

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

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY GRANT PROGRAM

The School District Library Grant Program, the first of its kind in the nation, is designed to help provide more library books and materials for the students of public schools in Illinois. The state legislature has authorized up to a \$.75 per pupil expenditure for qualifying schools. The postmark deadline is November 19, 2010. This grant program and application procedure is described at:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/schoolpercapgrant.html Contact Ron Winner at 217-785-1168 or rwinner@ilsos.net if you have questions.

TRY-IT! ILLINOIS - STATEWIDE DATABASE TRIAL

Available October 1 through November 30, 2010, Try-It! Illinois offers library staff members and customers an opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources at no cost. Partnerships between the Illinois State Library and the participating electronic resource vendors enable ISL to allow libraries access to these databases free for this trial period during Try-It! Illinois. Libraries are encouraged to share the Try-It! Illinois login and password with their library customers, giving them the chance to use and recommend electronic resources for possible local purchase. *Please note: Do not post the Try-It! Illinois login and password on the Internet or in publicly archived electronic newsletters. This limitation is vital to the success of the trial and to maintaining the relationships that have been established with vendors.* Try-It! Illinois is located at www.finditillinois.org/tryit/. The login is medley4u and the password is ILLINET. The login and password are not case sensitive. This program will be most successful if you share the opportunity with library staff members and customers. If you have questions, please contact Gwen Harrison at gharrison@ilsos.net or 217-785-7334

CONSTRUCTION GRANT WORKSHOPS

We anticipate announcing how to apply for FY2011 Live and Learn Construction Grants in October. In the meantime, mark your calendar to attend a Construction Grant workshop:

October 13, LaSalle Public Library, La Salle: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

October 20, Rolling Prairie Library System, Decatur: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

October 27, Videoconference from the ISL, Lewis and Clark Library System, Edwardsville; Lincoln Trail Libraries System, Champaign; and Rolling Prairie Library System, Decatur: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

October 29, Online Web conference via Adobe Pro Connect, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Register at <http://www.librarylearning.info/?month=10&year=2010>

REACHING FORWARD SOUTH CONFERENCE

<http://www.reachingforwardsouth.org/index.shtml>

The 14th annual Reaching Forward South Conference for Library Support Staff, "Spread Your Wings!", is scheduled for October 7-8, 2010, at the Northfield Inn, Springfield. This conference provides continuing education, professional growth, networking opportunities and social interaction for support staff of Illinois libraries.

ADULT LITERACY GRANTS AWARDED

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/literacy/home.html

The Illinois State Library has awarded \$5.85 million in FY11 Adult Literacy Grants to help adult learners to develop and enhance their reading, writing, math and language skills. The Adult Literacy Program is administered by the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library Literacy Office and awarded 171 grants in three categories:

- **Adult Volunteer Literacy Grants** provide instruction to adult learners through the use of trained volunteer tutors.
- **Family Literacy Grants** provide educational services to parents and children to enhance their literacy skills together and separately.

The Workplace Skills Enhancement Grants provide on-site instructional services to the employees of Illinois businesses to enable the employees to increase their literacy or language skills. Secretary White urges persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors to contact the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline at 1-800-321-9511.

VANDELLA BROWN WINS AWARD FROM ILA

ISL Diversity Program Manager Vandella Brown has been selected to receive the 2010 Illinois Library Association Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial/DEMCO Award. The award recognizes sustained activity and contributions having a lasting impact on librarianship and for efforts supporting statewide interlibrary cooperation. Vandella will receive her award at the ILA Annual Conference awards ceremony on Wednesday, September 29 at Navy Pier in Chicago.

WEB JUNCTION SURVEY

Survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VXJQY25>.

Help give direction and priority to what type of materials compose the collection that WebJunction is planning to develop on library technology training resources and assets. These materials will be free to download and reuse. Library staff members are urged to complete a survey of your patron training needs by September 15.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FUNDING AND TECHNOLOGY ACCESS SURVEY

Survey at www.plinternetsurvey.org.

