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This Week at the Illinois State Library

June 27, 2014

State Library Closed Friday

The Illinois State Library will be closed **Friday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day. The library will resume normal business hours on Monday, July 7.

Public Library Construction Act Grant Update

Two libraries, Zion-Benton Public Library District and Glen Ellyn Public Library, qualified for FY2013 Public Library Construction Grant funds under the category of 'disaster grants' and have successfully completed their projects. In April 2013, the Glen Ellyn library suffered major flood damages to its mechanical room, basement and first floor public areas after a 7-inch rainfall. In September 2013, the Zion-Benton library's local area network servers and other equipment were destroyed after an air conditioning unit failed and flooded a mechanical room. Both libraries contributed local money to qualify for the funds requested through the grant process and have completed work on their projects. Congratulations to the staff and trustees of these libraries for their achievements.

Other grants awarded through the FY13 Public Library Construction Act Grant Program are listed on the [ISL web site](#).

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Online Computer Library Center Renewal Agreements Due by June 30th

To avoid an Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) service interruption, FY15 renewal agreements must be received at the State Library by **June 30, 2014**. Libraries are responsible for all charges billed by OCLC after July 1, 2014. If your library will not be renewing OCLC service, or if you have any questions regarding the OCLC Agreement, please contact Sue Burkholder at 217-785-1537 or sburkholder@ilsos.net. It is essential that you confirm your intent by returning the agreement or otherwise, notifying the State Library.

Know Any Aspiring Poets?

If so, there is still time to enter the 10th **Illinois Emerging Writers Competition, Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award**. The competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. Entries must be postmarked by **June 30, 2014**. Cash prizes will be awarded for first (\$500), second (\$300) and third place (\$100), and winning poems will be submitted for possible publication in the *Ninth Letter*, *RHINO*, and *Quiddity* magazines and *Poetic License Press* publications. Winners will read their poems and receive their prizes at a ceremony later this year at the Illinois State Library in Springfield.

Find contest applications and guidelines at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/lda96.pdf. For more information, contact Bonnie Matheis at 217-558-2065 or bmatheis@ilsos.net.

FY14 ILLINET Survey Now Available

The FY14 ILLINET Interlibrary Loan and Reciprocal Borrowing Statistical Survey is available for completion at <https://il.countingopinions.com>. Data submitted should cover the fiscal year from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The deadline to complete the survey is **October 31, 2014**.

If you have questions, please contact the following Illinois State Library staff members or service provider:

- Username/Password: Contact Becky Hunter at bhunter1@ilsos.net or 217-782-7849; Gwen Harrison at gharrison@ilsos.net or 217-785-7334; Robert Jones at rjones1@ilsos.net or 217-785-1168; or toll-free at 800-665-5576, ext. 2.
- Content/Subject Matter: Contact Gwen Harrison at gharrison@ilsos.net or 217-785-7334; Robert Jones at

rjones1@ilsos.net or 217-785-1168; or toll-free at 800-665-5576, ext. 2.

Get ready for "On the Front Lines" Conference

"[On the Front Lines](#)," a highly acclaimed continuing education opportunity sponsored by the State Library, returns for a 10th time to the University of Illinois Springfield on August 4-6. Library staff members from public, academic, school and special libraries are invited to attend.

Registration is available through L2 at <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=16074>. The registration fee is \$15 per person, which covers all programs and conference supplied meals.

The schedule for the 2014 conference has been announced and can be viewed at http://static.librarylearning.info/event_documents/74X5yxbkwto.pdf. Please register by July 18.

For more information, please contact Gwen Harrison at gharrison@ilsos.net or Karen Egan at kegan@ilsos.net

Summer Reading Program Information

"Find a Book" is a free, online book search that allows children and their parents to quickly and easily select books to match a child's reading level and interests as well as locate their selection at their local library. The "Find a Book" tool at www.lexile.com/findabook.

The "Find a Book" tool uses a child's Lexile® measure, a measure of reading ability and text complexity derived from state standardized tests, including the ISAT. The search tool also features a search option to access appropriate book choices based on grade level and comfort with typical reading materials at that grade level. For more information, please visit <http://web-dev.isbe.state.il.us/find-a-book/>.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services Releases 2011 Public Libraries Report

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) released its Public Libraries in the United States Report, an in-depth examination of fiscal year 2011 survey data with important findings about the state of public library service in the U.S.

