

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
CONSULTANT'S REPORT
JULY 2010**

OPPORTUNITY ONLINE GRANT UPDATE

Public libraries participating in the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Grant program should purchase phase 1 computers and install them in the designated eligible library(ies) **no later than August 15**. If there is more than one eligible building, be cognizant of how many computers should be installed per building.

TechAtlas has been updated with check boxes for those participating in the grant program to indicate which computer(s) was/were purchased with grant funds.

Libraries are encouraged to attend one of the following virtual training sessions to learn more about the inventory process and the requirements for reporting. Please click on the link for the date and time you can attend to register for a session. If you have any questions about these training sessions, please contact [TechAtlas support](mailto:TechAtlas_support@techatlas.org) at techatlas@webjunction.org.

July 20, Tuesday, 3:00 - 4:00 CST – Register at
<https://www3.oclc.org/app/request/bin/request.asp?specialCode=OpOn072010>

August 11, Wednesday, Noon - 1:00 CST - Register at
<https://www3.oclc.org/app/request/bin/request.asp?specialCode=OpOn081110>

August 23, Monday, 3:00 - 4:00 CST - Register at
<https://www3.oclc.org/app/request/bin/request.asp?specialCode=OpOn082310>

Go to the [TechAtlas Update Inventory Guide](#) (http://www.webjunction.org/c/document_library/get_file?folderId=65961299&name=DLFE-26410015.pdf) for instructions on completing the inventory process. Refer to page 4 of this document for the instructions on how to designate that the computer(s) was purchased with Opportunity Online funds.

August 31 is the deadline to complete the TechAtlas Inventory Update for Phase 1. The TechAtlas Inventory is the "Phase 1 report" and validates that libraries purchased and installed the computers as awarded. This is a critical requirement that demonstrates good stewardship of the Opportunity Online funds. Go to the TechAtlas [website](#) (<http://webjunction.techatlas.org/tools/>) for more information.

SUMMER LITERACY NEWSLETTER

The Summer 2010 newsletter of the ISL Literacy Office, complete with coverage of this year's Spotlight literacy awards, is accessible at
http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/illiteracy_summer2010.pdf

BUDGET UPDATE

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White is committed to working with the systems to ensure that delivery and LLSAPs are maintained, and they will remain our two top priorities as changes occur at the systems in the coming months. A quick resolution to this funding crisis is not at hand. As you have seen, read and heard in your local media, other organizations all over Illinois are experiencing the same cash flow problems plaguing our systems. We have been told to expect that payments will continue to be significantly delayed in the new fiscal year that begins in July.

We strongly encourage you to continue checking the Comptroller's website for the most current news about payments: <http://www.ioc.state.il.us/>

LIBRARY LEARNING – L2

With the scaling back of services at the North Suburban Library System, the fate of Library Learning (L2), a service supported by NSLS with grant funding from the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library, has been very much in question.

While its function of tracking and recording continuing education activities is important, even more critical is the L2 function that allowed libraries and library systems to supply and edit vital information like address and library name, i.e., indicative information. Accurate indicative information is an integral component to any program or service supported by the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library.

In order to accommodate this critical feature, the Illinois State Library is providing a temporary set of PDFs, located here:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/library_updates.html

Secretary of State IT staff have begun developing a new Internet application which will allow libraries and library systems to enter this information online (similar to what you have done previously via L2). We will keep you abreast of when this new capability will be available.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. If there are any questions, please contact Suzanne Schriar, Associate Director for Library Automation and Technology, sschriar@ilsos.net or 217-785-1533.

IPLAR REMINDER!

For libraries whose fiscal year has ended the public library's IPLAR should be in process (or completed). The web-based IPLAR is accessible at <http://collect.btol.com/>. To access the Bibliostat Collect site, you will need to know your library's user name and password. Your library's user name is your control number and main branch number (00, NOT the letter OO). Your library's password is your password for the main branch.

