



EXPEDITION EXTRA!

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN LIBRARY LEARNING**

Please be sure to check out all of the exciting events being hosted by LCLS in the coming weeks. To access this information, please check out the [events calendar](#).

## **NEW LSTA GRANT OFFERINGS AVAILABLE**

The Illinois State Library is pleased to announce that FY2010 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant offerings are now available. LSTA funding is awarded to states by the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The Illinois State Library administers LSTA funding awarded to the state of Illinois each year, and issues grants to applicants who seek funding as part of a competitive grant program. LSTA grants are available for the development of projects that specifically provide and focus on library service, new initiatives, and library activities. All types of libraries (academic, public, school and special) and regional Library Systems are eligible for funding. Libraries must be members of one of the state's regional Library Systems.

Descriptions of the new grant offerings, applications, deadlines and other information can be found at the Illinois State Library's Web site:

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what\\_we\\_do/servicestechology\\_grant.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/servicestechology_grant.html)

## **NEW BLOG ANNOUNCED**

Lewis & Clark Library System will be launching a new blog, to be named Conduit, in early February. The new blog is a result of the 2007 Communications Audit--members expressed a desire to know more about what happens at LCLS, new projects we are working on for the benefit of members, and how existing and new services impact them. We hope that this new blog will accomplish all that and more.

## **MEMBERS ORIENTATION VIDEO POSTED**

LCLS staff has been working on a short orientation video about the services offered by the System. The video made its official debut on Tuesday evening and is now available for all to see! To view the video, just click [here](#). Special thanks to Matt Paris, Mercy Dena, and Kevin Becker for all of their hard work on this project.

## **REGISTER FOR THE "ON THE FRONT LINES" CONFERENCE**

Register now for the March 16 - 18, 2009 "On The Front Lines" Conference: The Sixth Statewide Library Practitioners Conference "Agents of Change" at <http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=5241>. For more information contact Gwen Harrison, [gharrison@ilsos.net](mailto:gharrison@ilsos.net) or 217-785-7334.

## **ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY EVENTS**

Be sure to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

[Institute for School and Public Librarians](#)

[Small Public Library Management Institute](#)

## **MORRISON-TALBOTT LIBRARY EVENTS**

On Thursday, January 29, the Morrison-Talbott Library will present a showing of *Beowulf: Prince of the Geats*. This updated production was produced by Emmy Award winner, Scott Wegener, with an all volunteer cast and crew to benefit the American and Norwegian Cancer Societies.

Whodunnit?!

<http://www.lcls.org/content/news/TasteofLitMystery.pdf> The Friends of the Morrison-Talbott Library present the 5th Taste of Literature on Friday, February 6 from 7 - 9 pm. Come sample foods from some of your favorite mystery detectives and help solve the murder!

## **LEXISNEXIS LIBRARY EXPRESS OFFER**

News, business, legal, and more! Over 6,000 premium sources make LexisNexis Library Express one of the richest resources in the library. Illinois public libraries may now order their discounted subscription to [LexisNexis Library Express](#) through the Library Partnership Trust. For offer details, a free trial, a no-obligation quote, and to place your order

<http://www.nsls.info/site/go/go.aspx?source=nslsDotInfo01152009&url=http://www.lptrust.org/order/lexisnexus/>, visit the [LPT site](#).

## **IMRF**

Does your library participate in IMRF? If so, your local IMRF representative is more than willing to come to your library and explain the IMRF benefits to your staff. Jean Parson, the Southern Illinois representative visited Morrison-Talbott Library this week and

shared a wealth of information with the staff. She talked about IMRF in general, how it is funded, disability benefits and briefly talked about the retirement benefits. IMRF is an excellent benefit for employees, and the field representatives are truly here to help.

## **INTERESTING LINKS**

[Google Calendar Desktop Gadget Released](#)

[Ten Trends & Technologies for 2009](#)

[WorldCat Introduces Mobile Service](#)

[Obama inauguration viewed from space](#)

[Roving librarians help visitors where they are](#)

[Kansas City Public Library facing severe cuts](#)

[Alan C. Lowe named director of the George W. Bush Presidential Library](#)

## **JOB POSTINGS**

To view all of our job postings, please click [here](#).

Temporary Public Services Librarian

McKendree University

Lebanon, IL

<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=772>

Executive Director

Three Rivers Public Library District

Channahon, IL

<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=773>

RSA Database Coordinator

Alliance Library System

East Peoria, IL

<http://www.lcls.org/news.aspx?id=774>

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