

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
CONSULTANT'S REPORT
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INSIGHT: ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER is now online at:
URL: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/insight_091008.pdf

LIBRARY SYSTEM STANDARDS

Information on the library system standards web page includes the planning assumptions that the Library System Standards Committee is working with and the notes from the committee's first meeting in late August. David Carlson, committee chairman, shared the planning assumptions with the library system presidents and directors earlier this week. Your comments are welcomed about the planning assumptions.

URL: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/systemstandardrules.html

You may comment publicly by signing in on WebJunction Illinois and go to the Library System Page and click on the "Discussion" tab.

URL: <http://il.webjunction.org/il-systems>

ELI NEEDS E-MAIL ADDRESSES!

ELI (Every Library in ILLINET) is the State Library's master database of contact information for ILLINET libraries and library systems.

Please help us by entering or updating your e-mail addresses for your library in ELI.

URL: <http://www.eliillinois.org/>

ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN TRAFFIC FORM

The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Form (ILLINET ILL TF) is still available for libraries to submit both their FY2007 and FY2008 resource sharing (interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing) statistics. Please complete the FY2007 and FY2008 ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Traffic Forms on or before November 15, 2008.

Information:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/pdfs/illinet_overview.pdf

ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN CODE

The revised ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code was recently distributed as an ILLINET mailing. In addition, a copy can be downloaded at:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lda130.pdf

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY GRANT APPLICATION: DEADLINE NOVEMBER 26, 2008

The FY2009 School District Library Grant Program (commonly referred to as the School Library Per Capita Grant) application is now available. The FY2009 School District Library Grant Program Application consists of three components:

- 1) the grant application online ("Survey Monkey") component to be completed and submitted electronically;
- 2) a paper component, PART IV: DISTRICT ATTENDANCE CENTERS: ELIGIBILITY, to be completed and returned via mail; and,
- 3) a paper component, PART VII: SIGNATURE PAGE, to be completed and returned via mail.

With the exception of Part IV (District Attendance Centers: Eligibility), all of the grant application requirements/deadlines and grant components are accessible at

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/schoolpercapgrant.html

Part IV (District Attendance Centers: Eligibility) has been mailed to your Superintendent. Please ask your Superintendent to forward this component to you or to the appropriate library/grant personnel who are responsible for completing the grant application components for your school district. The three grant components all have the same deadline for submission: November 26, 2008.

The purpose of this grant is to enhance the school district's school library program. The grant is noncompetitive and established in legislation. Attendance centers must meet specific eligibility requirements, detailed in the Fact Sheet, to be considered eligible for funding. Funding is based on a maximum of \$0.75 per student for those attendance centers that meet the grant qualifications. For FY2008, the per student amount was .7233. The minimum grant amount per school district is \$100.

Please direct your questions to the Illinois State Library, Library Development Group, 800-665-5576 x1 or to [Ron Winner, rwinner@ilsos.net](mailto:rwinner@ilsos.net).

ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT (IPLAR) FY08

The **unedited, preliminary** analysis of some IPLAR FY08 data is presented below.

Out of 643 public libraries reporting:

E-Rate: 176 (27%) apply; 467 (73%) do not apply

Filtering: 274 (43%) filter; 369 (57%) do not apply

Wi-Fi Access: 446 (69%) offer wi-fi; 197 (31%) no wi-fi

BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITY ONLINE HARDWARE GRANTS

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is returning to Illinois with a new grant program that will benefit many public libraries.

The "Opportunity Online" hardware grant program will assist libraries and their communities in developing long-term capacity for free computer and Internet access in public libraries. As many as 400 public libraries may be eligible to receive a grant. The Illinois State Library will administer the program in Illinois.

The State Library recently notified many public libraries that they might be eligible to obtain one of the new hardware grants. The Gates Foundation will make the eligibility determination for each participating library and announce what libraries are eligible next spring. Libraries must meet two criteria to receive funding: economic need and a poverty based need for public access computers. Public libraries that have demonstrated economic need must also show that their computer and Internet services are not vulnerable to becoming obsolete. Libraries do this by running a TechAtlas computer inventory of their public access computers to assess their hardware vulnerability. Among other benefits, participating libraries will receive funds to add or replace public computer workstations, contingent upon local funds being secured to match the grant. The minimum grant is for two public access computers.

For more information contact Karen Egan: kegan@ilsos.net.

