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This Week at the Illinois State Library

October 17, 2014

Thank you for attending the dessert reception at the Illinois State Library

On behalf of everyone at the Illinois State Library we want to thank you for attending our dessert reception on October 14. The video postcards were a great success! Special thanks to those who recorded a video postcard about their experiences with our continuing education programs.

“Keynote Perspectives and Advice on Accessibility and Universal Design”

Due to technical issues at the ILA Conference, Sina Bahram’s presentation was canceled. Sina, a universal design and accessibility expert, delivered a similar keynote address at the 2014 ILEAD USA March session. A recording of his presentation is available at <http://youtu.be/RgRfjxiB12U>.

What are your plans for Family Reading Night?

We’re looking for a few stories to share about the [Family Reading Night](#) programs taking place across the state during this year’s Family Reading Night, **Thursday, November 20**. If you would like to share a brief description of your planned program for possible inclusion in the

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Secretary of State's press release, contact [Bonnie Matheis](#). Deadline to respond is **Friday, October 31**.

Still need Family Reading Night posters or bookmarks? Complete the [order form](#) and fax it to 217-782-1877. Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have ordered materials and have not received them, please contact [Bonnie Matheis](#).

Illinois Handbook of Government 2013-2014 available

Copies of the *Illinois Handbook of Government 2013–2014* are available at no charge for distribution or your library's collection. Contact Marti Martin at mmartin@ilsos.net with your name, the name of your library, your email address, delivery code and the number of books you would like. We will do our best to accommodate your request depending on our supply.

Medical Library Association webinar

The Illinois State Library will serve as a host for the Medical Library Association (MLA) webinar, "*Beyond the Search I: Protocol Development and Methodology for Systematic Reviews*," on Wednesday, **October 22 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.** While the literature search is likely to be the main responsibility of information professionals involved in systematic review projects, there are other aspects of these projects that would benefit from our input. In this first of two webinars, the presenters will outline the processes and tools for developing a systematic review protocol and then translating the protocol into a publishable search methodology. The session will focus on best practices and standards (including PRISMA, Cochrane and Institute of Medicine), communication with team members and appropriate reporting of methodology.

To register for the webinar, visit <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=18830>.

The sponsorship of this webcast site has been funded in whole or in part with federal funds from the Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Library of Medicine, under Contract No. HHS-N-276-2011-00005C with the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public Libraries

Rising to the Challenge is the culmination of a year-long exploration and examination of the challenges and opportunities facing communities and their public libraries as society moves deeper into the digital era. The report projects a new vision for public libraries and promotes new thinking about libraries, their critical assets and the essential role they now play in providing opportunities for individuals and communities to succeed. View the digital report by the Aspen Institute at <http://as.pn/libraries>.

FY2015 School District Library Grant application now available online

Applications are now being accepted for the FY2015 School District Library Grant. Applications and all other information concerning the grant can be found on the State Library's website at: <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/grants/schoolpercapgrant.html>.

All ISL grant forms are now in the fillable pdf format. For complete and current information, please see [Instructions for Completing Fillable PDF Grant forms](#).

Please be aware that this year, *there are two changes*. We are no longer requiring the signature page and the expenditures report is a separate document. This year's deadline to submit the grant application and expenditures report is **November 21, 2014**.

Most school district libraries in Illinois are eligible for this grant. For more information, contact Robert Jones at rjones1@ilsos.net, 217-785-1168; or Becky Hunter at bhunter1@ilsos.net, 217-782-7849.

SYNERGY: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative returns

Applications for the Illinois State Library's 2015 leadership training program *Synergy* are due **December 15, 2014**. The program consists of nine required in-person days during three sessions, at three different locations in Illinois:

- **April 21-23, 2015, Burr Ridge – Quality Inn Hotel and Conference Center.**
- **July 28-30, 2015, Decatur – Decatur Conference Center.**
- **September 1-3, 2015, Utica – Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center.**

Applications are open to librarians with a master's degree in library science who are seeking to advance their leadership skills. Librarians of all types and positions may apply. A maximum of 30 applicants will be selected and will be announced no later than February 1, 2015.

