



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN LIBRARY LEARNING

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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.

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## HEARINGS ABOUT THE REVISION OF THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC LIBRARY STANDARDS

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In 2006 the ILA Executive Board appointed a task force to revise the existing Serving Our Public: Illinois Public Library Standards. The task force has been meeting, writing, debating, and now it is time to listen to the Illinois public library community about their ideas and concerns towards the proposed library standards. A series of video conference meetings will be offered on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008 to allow participants to express their thoughts regarding the standards. Prior to attending the session, participants should review the proposed drafts located at [www.ila.org/sop](http://www.ila.org/sop). For questions or comments, please feel free to contact Cristy Stuepegia at [spartalib@hotmail.com](mailto:spartalib@hotmail.com) or call 618-443-5014.

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## SYNERGY 2009

Applications are now being accepted for Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative 2009. Synergy is the statewide library community's proactive movement to recruit and nurture future Illinois library leaders. For selection criteria, a list of frequently asked questions, an application checklist and dates for the Synergy conferences, go [here](#).

The Shawnee Library System, the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Library Association are sponsoring the 2009 Synergy Initiative.

## TRY-IT! ILLINOIS 2008

The Secretary of State and State Librarian, Jesse White and the Illinois State

Library are pleased to announce that the ninth annual statewide database trial, Try-It! Illinois will be available October 1 through November 30, 2008. Try-It! Illinois offers the staffs and library users an excellent opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. Thanks to the partnerships between the Illinois State Library and the participating electronic resource vendors, there is no charge for accessing these databases during Try-It! Illinois.

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

## **WHAT'S NEW AT WJ-IL**

Visit the newly formatted "What's New @ WJIL" to find a study on Latinos and Public Library Perceptions, an article on Effective Governance for Rural Libraries, a course on Library Leadership and information on free webinars including online introductions to WJIL and TechAtlas. You'll also find a new feature that includes tips on how to use the WJIL 2.0 features. It's all there at <http://webjunctionworks.org/il/blog/index.php/2008/09/23/new-wjil-923/>.

## **WHAT CAN L2 DO FOR YOU?**

Library Learning (L2), the new statewide continuing education event calendar, delivers a complete listing of Illinois Library System and Illinois State Library learning opportunities to you! As we transition to the new system, it's important that all current library staff who had a CLeO account create a new account in Library Learning during September.

By creating your free account, you have access to view the calendar and register for library education events at Lewis & Clark Library System and across the state. In addition, you receive a weekly update alerting you to the newest additions and upcoming events on the calendar. You can update your profile, share your bio, and connect with colleagues throughout the state. L2 allows you to track your professional development with System and non-System events. You'll also receive confirmations and reminders directly in your email inbox and be able to sign up for feeds for your RSS reader! If your plans change, conveniently cancel your registration online. Directors, you can now create trustee accounts and manage registrations affiliated with your library, as well.

Create your L2 account today by visiting [www.librarylearning.info](http://www.librarylearning.info) and then clicking on Register in the upper right portion of the screen. Have questions? Contact Charm Ruhnke at [charmruhnke@lcls.org](mailto:charmruhnke@lcls.org) or 618-656-3216 x 121.

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Division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). L2 development is a cooperative project of Illinois Library Systems and the Illinois State Library.

## **WRONG NUMBERS USED IN HAPLR REPORT**

American Libraries has discovered an unfortunate error that invalidates the results of Hennen's American Public Library Ratings published in the October 2008 issue of the magazine of the American Library Association.

Thomas J. Hennen Jr., author of this independent study, discovered after the issue was mailed that the figures used in compiling the statistics were the same as those used in 2006.

The new numbers will be posted on the HAPLR Web site at [www.haplr-index.com](http://www.haplr-index.com). The corrected tables will also appear in PDF format as soon as possible on the American Libraries Web site at [www.ala.org/ala/online](http://www.ala.org/ala/online), as well as in the November issue of the magazine.

## **ASK AWAY ILLINOIS UPDATE**

AskAway Illinois has been funded through an IMLS grant that ends December 31. As of January 1, 2009 AskAway Illinois will not be subsidized, and participating libraries will assume responsibility for the cost. As of January 1, 2009, AskAway will only be accessible from participating libraries' chat forms. The statewide form currently accessible to all patrons from the AskAway state site will not exist once statewide service ends on December 31. OCLC is expected to deliver pricing for individual ILLINET libraries no later than November 15.

If you would like to participate or if you have questions please feel free to contact Natalie Tagge or call 217-557-6329.

## **RETURN ON INVESTMENT (ROI) CALCULATOR**

Libraries are economic assets that provide a wealth of material and services to a community. A thriving, attractive library not only attracts businesses, but is also good for everyone's bottom line. The more you use your academic, public, school, or special library, the greater the return on your investment (ROI). Libraries of all types stretch their resources to provide everyone with access to items such as books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and services such as Internet access, use of expensive databases, and a wide variety of educational

and cultural programs. To easily translate these services into the dollars and cents benefit each library user receives, the North Suburban Library System created the ROI Calculator.

The numbers make a powerful statement and are a great way to market library services. Both libraries and individuals can use the calculator to determine the return on each dollar spent. Libraries may use the calculator to provide a concrete example of how they use tax dollars to provide the community with services. Individuals may use it to see how much they would spend in out-of-pocket expenses for materials and services they use per library visit, of major interest in this slow economy.

[Return on Investment \(ROI\) Calculator for Libraries](#)

[Return on Investment \(ROI\) Calculator for Library Users](#)

## **LIS ADVANCED STUDY OPTIONS AT ILLINOIS**

The Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois invites 2009 applications for the Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) and PhD programs in LIS.

The CAS enables participants to refresh and update skills, gain greater specialization, or redirect their careers from one area to another. The CAS is available full-time or part-time; and may be pursued on-campus or online. Admissions are open in all semesters. Applications are due November 15 (spring); March 15 (summer) and June 15 (fall). For more information, see <http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/programs/cas.html>

2008 is the 60th Anniversary of the GSLIS PhD program. Outstanding students with keen interest in conducting independent research are encouraged to apply. The program typically requires 4 years of full-time study. Funding is available for the duration. Doctoral students are expected to be in residence for two years. Application deadline for fall 09 is January 1. For more information, see <http://www.lis.uiuc.edu/programs/phd/>

## **GHOST HUNTING ILLINOIS**

Lock the doors, draw the curtains and light a candle as you join John Kachuba on a guided tour of Illinois's legendary haunted places where the dead still walk. John Kachuba is a paranormal researcher, a noted speaker and author of several books on ghost hunting and hauntings. Check out his Web site: [www.johnkachuba.com](http://www.johnkachuba.com).

Tuesday October 7 from 7-8:30 PM in the Kinsella Room of the Fairview Heights Public Library, 10017 Bunkum Rd, Fairview Heights.

For reservations, call 618-489-2070 or email: [fa@lcls.org](mailto:fa@lcls.org)

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