STATE (LIVE & LEARN) CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

Applications and other information are now available for FY09 Live and Learn Construction Grants. Information:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/constructgrant.html

"SERVING YOUR PUBLIC"--SPLMI 2009

"Serving Your Public", the 16th annual Small Public Library Management Institute, sponsored by the Illinois State Library and hosted by the University of Illinois at Springfield, will be held May 31-June 5, 2009. Information:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/2009splmi.html

LINKING, LEARNING AND LIBRARIES – THE INSTITUTE FOR SCHOOL & PUBLIC LIBRARIANS 2009

Linking, Learning And Libraries, The Institute for School and Public Librarians, sponsored by the Illinois State Library and hosted by Bradley University, will be held June 7-12, 2009. Information forthcoming.

ON THE FRONT LINES

The State Library will sponsor "On The Front Lines," the sixth statewide library practitioners' conference at the University of Illinois at Springfield March 17 - 19, 2009. The conference promises to deliver important content relevant to front line staff that serves the public face-to-face within the Illinois multi-type library network. For more information, contact Gwen Harrison, gharrison@ilsos.net, or call her at 217-785-7334.

TRY-IT! ILLINOIS 2008

Try-It! Illinois runs thru November 30 and offers the staff and library users of more than 5,000 ILLINET member libraries the opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. Thanks to partnerships between the Illinois State Library and the participating electronic resource vendors, there is no charge for accessing these databases during Try-It! Illinois. It's easy to obtain the login and password: <http://www.eliillinois.org/tryit/>

OCLC UPDATE

There will be a special pre-Thanksgiving OCLC 10@10 on Friday, November 21. Join State Library ILLINET/OCLC Services staff for a brief, and often entertaining, monthly discussion about OCLC products. Learn what is new with ILLINET and IOUG: interviews, the latest OCLC news, questions and answers about ILLINET, IOUG, and OCLC. Information: <https://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=4470>

WJIL: WHAT'S NEW

What's new at WJIL: Readers Advisory tools, a novel on copyright, ubiquitous computing and libraries, a new WJIL grants area, tips on how to start a gaming program in your library and a course on the potential of self-directed learning.

Information: <http://webjunctionworks.org/il/blog/index.php/2008/11/05/whats-new-wjil-115/>

ILLINOIS EMERGING WRITERS COMPETITION WINNERS

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced the winners of the fourth annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition. White created the competition to promote writing and creativity and to provide a unique opportunity and outlet for recognizing new Illinois literary talent.

This year's winners of the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award are:

* 1st place - Thea Chesley of Springfield for her poem "Rendezvous, Rue de Ursulines" (Many in the library community know Thea as longtime librarian for the Illinois Department of Public Health.)

* 2nd place - Peggy Davis of Mt. Vernon for her poem "Bearing Witness"

* 3rd place - Fawn Hoener of Springfield for her poem "Hot Flash"

Winners of the James Jones Short Story Award are:

* 1st place - Peggy Stortz of Galena for her story "Night Visitor"

* 2nd place - John Gabriel of Joliet for his story "Just Sort of Out of Sight"

* 3rd place - John J. Flaherty of Bloomingdale for his story "BUMS"

Information: <http://www.illinoiscenterforthebook.org/projectsb.html>

"AN EVENING WITH RAY BRADBURY"

Ray Bradbury, legendary author of such classic novels as *Fahrenheit 451*, *The Martian Chronicles* and *Something Wicked This Way Comes*, will discuss his life and works during a live satellite interview to be held **Wednesday, November 19th at 7 p.m.** in Brookens Auditorium on the campus of the University of Illinois at Springfield.

"An Evening with Ray Bradbury" is free and open to the public. The program is part of "The Big Read in West Central Illinois," a campaign involving the Illinois State Library, west central Illinois libraries, schools and other community organizations joining together to read, discuss, and celebrate Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451* and promote the importance of reading.

Details of "The Big Read in West Central Illinois:" <http://www.icftb.org/bigread/>. "The Big Read" in west central Illinois is made possible by a \$20,000 grant awarded to the Illinois State Library from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ...

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FORTHCOMING

2008		
11/19	Evening with Ray Bradbury	U of IL @ Springfield
11/20	Family Reading Night	Statewide
11/24	Library System Standards Committee	ISL
12/4	ISL Electronic Resources Exposition (E-R-XPO)	Schaumburg Township Public Library District
12/6	Letters about Literature Competition Deadline	http://www.illinoiscenterforthebook.org/projectse.html
2009		
3/17-19	On the Front Lines Conference	U of IL @ Springfield
5/31-6/5	SPLMI (Small Public Library Management Institute)	U of IL @ Springfield
6/7 – 6/12	ISPL (Institute for School and Public Librarians)	Bradley University
7/9 – 7/15	ALA Annual Conference	Chicago