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**FYI: State Finance Act Amendment**

**Please be aware of the following new law:**

<b>Public Act 096-1456</b>	
HB5571 Enrolled	LRB096 17388 RCE 32741 b
AN ACT concerning finance.	
<b>Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:</b>	
Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding Section 9.07 as follows:	
(30 ILCS 105/9.07 new)	
Sec. 9.07. Freeze; promotional expenditures. For a period of 2 years beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, no amounts from the General Revenue Fund may be expended for the following promotional items: calendars, pens, buttons, pins, magnets, and any other similar promotional items. This prohibition applies to expenditures by State agencies and also to expenditures by State grant recipients from grant moneys. Contracts entered into by the State before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly are exempt from the provisions of this Section.	
Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.	

**Effective Date: 8/20/2010**

**2011 ILEAD U Applications Now Available**

Applications are now available to become participants, mentors and/or instructors for next year's ILEAD U sessions. Applications must be postmarked by **November 15th**. The applications are available online from the [ILEAD U website](#).

If you'd like to create a team for ILEAD U but don't have enough team members, or if you are an individual looking for an ILEAD U team to join, there's a group for you. In this group you can discuss your community need and team dynamics. Access the group at:

<http://il.webjunction.org/980/-/resources/overview>

The first cohort of 8 ILEAD U teams met for their final session last week. Visit BlogJunction Illinois for a [summary of ILEAD U Project successes](#) like *Lincoln Lawgs*, *Nibiru* and *Under the Influence* (see next story for more on Under the Influence).

**New Illinois Literacy Newsletter**

The Fall 2010 issue of *Illinois Literacy*, the newsletter of the ISL Literacy Office, is now [online](#).

**Try-It! Illinois Is Underway**

The eleventh annual [Try-It! Illinois](#) statewide database trial is underway and runs through **November 30**. Try-It! Illinois offers library staff and users an excellent opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. Thanks to partnerships between the Illinois State Library and the participating electronic resource vendors, there is no charge for accessing these databases during Try-It! Illinois.

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The login and password to access Try-it! Illinois is available at [www.finditillinois.org/tryit](http://www.finditillinois.org/tryit). Libraries are encouraged to share the Try-It! Illinois login and password with their library users, providing them the opportunity to use and recommend electronic resources for possible purchase at the local level.

Questions: **Contact Gwen Harrison at [gharrison@ilsos.net](mailto:gharrison@ilsos.net) or 217-785-7334. The login and password have also been provided to regional library systems. Do not post the Try-It! Illinois login and password on the Internet or in publicly archived electronic newsletters. This is vital to the success of the trial and to maintaining the relationships that have been established with vendors.**

Thanks to the following vendors who are taking part in Try-it! Illinois 2010:

- ABC-CLIO
- Alexander Street Press
- BioOne
- CABI
- Capstone Publishers
- Chicago Consumers' Checkbook
- CollegeSource Inc.
- CountryReports.org
- CQ Press
- Credo Reference
- Dun & Bradstreet
- EBSCO
- Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.
- Facts on File
- Gale-Cengage Learning
- Geographic Research, Inc.
- H.W. Wilson Co.
- Heritage Microfilm, Inc.
- LearningExpress
- LexisNexis
- Mango Languages
- Marquis Publishing
- Marshall Cavendish Digital
- Mergent Inc.
- Morningstar, Inc.
- Natural Standard
- Naxos of America, Inc.
- netLibrary
- NewsBank
- OCLC FirstSearch
- ORS Publishing
- Oxford University Press
- p4A.com, ltd.
- Paratext
- Plunkett, Ltd.
- ProQuest
- Record Information Services, Inc.
- ReferenceUSA
- Rosen Publishing, Inc
- Scholastic, Inc.
- Standard & Poor's
- Taylor and Francis, LLC
- The World and I Online
- Value Line, Inc.
- Vault, Inc.
- Visual Thesaurus
- World Book, Inc.

**Survey Deadline Extended to November 14**

The deadline to complete the **2010-11 Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study survey** (PLFTAS) has been extended to **November 14**.

The State Library strongly encourages ALL Illinois public libraries to complete this important survey. **Illinois public libraries receiving a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Opportunity Online Hardware Grant MUST complete the survey as a requirement for receiving the grant.** You'll find the survey at [www.plinternetsurvey.org](http://www.plinternetsurvey.org).

**Live and Learn Construction Grant Applications Now Available**

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois State Library are pleased to announce that **FY 2011 Live and Learn Public Library Construction Grant Program** applications and related information are now available from the State Library's [website](#).

Any libraries interested in applying for a Live & Learn Public Library Construction Grant should review the **Program Overview** as their first step in the grant process. The Program Overview will provide important information on the three grant categories: the eligibility rules; the required documentation needed; and a list of pertinent definitions of integral components of the program.

The **Statement of Interest** for those libraries seeking to apply for the grant is due by **December 3, 2010**, and should be submitted via email to **Susan Goodman** at [sgoodman@ilsos.net](mailto:sgoodman@ilsos.net).