Synergy is an intensive leadership immersion program. Objectives include self-assessment; discovering and developing personal values; identifying the local, state and global environment; building strategic tools for personal, professional and positional leadership; creating a cohort group; establishing mentoring relationships; and developing a vision of and beyond the field of librarianship.

For more information, visit

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/libraries/synergy.html> or call 800-665-5576. You may also contact Vandella Brown, vbrown@ilsos.net; Cyndy Colletti, ccolletti@ilsos.net; or Robert Jones, rjones1@ilsos.net.

Stories from Illinois Libraries

This week we highlight the **Wabash Valley College Library** and its **summer reading program**. When Wabash Valley College Library began to research ideas for this year's summer reading program for children, library staff wasn't sure what participation to expect. The small-community college library in rural southeastern Illinois averaged only five to six children for its story time attendance in the summer of 2013, so library staff was looking for ways to build participation. The library staff was drawn to the successful efforts of the Chicago Public Library in 2013 to integrate curriculum into story time.

The library used a basic science curriculum as part of a six week program for children aged three to seven. Books, both fiction and non-fiction, were tied to a scientific experiment/demonstration, which formed the theme for each week. Themes included volcanoes, water, planes, the human body and concluded with a science "fun fest." Area newspapers, radio stations and local schools were used to recruit children for the program.

Each session consisted of story time, experiment/demonstration time and activity time. All experiments were done with common household materials so that they could be replicated at home. Preparations for an estimated 25 participants maximum were made. The program began on June 11, 2014 with 48 children. The library staff of three did some quick thinking and divided the children into three groups by age range. In all, 76 children registered and attended the summer event. Parental feedback throughout this pilot was overwhelmingly positive.

After the summer of 2014 pilot program, the library staff began planning for the future. Plans include requiring pre-registration, limiting

group sizes and tailoring presentations for specific age groups. Programming for the summer of 2015 is well underway. Themes will be built around science at the request of parents. As a result of the Wabash Valley College Summer Reading Program, the community college library is partnering with the local Pre-K program and local parents' home school network to continue similar activities each month throughout the school year.

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 highlight the **Adult Volunteer Literacy Program at Joliet Junior College**. This learner has participated in ESL classes for several semesters and consistently improves in spite of many difficult challenges. She has struggled to balance classes, homework, family time and her job. Despite her inconsistent schooling during childhood, she now values the education she is receiving. When she was informed that she could receive tutoring with a volunteer from the faculty at the University of St. Francis, she was ecstatic.

At one point she said, "If I could win the lottery, I would buy a teacher all for myself to teach me." She was near tears when she found out that the tutoring was one-on-one. With the help of her own personal professor, this learner has now progressed to advanced level ESL classes and looks forward to attending GED classes in the near future.

GovDocInfo

On Sunday, October 5, the new [American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial](#) was dedicated with a ceremony that included a speech from President Obama. Sixteen years in the making, President Clinton authorized the memorial in 2000 and a 2.4 acre site was selected adjacent to the National Botanical Gardens. After an open competition, a design featuring a star fountain with a ceremonial flame as a focal point was selected. For more information on this new memorial visit <http://blog.usa.gov/post/99645118493/american-veterans-disabled-for-life-memorial-opens>.

Cultural Awareness — Diversity in Action

October is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) History Month. In 1994, a U.S. observance was established to recognize

LGBT history and the history of the gay rights movement. For more information about the month long celebration visit <http://www.glaad.org/blog/celebrate-lgbt-history-month>

Illinois Digital Archives (IDA)

As the weather gets cooler, an autumn staple is hot apple cider, particularly at events like high school football games and hayrack rides. Here's an [apple cider press](#) circa 1900 from the Henderson County Historical Museum.

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Upcoming Events

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| October 27-30 | ILEAD USA: Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover |
| November 20 | Family Reading Night |
| November 21 | School District Library Grant Application Due |
| November 30 | Try-It! Illinois Trial Ends |