

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY CONSULTANT'S REPORT OCTOBER 2007

PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANT DEADLINE: October 15

The Public Library Per Capita Grant deadline was October 15, 2007. Questions should be directed to Mary Downing or Jeanne Urbanek at 800-665-5576 X1. "The Illinois State Library is not obligated to fund grant applications from public libraries that have: delinquent grant reports, lapsed grant funds from any Illinois State Library administered grant program, and/or failed to submit a current Illinois Public Library Annual Report."

ICN MEETINGS

ISL and the Illinois Century Network (ICN) will provide a series of regional information meetings during Oct. and Nov. to share information about what is new and to provide an opportunity for questions. ICN plans to upgrade the backbone using dark fiber and expand the availability of metro ethernet as a last mile connection option. Visit the website at <http://www.illinois.net/meetings> for information and to register.

LSTA GRANTS AWARDED

The FY2008 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants have been awarded to Illinois libraries. These grants include Demonstration Grants that began July 1; Libraries, Innovate, Create, Collaborate (LINCC); Digital Imaging Grants; The Safety Grants; Emerging Grant Writers; History of ISL and Statewide Technology Toolkit Grants. Contracts are in the process of being issued, signed and executed. The LSTA grants will run through June 30, 2008.

The Illinois State Library wishes to thank everyone who assisted with the review process during this extremely competitive year. For more information, contact any member of the Library Development Group at 1-800-665-5576 ex. 1.

| | Number of Projects Awarded | Total Funds |
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| ALS | 33 | \$419,638 |
| DLS | 12 | \$170,501 |
| LCLS | 29 | \$491,904 |
| LTLS | 13 | \$492,240 |
| MLS | 36 | \$622,333 |
| NSLS | 26 | \$547,361 |
| PALS | 62 | \$732,424 |
| RPLS | 17 | \$464,561 |
| SHLS | 17 | \$81,275 |
| TOTAL | 245 | \$4,022,237 |

INTERLIBRARY LOAN CODE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The draft revision of the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code is ready for public comment at - http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/illinet.html The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Code will be presented to the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee during their December 2007 meeting for final adoption. Further questions can be directed to Gwen Harrison at gharrison@ilsos.net.

SCHOOL LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANTS

Grant packets for the School District Library Grant Program (commonly referred to as School Per Capita) have been mailed to Superintendents. Librarians should contact their superintendent for the packet. The FY08 grant application consists of three components: (1) online; (2) attendance centers; and (3) signature page. Take note that the attendance center component and the signature page are paper components that each have unique deadlines and must be postmarked and returned separately. Grant information and the online component are accessible at:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/schoolpercapgrant.html "What we do" should be entered with an underline between the words rather than spaces.

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY HISTORY GRANT AWARDED

Lumpkin Library at Blackburn College in Carlinville has been awarded a special LSTA grant, entitled "The Illinois State Library: A Heritage of Information and Learning." Lumpkin Library will compile a comprehensive history of the Illinois State Library, including a website and a print document. ISL has a long and fascinating history dating back to 1839, when then Secretary of State Stephen A. Douglas created a small, fledgling library next to his office.

LONG RANGE PLAN FOR THE USE OF LSTA FUNDS 2008 - 2012

Every five years, to be eligible to receive LSTA grant funds from the IMLS, each state must do an evaluation of the past five years and submit a state plan for the next five-year period. The Illinois' Five Year Plan is available online at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/pdfs/istalongrange2003.pdf with interesting statistics and trends identified.

IPLAR FY2008 &

ILLINET INTERLIBRARY LOAN TRAFFIC FORM FY2007 AND FY2008

A new vendor has been selected for these reports and detailed information will be forthcoming. The timeline below summarizes when these reporting tools should initially be available for data input and completion:

1. IPLAR FY2008: January 14, 2008
2. ILLINET ILL Traffic Form FY2007: January 14, 2008
3. ILLINET ILL Traffic Form FY2008: March 1, 2008

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

- TRY IT! ILLINOIS

Try-It! Illinois, the statewide database trial launched October 1 and runs through November 30, 2007. Try-It! Illinois offers the opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources at no charge. Libraries are encouraged to share the Try-It! Illinois login and password with their library users, providing them with the opportunity to use and recommend electronic resources for possible purchase at the local level. Try-It! Illinois users are also invited to suggest electronic resources for consideration in E-RICH, the Illinois State Library's Electronic Resource Service that works with vendors to negotiate best prices for Illinois libraries. Please respect the integrity of Try-It! Illinois: access is limited to Illinois libraries and their users. Do not post the Try-It! Illinois login and password on any website or on electronically searchable or publicly archived newsletters.

Try-It! Illinois will be available at:

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

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

<http://www.finditillinois.org/>

To access Try-It! Illinois 2007, use: Login: 4u2tryit Password: Illinois

The Try-It! Illinois login also requires an Illinois zip code. Note that individual databases may include vendor-required logins and passwords for accessing those databases.

If you have questions please contact me at gharrison@ilsos.net or 217-785-7334.

-- E-R-XPO

E-R-XPO, the Illinois State Library's Electronic Resource XPO (vendor fair), will be held Thursday, December 13, 2007 at Schaumburg Township District Library, Schaumburg, Illinois.

-- E-RICH,

E-RICH, the Illinois State Library's Electronic Resource Service, features fully and partially subsidized offerings for FY2008. The URL is

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

FY 2008 LIVE AND LEARN CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

Program information concerning the Illinois State Library FY 2008 Public Library Construction Grant program is available on the State Library web page at:

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

The letter of intent is required by October 19, 2007. Full applications must be postmarked or delivered to the State Library by December 14, 2007. Please refer all inquiries to: H. Neil Kelley at 217-782-1891 or nkelley@ilsos.net or Mark Shaffer at 217-524-4901 or mshaffer@ilsos.net

THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY'S DIVERSITY PROGRAM

On Nov. 15, 2007, "Empowering Library Staff to Meet the Needs of Spanish Speakers" will be presented at the Illinois State Library, Room 403. Open to all library staff members, the presenter is Vandella Brown, ISL Diversity Program Manager. The time will be 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., no fee. Register at: www.islcleo.org.

ASK?AWAY FREE TRIAL EXPANDED INTO 2008

Try the AskAway virtual reference service for free through December 15, 2007. Another free trial will begin January 15, 2008 and last till May 15, 2008. For more information on AskAway go to <http://www.askawayillinois.info> or contact Natalie Tagge at (217) 557-6329 or ntagge@ilsos.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| October 25-26 | Health Science Librarians of Illinois Annual Conference, Urbana |
| November 1 –3 | Illinois School Library Media Association Conference, Springfield |
| December 14 | Deadline to submit entries for "Letters About Literature" writing contest |