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Any questions concerning the program should be directed to either **H. Neil Kelley** at 217-782-1891; [nkelley@ilsos.net](mailto:nkelley@ilsos.net), or **Mark Shaffer** at 217-524-4901; [mshaffer@ilsos.net](mailto:mshaffer@ilsos.net).

**Big Read Contest**

Libraries participating in the *2011 Big Read in Central Illinois* have partnered to present a contest asking individuals to share a story, poem, video or piece of artwork or mixed media that expresses the influence of music in their lives.

The Under the Influence: Music that Inspires Expression Contest is open to individuals ages 13 and older. Contest entries will be accepted until January 7, 2011, and will be narrowed down to the top 12 finalists by a panel of judges from the various libraries. Once the 12 finalists are selected, the public will have the opportunity to vote for their favorites. Finalists can build support for their expression pieces by sending friends and family to the contest website.

Public votes will determine the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place contest winners. Prizes include: 1st place – Flip Video camera; 2nd place – iPod Nano; 3rd place – iPod Shuffle. All of the 12 finalists will be invited to the kickoff event for the Big Read in Central Illinois at the University of Illinois Springfield on February 15, 2011, to accept prizes. Entries from the top three winners will be on display at the event.

Four of the participating libraries are now lending flip video cameras to card-holding individuals that would like to express themselves through this medium. Interested individuals or groups should visit the official contest website for further details.

This contest is inspired by the story of young Mick Kelly in Carson McCullers' *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, the book selection for the 2011 Big Read in Central Illinois. The contest is made possible by a grant issued to the Illinois State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. A full list of events planned for the Big Read in Central Illinois throughout the months of February and March 2011 can be found on the Big Read website at <http://www.neabigread.net/>.

**Read for a Lifetime**

It's shaping up to be another terrific year for *Read for a Lifetime*, the State Library's popular reading program for high school students. If you haven't submitted a participation form yet, you'll find them online at State Library's Read for a Lifetime [website](#).

Please return forms to **Jeanne Urbanek** at the Illinois State Library, Gwendolyn Brooks Bldg., 300 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62701-1796. You can fax the forms to 217-782-1877. Jeanne's email address is [jurbanek@ilsos.net](mailto:jurbanek@ilsos.net).

**Illinois Emerging Writers Competition Winners**

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced the winners of the sixth annual *Illinois Emerging Writers Competition*. The competition was created by White to promote creative writing and encourage Illinois writers, while providing a unique opportunity and outlet for recognizing new literary talent. The Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry award honors the Pulitzer Prize winning former Illinois Poet Laureate. The James Jones Short Story Award honors the Illinois-born author of such classic works as *From Here to Eternity*.

"I am very proud to congratulate these talented writers whose works add to our state's long and rich literary heritage," said White. "These awards are named in honor of two of our state's literary giants—Gwendolyn Brooks and James Jones. Their enormous achievements will inspire readers for generations to come, and I hope the works of this year's winners inspire readers and encourage more poets and short story writers to enrich our lives with their talents."

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This year's winners of the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award are:

1st – **Keli Stewart** of Oak Park for her poem *after birth*

2nd – **Elizabeth Ziglinski** of Marion for her poem *Echoes*

3rd – **Andrew Galligan** of Chicago for his poem *Leaf Dried to Muddy Drain*

Winners of the James Jones Short Story Award are:

1st – **Cristina Carrera** of Summit for her short story *Stray Dogs*

2nd – **Tacuma R. Roeback** of Chicago for his short story *Catharsis/Cox*

3rd – **Janice Croom** of Bloomington for her short story *Twenty-five Years is Silver*

There were 160 entrants for this year's awards. Winners receive cash prizes and have their works submitted for review and possible publication in the Illinois literary magazines, Downstate Story, Ninth Letter, Quiddity, RHINO and Springfield Poets and Writers. The winners will receive their awards at a ceremony on November 18 at the Illinois State Library.

Judging the competition were **Kevin Stein**, the current Illinois Poet Laureate for the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award and **Ray Elliott**, board member and president of The James Jones Literary Society for the James Jones Short Story Award. The winning poems and short stories will be posted at:

<http://illinoiscenterforthebook.org/projects/projectsb.html>.

### **Blue Books Available**

The Illinois Blue Book, published by the Secretary of State's office, is a comprehensive guide to Illinois state government and serves as an historical reference for years to come. The 2009-10 Illinois Blue Book is available by contacting: Secretary of State, Communications Department, 471 Howlett Bldg., Springfield, IL 62756, 217-785-8234.

The Blue Book also is available from the Secretary of State's [website](#). Previous Blue Books also are available upon request.

### **UpComing Events**

- November 11, 25, 26 ISL CLOSED for State of Illinois holidays (Veterans Day, Thanksgiving)
- November 15 ILEAD U applications due
- November 18 [Family Reading Night](#)
- November 18 Illinois Emerging Writers Competition Award Ceremony, ISL
- December 3 Deadline to submit *Statement of Interest* for Live and [Learn Public Library Construction Grant](#)
- December 10 Deadline to enter [Letters About Literature contest](#)