The 2010-2011 Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study survey (PLFTAS) launches Tuesday, September 7th.

LIVE AND LEARN CONSTRUCTION GRANT OFFERINGS COMING SOON

The 2011 Live and Learn Construction Grant Offerings for public libraries will be offered this year. Information regarding the offerings is being developed and will be posted on the State Library web site as soon as they are completed. There will again be offerings in three categories, Accessibility, Mini Grants, and Remodeling/New Construction. Watch the Illinois State Library's newsletter for announcements.

PUBLIC LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANT APPLICATION AVAILABLE

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/equalizationgrant.html

Application deadline: Oct. 15, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – postmarked or hand delivered

The FY2011 Illinois Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Aid Grant application is now available at the Illinois State Library website. Per Capita Grant funding helps public libraries address the needs of their patrons. Libraries count on Per Capita Grants for expenses such as paying for programming, library materials, personnel, equipment, electronic access, telecommunications and technology. Equalization Aid Grants are important because they help public libraries which have a low library tax base, and help ensure a minimum level of funding for library services. For additional information contact Mary Downing at m Downing@ilsos.net or Jeanne Urbanek at jurbanek@ilsos.net.

INTERNET LIBRARIAN 2010 CONFERENCE * INTERNET@SCHOOLS CONFERENCE CONFERENCE DISCOUNT:

<http://www.infoday.com/il2010/>

Deadline to qualify for discount – Sept. 24, 2010

The State Library is pleased to announce a special rate for an upcoming conference for ILLINET member libraries. A discount is being offered to all ILLINET member libraries for the Internet Librarian 2010 Conference, held at the Monterey Conference Center in Monterey, California on October 25-27. A special rate of \$289.00 is available. In addition, discount prices of \$169 on the Internet@Schools Conference (October 25-26) and \$289 for the combo of the Internet Librarian general conference and Internet@Schools Conference is also available. Pre-conference seminars and workshops are not included. To receive a

registration form with special discounted ILLINET member pricing, contact Jill Heffernan at jheffernan@ilsos.net or call 217-557-3386, discount forms must be returned by September 24, 2010.

FAMILY READING NIGHT * NOVEMBER 18, 2010

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

Family Reading Night is a statewide event that encourages families to spend quality time reading together. It is celebrated annually in Illinois on the third Thursday in November. Posters and bookmarks are being shipped across the state to libraries preparing for Family Reading Night celebrations.

ENCOURAGE STUDENT READERS TO ENTER “LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE” CONTEST

<http://illinoiscenterforthebook.org>

Deadline to enter - December 10, 2010

Students in grades 4-12 are encouraged to enter the 2011 “Letters About Literature” contest, a national reading and writing contest sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Illinois Center for the Book in partnership with Target. The program invites 4th - 12th grade students to read a book and write a letter to the author explaining how the book changed their view of the world or themselves. There are three levels of participation - Level I for grades 4, 5 & 6, Level II for grades 7 & 8 and Level III for grades 9 - 12. The deadline to enter is December 10, 2010, and state winners will be announced in April 2011. For more information, contact Bonnie Matheis at 217-558-2065 or bmatheis@ilsos.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| September 28 – 30 | Illinois Library Association Annual Conference, Navy Pier, Chicago http://www.ila.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=97 |
| October 7 - 8 | Reaching Forward South 14th Annual Conference for Library Assistants, Northfield Inn Suites & Conference Center, Springfield. For information: (217) 523-7900 |
| October 7 | ILLINET Network Advisory Council Meeting, Springfield |
| October 25-28 | 2010 Synergy: Illinois Library Leadership Initiative, Lisle |
| October 25-28 | ILEAD U, University of Illinois at Springfield |
| October 28 – 30 | Illinois School Library Media Association Annual Conference, Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. http://www.islma.org |
| November 18 | Family Reading Night |
| December 10 | Deadline to enter Letters about Literature |