If you need assistance with your password contact Becky Hunter at hunter@ilsos.net or call 217-782-7849 or 1-800-665-5576 x1.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICTS: U.S. CENSUS INFORMATION

The 2010 U.S. Census is underway. The Illinois State Library has distributed a memorandum to all public library districts requesting their assistance in identifying legal service area boundaries. This data will assist the State Library in calculating population counts using the U.S. Census 2010 data. When the official 2010 Census counts are finalized by the Census Bureau, the State Library will then utilize census and district library data to calculate and ultimately certify all public library populations as well as legal service area boundaries. Once the public library data is finalized, then the State Library will compile, calculate, and certify the regional library systems' legal service areas and populations.

The Illinois State Library uses this data for a number of purposes, including but not limited to: calculating public library per capita grant awards, determining Illinois' served vs. unserved population, reporting Illinois public libraries legal service area populations to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Statistics Cooperative, and calculating each of the Illinois regional library system's legal service area boundaries and populations. This data may also be used by IMLS and the Census Bureau as part of a nationwide project that will geo-map all U.S. libraries.

Library districts with questions should contact: Ron Winner (rwinner@ilsos.net), 217-785-1168.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN & RECIPROCAL BORROWING STATISTICAL SURVEY DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION SEPTEMBER 30

The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan and Reciprocal Borrowing Statistical Survey FY2010 (covering July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010) is available for statistical reporting at <http://collect.btol.com>. If questions, contact Library Development Group at 1-800-665-5576 x1.

The monitoring of the interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing traffic that flows seamlessly from library to library is paramount in measuring and evaluating the: (1) number of requests initiated, filled, and unfilled; (2) methods of requesting as borrowers and lenders; (3) impact of resource sharing options [interlibrary loan and reciprocal borrowing]; (4) effectiveness of statewide delivery; (5) trends that provide directions for addressing statewide needs, initiatives, and programs; and, (6) collaborative efforts of every individual Illinois library as a proactive partner in sharing resources throughout the multitype Illinois library community.

CONSIDER SPONSORSHIP OF AN AUTHOR AT THE SEPTEMBER 28TH - ILLINOIS AUTHORS' DINNER * ILA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 28TH - 30TH, NAVY PIER

The Illinois Authors' Dinner is a great way to honor our local authors. Libraries are encouraged to sponsor an author at this annual event held during the ILA Conference. Authors will receive a complimentary one-day conference registration on Tuesday, September 28, be recognized in the dinner program, and asked to introduce themselves during the event. Each author will host a table during dinner, and up to four seats can be reserved for sponsoring libraries or companies. Authors and libraries that are confirmed by September 7th will be listed in the

conference program book; all authors and libraries will be included in the event program. For sponsorship information, please go to: <http://ila.org/Author%20Dinner%20Registration.pdf>

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Family Reading Night 2010 will take place on **Thursday, November 18**. The theme will be ***Fall Into Reading***. Those who pre-ordered bookmarks and posters will be receiving them in late August. The deadline to order materials was February 12th but requests are still being taken. Just know that orders placed at this point cannot be guaranteed but will be filled until all materials are gone. **To take a look at the 2010 poster and/or download the order form**, go to: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/frn.html

Questions? Contact: Bonnie Matheis @ bmatheis@ilsos.net or 217-558-2065.

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE

Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing program where students in grades 4 – 12 read a book, reflect on it and write a letter to the author letting the author know how the book changed their life or their view of the world. **National winners receive a \$10,000 grant from Target to implement reading programs in their school or public library. National honorable mentions receive \$1,000 for the same.**

Students can enter through their library, school, youth program or individually. The **deadline to enter** the 2011 competition is: **December 10, 2010**. Forms and guidelines will be mailed out in late August.

Additional information about Letters About Literature and previous winners' letters can be found at the Illinois Center for the Book website @ <http://illinoiscenterforthebook.org> or the National Letters About Literature website @ <http://www.lettersaboutliterature.org>.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list or have any questions, please contact: Bonnie Matheis @ bmatheis@ilsos.net or 217-558-2065.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3 – 5	Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative 2010, Pere Marquette, Grafton http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/synergy2010_ann.html
September 2	Illinois State Library Advisory Committee Meeting
September 28 – 30	Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Navy Pier, Chicago
October 28 – 30	Illinois School Library Media Association Conference, Pheasant Run, St. Charles
November 18	Family Reading Night
December 10	Deadline to enter Letters About Literature