

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY  
CONSULTANT'S REPORT  
APRIL 2009**

**LSTA GRANT OFFERINGS**

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what\\_we\\_do/servicestechologygrant.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/servicestechologygrant.html)

Based on the numbers of letters of intent we received prior to the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline, the LSTA grants are going to be very competitive this year. Over \$13 million are being requested on the 640 letters of intent that were submitted. Traditionally \$3.5 million are awarded.

\* 236 *In Sync With Technology* letters of intent requesting \$6,555,056.

\* 244 *READ* letters of intent requesting \$3,415,413.

\* 52 *Digital Imaging* letters of intent requesting \$1,693,571.

\* 108 *Dreamcatcher* letters of intent requesting \$1,619,471.

Full applications are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Karen Egan at kegan@ilsos.net or call 217-782-7749 with any questions.

**IPLAR 2009**

The Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) is accessible at

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats\\_new/iplar2009.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/iplar2009.html).

By law, municipal library's annual reports are due 30 days after the close of their fiscal year and public library district's annual reports are due September 1.

**BIBLIOSTAT CONNECT TRAINING**

The Illinois State Library is pleased to announce the forthcoming availability of Bibliostat Connect and a series of training sessions. Bibliostat Connect is the web-based, user-friendly program that will enable users to manipulate data elements from the Illinois Public Library Annual Reports (IPLAR, 1996-) and the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Statistics (2005-).

The training will specifically target public libraries using the IPLAR and ILLINET ILL statistical data. However, other types of libraries are encouraged to attend in order to discover how to access and utilize this product and data.

Participants will learn how to access Bibliostat Connect, develop an understanding of the web-based software's functionalities, identify methods to create queries in order to obtain desired results, and understand Connect's potential value and benefits related to identified local library needs.

Sessions, which run two and a half hours, are scheduled for:

- ★ Alliance Library System, May 13
- ★ DuPage Library System, June 4
- ★ Chicago Public Library System June 3
- ★ Illinois State Library, May 13
- ★ Lewis and Clark Library System May 12
- ★ Lincoln Trail Libraries System May 14
- ★ Metropolitan Library System June 5

- ★ North Suburban Library System June 4
- ★ Prairie Area Library System June 5
- ★ Rolling Prairie Library System May 14
- ★ Shawnee Library System May 15

Register using L2. Contact Ron Winner for more information: [rwinner@ilsos.net](mailto:rwinner@ilsos.net), 217-785-1168.

### **DIVERSITY PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR MAY**

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. It is celebrated during the first week in May to remember contributions of persons of Pacific Island descent and Asian descent in the United States. In commemoration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month the Illinois State Library will host ***The Exhibition On Hindu Culture and Dharmic Traditions***, May 1-29, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The exhibit is compiled by the organization Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh U.S.A. The exhibit covers many aspects of cultures, inventions, and innovations from India's diaspora.

The Illinois State Library, Diversity Program presents ***"I Am an Indian- American"*** with Asha Chandak from Chennai, a city in South India and the presentation will include a look at heritage, culture, and the role of Hindi women. Asha Chandak's experience includes organization and volunteerism among Indian communities. This program will be held in the Illinois Authors Room on May 28, 2009 from 12:00 noon to

### **SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY GRANT**

Grant payments are in process for this grant program.

### **INSIGHT**

The March/April edition of [Insight](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/insight_030409.pdf), the State Library's bi-monthly newsletter, is accessible at [http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf\\_publications/insight\\_030409.pdf](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/insight_030409.pdf)

### **ON THE FRONT LINES (OTFL)**

Some of the workshop materials from the recent OTFL Conference are accessible on WebJunction Illinois at <http://il.webjunction.org/il-otfl/resources/bparticles>.

Mark your calendars now--the next "On the Front Lines" is set for March 15-17, 2010!

### **LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE WINNERS**

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has announced that students from Glen Ellyn, Northbrook and Petersburg have been selected as Illinois winners of the annual "Letters About Literature" contest presented by The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target Stores and sponsored by the Illinois Center for the Book.

The "Letters About Literature" contest is a national reading and writing contest for students in grades 4-12. Participants read a book and write a personal letter to an author, explaining how the book changed their views of the world or themselves. Students may select authors, living or deceased, from any genre--fiction or nonfiction, contemporary or classic. The Illinois Center for the Book appointed judges who selected

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the top essayists on three competition levels.

This year's winners are:

\* Competition Level I, Grades 4-6, Julia Ilhardt of Glen Ellyn for her letter to author Nancy Farmer about her book *A Girl Named Disaster*. Julia attends Avery Coonley School in Downers Grove.

\* Competition Level II, Grades 7-8, Rachel Baruck of Northbrook for her letter to Jay Asher about the book *Thirteen Reasons Why*. Rachel attends Maple School in Northbrook.

\* Competition Level III, Grades 9-12, Eryca Campbell of Petersburg for her letter to Cherie Bennett about her book *Life in the Fat Lane*. Eryca attends PORTA High School in Petersburg.

## **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

Celebrate National Library Week, April 13 – 19, 2009!

### **REMINDERS ...**

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## **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

### **2009**

April 15	Adult Literacy Grant applications due
April 23	Illinois Library Day, Springfield
April 24	Library System Standards Committee, IL State Library
April 29	System Directors & Presidents, IL State Library
May 1	LSTA applications due
May 31 - June 5	Small Public Library Management Institute, University of Illinois at Springfield
June 7 – 12	Institute for School & Public Librarians, Bradley University, Peoria
July 9 – 15	American Library Association Conference, Chicago
June 19	IL OCLC Users Group Annual Meeting, St. Xavier
October 6 – 9	Illinois Library Association Conference, Peoria
October 29 – 31	Illinois School Library Media Association Conference, Springfield

### **2010**

March 15 – 17	On the Front Lines, Springfield
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