The Public Libraries in the United States Survey examines when, where and how library services are changing to meet the needs of the public. This data, supplied annually by more than 97 percent of public libraries across the country, provides information that policymakers and practitioners can use to make informed decisions about the support and strategic management of libraries. The full report is available at www.ims.gov/PLS2011.

Message from WebJunction about Course Use

For the past 12 months, WebJunction has been working to define the ongoing continuing education services for library staff.

Starting July 1, access to WebJunction online courses will change. Here are the changes:

- Library-specific courses will be hosted and accessed directly at <http://www.webjunction.org>.
- General technology and business courses will be hosted and accessed directly at Skillsoft (information is forthcoming; watch your Enews!).
- In July, WebJunction will be in touch to remind you to create a new user account on each system.
- New accounts will not include the individuals' course history or completions. When the current system closes on June 30, 2014, participants will receive an email list of all the courses completed in the current system. Course work in progress can be completed at <https://oclc.plateau.com/plateau/user/login> by June 30, 2014.

For questions, please call Cheryl Walker at cwalker@ilsos.net.

Take advantage of the following series of free Webinars offered by Webjunction

Making Your Space: Creators and Makers in the Library

Date: Wednesday, July 9, 2014

Registration: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/creators-and-makers.html>.libraries

There's a transformation going on in libraries—a shift in emphasis from consuming information to convening and creating. Makerspaces in

libraries are a big part of this conversation, where the learning and camaraderie are just as significant as tools like 3D printers. If the idea of a makerspace conjures up the hurdles for you (limited space, limited resources, or limited confidence in your own tech skills), this webinar will help you learn how to get started and grow a space in your library for creating. Together, we will debunk the hype, learn how to define your library's scope and audience, get your board on board, and find creative partners in your community.

Presented by **Mara Siegel**, continuing education coordinator, Vermont Department of Libraries and **Samantha Maskell**, youth services librarian, Rockingham Free Public Library, Bellows Falls, VT.

Libraries as Drivers of Community Development: Global Edition

Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Registration: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/libraries-as-drivers.html.librarians>

Around the world, libraries are at the heart of community transformation. Instead of aiming to be responsive to emerging needs, libraries can actively push their communities to develop and thrive. Hear stories from around the globe about libraries that are a force to be reckoned with. Join us for this webinar that shares examples of libraries at the leading edge of positive change in communities in Honduras, Guatemala, Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia. Learn about and bring home successful, practical grassroots approaches to library-driven community development. The organizations and libraries featured are grantees of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation or are beneficiaries of a foundation-supported program. Darren Hoerner, program officer for the Gates Foundation, will introduce the session. Guided by the belief that all lives have equal value, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation works to help all people live healthy, productive lives.

Presented by **William Cartwright**, president and CEO, [Riecken Community Libraries](#) and **Ugne Lipeikaite**, impact coordinator, [EIFL-PLIP \(Public Library Innovation Programme\)](#).

Top Ten Skills for Teaching Tech to Patrons

Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014

Registration: <http://webjunction.org/events/webjunction/top-ten-skills-teaching-tech-to-patrons.html>.

Opportunities to provide training occur every time you help someone with a technology related question, whether it's one-on-one assistance or in a classroom environment. Making the most of the "teachable moment" involves the right combination of training skills, techniques, and tactics. Technology training is successful when a library patron learns something new and is able to apply it to their life. You don't need to be a tech expert to learn the practical skills for successful

technology training. Crystal Schimpf will share the top 10 skills she's found most effective in her years of training experience.

This webinar is hosted in collaboration with ALA's [Learning Round Table](#) and is presented by **Crystal Schimpf**, CEO and learning facilitator at Kixal.

Recruiting and Training Volunteers for Library Advocacy

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Registration: <http://www.webjunction.org/events/webjunction/recruiting-training-volunteers.html>.

