



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.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Lewis & Clark Library System will be closed on Thursday, December 24, 2009 and Friday, December 25, 2009, in observance of Christmas. In addition, Lewis & Clark Library System will be closed on Thursday, December 31, 2009 and Friday, January 1, 2010, in observance of the New Year. There will be no courier services on these days.

CALL YOUR LEGISLATORS TO INCLUDE LIBRARIES IN THE JOBS BILL

As you know, libraries are helping unemployed Americans get back to work not only by helping them acquire needed job skills, but also by offering no-fee access to the Internet for online job searching, computers for working on resumes, resources for building small business plans, and much more. Unfortunately, these very services are threatened by budget shortfalls in state and local funding; due to these budget cuts, many libraries may be forced to cut services that are so incredibly necessary during these tough economic times.

Right now, the House of Representatives is debating the Jobs for Main Street Act, and this bill would provide funding to a variety of programs aimed at creating jobs. No other organization is as dynamic or as well-equipped to build jobs as libraries, yet neither the House nor the Senate version of this legislation mentions libraries. By including specific bill language that includes librarians, we can continue to help people look for jobs, help people obtain their GED, build valuable job skills, and much more. To read the full proposal, please click [here](#).

EMAIL MIGRATION INFO

To support our members as much as possible during the migration away from Mailman, the System Technology staff will help library staff migrate to a new e-

mail platform of their choice. Since the System uses the Google Apps platform for e-mail and calendaring, the System Technology staff is able to offer setup and training on Google Apps for our member libraries.

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WHAT'S NEW @WJIL: RESEARCHING COMMUNITIES TO PREPARE FOR THE FUTURE

What do patrons think are the important factors in the success of your library? The Researching Communities to Prepare for the Future study interviewed over 140 residents in 15 communities across Illinois, to discover what communities want from their libraries in the future. In this What's New @ WJIL you can learn from the results, read the Community reports and train your staff on the top 6 factors for a successful public library.

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PASSPORTS SERVICE IN YOUR LIBRARY

Last week the Consulting Department of the Alliance Library Stem received a call from Sonja Plummer-Morgan, Director, Mark and Emily Turner Memorial Library in Presque Isle, Maine asking if they knew any public libraries in Illinois that offered passports. Presque Isle had received a request to fly to Chicago to their public transit service authority to issue 600 passports, and they thought it would be more appropriate for an Illinois library to have a chance at this income. What a generous offer! Metropolitan Library System's consulting department was consulted and they located a library to handle this unusual but lucrative request.

In 2009, Presque Isle has made over \$15,000 selling passports. Sonja Plummer Morgan has generously offered to teach Illinois libraries how they can offer this service in their libraries. [Sign up in L2](#) for the February 4, webinar on OPAL. Plummer Morgan will share her expertise from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

BILL NUNES BOOK SIGNING--SIX MILE REGIONAL LIBRARY DISTRICT

Glen Carbon author Bill Nunes will give a presentation and book signing at the Six Mile Regional Library District Branch at 2145 Johnson Road in Granite City on Saturday, December 19, from 2-3:30 p.m. Nunes recently completed his latest volume, "The Big Book of St. Louis and Southern Illinois Crime".

Some of his previous books still in print include: "The Big Book of St. Louis Nostalgia", "Illinois in World War II", "Illinois Trivia", "Incredible Illinois" and "Illinois in the Roaring Twenties".

After the presentation, Nunes will be available to sign copies of his various books. Some of his books will be available for purchase at a greatly reduced price. The event is free and open to the public.

INTERESTING LINKS

[Congress clears legislation to fund Library Services and Technology Act](#)

[Laurie Halse Anderson reflects on challenges to her books for teens](#)

[Book Patrol: A Haven for Book Culture](#)

[Untouchable: What a collector loses \(and gains\) in the age of music downloading](#)

[Town settles spat over cat](#)

[BBC and British Library to take joint approach to building digital archive](#)

JOB POSTINGS

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