

**Illinois State Library
Consultant's Report
February 2011**

Veterans History Project Update

The Illinois State Library encourages Illinois war veterans of any conflict to join Secretary of State Jesse White's Illinois Veterans History Project. The project is designed to create a permanent record of the names and remembrances of war veterans and civilians who served. To participate, veterans or their family members can complete and return the Illinois Patriot Information Form at <http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/ilvetproject.html>. In addition, any veteran that would like to have an in-person, recorded interview conducted should contact either Suzanne Schriar at 217-785-1533, sschriar@ilsos.net; or Lynda Maddox at 217-524-0044, lmaddox@ilsos.net.

IMPORTANT UPDATE—New Public Library Construction Act Grant Program – on hold

The Public Library Construction Grant Program has been put on hold because of a recent court ruling.

The Live and Learn Construction Grant Program (see below) is NOT affected by the court ruling.

FY2011 Live and Learn Public Library Construction grant applications are due February 18. Application forms are available at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/constructgrant.html. You may apply for a grant even if you did not file a Statement of Interest. For further information, contact H. Neil Kelley at 217-782-1891, nkelley@ilsos.net; or Mark Shaffer at 217-524-4901, mshaffer@ilsos.net.

Adult Literacy Grant Application Available

The application for FY2012 Adult Literacy Grants is now available at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/literacy/adultlit-grantapps.html. There are three separate literacy grant categories:

- Adult Volunteer Literacy Tutoring programs provide one-on-one instruction for adults to improve their reading, math, writing and language skills.
- Family Literacy programs equip parents and their children, together and separately, to improve their basic reading, math, writing or language skills.
- Workplace Skills Enhancement programs provide on-site basic skills learning opportunities at the workplace to meet the educational needs of working adults.

Applications are due **April 15**. ISL Literacy Office staff will hold three Webinars next month to discuss the three grant applications: Scheduled Webinars are:

- Adult Volunteer Literacy, February 16, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
- Family Literacy, February 16, 1 p.m.–2:30 p.m.
- Workplace Skills Enhancement, February 23, 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Registration is required and you may sign up at <http://www.librarylearning.info/?month=2&year=2011>.

Computers in Libraries 2011 Discount

A group discount is being offered to ILLINET member libraries for the Computers in Libraries 2011, to be held at the Hilton Washington in Washington D.C., from March 21 - March 23. A special rate of \$249 is being offered for the three-day event, more than 50 percent off the regular price. In addition, the Internet@Schools East Conference 2011 is running concurrently and is being offered at the discount price of \$109. No discount

rates are available for the pre or post-conference seminars and workshops. For more information, log on to <http://www.infotoday.com/cil2011/> . To receive a registration form with special discounted ILLINET member pricing, contact Jill Heffernan at jheffernan@ilsos.net or call 217-557-3386. To receive the discount, a **completed registration form must be returned to Jill by February 15.**

Illinois Library Association's Latest Luminary – Vandella Brown

Vandella Brown, the Diversity Program Manager at the Illinois State Library, was inducted as an Illinois Library Luminary on Feb. 3, 2011. Luminaries honour those who have made a significant contribution to Illinois libraries. We congratulate Vandella on her work in libraries.

LSTA Grants Awarded 2009 - 2010

Read about the Top 20 LSTA projects at:

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/pdfs/lstaprojects2009-2010.pdf

Illinois Library Association – LSTA Grant

The Illinois Library Association's 2010 Future of Illinois Library Cooperation (FILC) report identifies an action plan developed through the work of several ILA task forces. Five key areas are identified as priorities for cooperation:

1. Delivery of materials between libraries
2. Shared library catalogs - key for sharing resources
3. Group Purchasing - especially important for costly resources such as electronic databases.
4. Library and Professional Development
5. Advocacy and Marketing - a collective voice is far more effective than individual ones in preserving and promoting the value of libraries.

With statewide resource sharing the focal point, research will be conducted this calendar year to explore best practices, beginning with delivery.

The prompt and efficient delivery of materials to our patrons remains the primary concern of Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White. As such, the ILA was awarded a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the Illinois State Library to develop a workable approach to delivery and other priority services identified in the FILC report. ILA will gather information and coordinate efforts to sustain and improve delivery of materials among cooperating libraries statewide. ILA is reaching out to the systems, knowing that several systems have been working toward this same goal, and asked them to share information that they have on delivery.

Diversity Program Planned:

March 24 Empower Library Staff to Meet the Needs of Spanish Speakers at Lewis & Clark Library System, 10 am-3 pm. Registration free on L2.

Black History Month

The Springfield area librarians have been busy planning events to celebrate diversity and cultural awareness. If you are in Springfield, please join us for two programs at the Illinois State Library:

- **February 17** at Noon- 1:00 pm - Diversity Café: Harriet Tubman Re-enactment portrayed by Kathryn Harris, from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. Illinois Authors Room, Illinois State Library.
- **February 24, 2011** 12 noon –1:00 pm - Diversity Café Talk: New Philadelphia: First Biracial Community on the Illinois Frontier. New Philadelphia, IL was incorporated by "Free Frank McWorter in 1836 when slavery was still law. The town stands as a biracial legacy to white and black people working together to build a community on the Illinois prairie. Presented by Mr. Terrance Martin, Curator of Anthropology at the Illinois State Museum, who will discuss the history and new findings. Illinois Authors Room, Illinois State Library. Free Admission.

Upcoming Events

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| Feb. 28– Mar. 3 | ILEAD U, University of Illinois at Springfield |
| April 10–16 | National Library Week |
| April 14 | Illinois State Library Advisory Committee, Videoconference |
| April 15 | Adult Literacy Grant applications deadline |
| April 28 | System Presidents and Directors meeting, Illinois State Library |
| May 16 | Deadline: Reflections on a Veteran essay competition |