Like many libraries, Michigan's Herrick District Library found itself with a leaner staff facing more responsibilities in recent years. The idea of sending employees out of the building to staff community awareness events seemed like a challenging concept. This Michigan library not only developed a volunteer force to meet the challenge, but they now have a sustainable volunteer training and management model to apply in future situations where the library has big dreams but lacks the staffing required to pursue them. Come hear from a [Geek the Library](#) shining star, and learn how to engage your community's volunteer force.

Presented by **Sara DeVries**, marketing and public relations manager, Herrick District Library, Michigan.

Stories from Illinois Libraries

This week we highlight the **Aurora Public Library** and its **literacy** program. Since 2002, the Aurora Public Library and World Relief have partnered to serve 732 parents and children in the "Welcome to America" program, which is funded by the Illinois Secretary of State's Literacy Office through the Penny Severns Family Literacy Grant. The program serves families with children ages 2 to 6. On Fridays, parents visit the library to practice reading and storytelling skills with their children as well as to learn about and use library services.

In 2013, nearly 30 percent of the adult refugees who resettled in Aurora had no literacy skills in any language. Their children frequently begin kindergarten with little to no English language skills. The goal of the library services portion of "Welcome to America" is to encourage library use by providing library cards and introducing families to library services.

Once a month, the library hosts Family Fun Nights, which are part of the parent and child together time. Siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins and

grandparents also are invited, which brings several generations together to play BINGO or celebrate a holiday.

If you would like to see your library in the ISL E-News, send your story to Kyle Peebles at kpeebles@ilsos.net

Literacy Spotlight

This week we spotlight **William Curry at Urbana Adult Education Center in Urbana**. Before retiring from the City of Champaign in 2010, Bill began looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity to fill his time when he retired. He discovered Project Read at the Urbana Adult Education Center and has been there ever since as a volunteer tutor. Bill thoroughly enjoys being part of the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and takes the success of students quite personally. He understands how every bit of help he offers ends up making the lives of teachers and students easier.

One of Bill's current adult learners is serving a 12-year sentence in the Illinois Department of Corrections. Bill, being a retired police officer, jumped at the chance to serve as his tutor. Soon after tutoring sessions began, the learner found out that Bill used to be a police officer and could not believe it, saying, "Man you're too cool to be a cop." This opened the door for a great lesson that day in English and in life.

Bill has gone above and beyond the role of a volunteer tutor by creating his own ESL program. Bill learned that all of the ESL classes for the adult learners were closed to new students for the summer, so he took matters into his own hands. Bill found a local church for a location to hold a class, advertised the class, registered students and developed the curriculum. He used his own money to buy class materials and designed PowerPoint lessons; thus ending up with 25 very satisfied adult learners. With his energy, enthusiasm and genuine interest in ESL learners, he is an inspiration to others.

GovDocInfo

July 2nd marks the 50th anniversary of the day President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender or national origin. This act, hastening the end of Jim Crow laws, opened voter registration and ended legal segregation in schools, the workplace and public accommodations – including drinking fountains. To learn more about the act, including the full-text, check out these federal websites at

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2014/04/09/president-obama-deliver-keynote-civil->

rights-summit; <http://www.archives.gov/education/lessons/civil-rights-act/>;
<http://www.nps.gov/subjects/civilrights/1964-civil-rights-act.htm>;
<http://blogs.loc.gov/teachers/2014/02/the-civil-rights-act-of-1964-titles-ii-and-iii-the-right-to-go-where-you-want/>;
<https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/resources/pdf/CivilRightsActOf1964.pdf>.

Cultural Awareness — Diversity in Action

Does your organization help immigrants prepare for the naturalization process? If so, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) offers several new resources for citizenship instructors, volunteers and program administrators located in the Citizenship Resource Center at <http://www.uscis.gov/citizenship>.

Illinois Digital Archives (IDA)

Next week marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Civil Rights Act being signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. Check out this photo from 1960 of President Johnson and his wife, Lady Bird, visiting Washington Park in Quincy, Ill., at <http://idaillinois.org/cdm/singleitem/collection/qpl/id/2400/rec/1>.

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Upcoming Events

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| June 30 | Emerging Writers Competition entry deadline |
| July 4 | State Holliday- Independence Day |
| August 4-6 | On the Front Lines Conference |