grant applications have been mailed to the reviewers. We anticipate that LSTA Grant awards will be announced in August. Traditionally \$3.5 million are awarded.

ADULT LITERACY GRANT OFFERINGS

For FY2010 the Adult Literacy Grant Program has received requests for more than \$7,785,761 to fund 191 projects at 113 agencies and libraries. In FY2009 about \$6.5 million dollars of federal and state funds were used to support adult literacy in three categories of service. This year's applications are as follows:

- 98 Adult Volunteer Literacy project applications requesting a total of \$5,372,963
- 55 Family Literacy project applications requesting a total of \$1,915,478
- 38 Workplace Skills Enhancement project applications requesting a total of \$497,320

IPLAR

The Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) is accessible at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/iplar2009.html.

By law, municipal library's annual reports are due 30 days after the close of their fiscal year and public library district's annual reports are due September 1.

BIBLIOSTAT CONNECT TRAINING

The Illinois State Library is pleased to announce the forthcoming availability of Bibliostat Connect. The statewide scheduled training sessions are off to a rousing start. Bibliostat Connect is the web-based, user-friendly program that will enable users to manipulate data elements from the Illinois Public Library Annual Reports (IPLAR, 1996-) and the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Statistics (2005-).]

The training will specifically target public libraries using the IPLAR and ILLINET ILL statistical data. However, other types of libraries are encouraged to attend in order to discover how to access and utilize this product and data.

Participants will learn how to access Bibliostat Connect, develop an understanding of the web-based software's functionalities, identify methods to create queries in order to obtain desired results, and understand Connect's potential value and benefits related to identified local library needs.

Sessions, which run two and a half hours, are scheduled for:

- ★ DuPage Library System, June 4
- ★ Chicago Public Library System June 3
- ★ Metropolitan Library System June 5
- ★ North Suburban Library System June 4
- ★ Prairie Area Library System June 5
- ★ Shawnee Library System May 15

Register using L2. Contact Ron Winner for more information: rwinner@ilsos.net, 217-785-1168.

KEEPING THE PUBLIC INFORMED: ADMINISTRATIVE READY REFERENCE

It's here! The long-awaited update of this valuable resource has arrived. Go to <http://il.webjunction.org/readyref/> to locate the latest edition. The new 2009 edition includes updates of key resources and introduces a new interactive platform for exchange of information, ideas and practice within the Illinois library community.

One of the requirements for public libraries to receive a FY2010 Public Library Per Capita Grant from the Illinois State Library is for library staff and trustees to review the Administrative Ready Reference. Libraries that have already reviewed the former ARR as part of the grant process do not need to review the update.

Please share your comments and input about the ARR update with Steve Johnson, Project Director at stevej@shawls.lib.il.us.

We thank members of the Illinois library community for their patience as this important document was being revised. Thanks also to Shawnee Library System for managing this update. The Illinois library community will benefit enormously from the ARR for many years to come, and we believe the update, like the original ARR, will serve as a model for the nation.

DIRECTORS: UPDATE YOUR LIBRARY'S INFORMATION!

ISL is asking all library directors to please log into L2 using your L2 accounts to certify your library 's information.

Data is collected through a web form and includes: basic library demographic information, LLSAP/ILS system, delivery schedule, hours, director information, staff member review, and (for public libraries) library trustees.

Please click on the Certify link/icon on the L2 site from May 4 through May 29.

ILLINOIS OCLC USER'S GROUP (IOUG) ANNUAL MEETING

The IOUG Annual meeting will be held Friday, June 19 at the Saint Xavier University in Chicago. This year's theme is "The Future is Now: Cooperation in the Bibliographic and Information Commons." Please register at L2 to find out more details concerning this information packed meeting.

CULTURAL AWARENESS: DIVERSITY IN ACTION

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. To commemorate the event ISL will host an exhibition on Hindu culture and Dharmic traditions from May 1 –29 on the ISL 2nd floor.

ILLINOIS EMERGING WRITER'S COMPETITION

This is an annual writing competition to encourage local writers and provide a unique opportunity and outlet for recognizing new literary talent. The competition is open to adults residing in Illinois who have not published a book. There are two divisions - poetry and short story. Winners receive cash prizes and have their works submitted for review and possible publication in several Illinois literary magazines. The deadline to enter is June 30, 2009. For the entry form and guidelines go to the Illinois Center for the Book website at <http://illinoiscenterforthebook.org>. If you are interested in judging, contact Bonnie Matheis at 217-558-2065 or at bmatheis@ilsos.net.

REMINDERS ...

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| May 31 - June 5 | Small Public Library Management Institute, University of Illinois at Springfield |
| June 7 – 12 | Institute for School & Public Librarians, Bradley University, |
| June 30 | Deadline to enter Illinois Emerging Writers Competition |
| July 9 – 15 | American Library Association Conference, Chicago |
| June 19 | IL OCLC Users Group Annual Meeting, St. Xavier |
| October 6 – 9 | Illinois Library Association Conference, Peoria |
| October 29 – 31 | Illinois School Library Media Association Conference, Springfield |
| November 6 | Special Library Association Illinois Chapter, Metropolitan Library System, Burr Ridge |

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| March 15 – 17 | On the Front Lines, Springfield |
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If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

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