

Illinois State Library Consultant's Report May, 2010

IPLAR REMINDER!

For libraries whose fiscal year has ended (December 2009 or January-February-March 2010) your IPLAR should be in process (or completed). The web-based IPLAR is accessible at [http://collect.btol.com/\(S\(bqqnkb453tvhus45ss2ddd55\)\)/Login.aspx](http://collect.btol.com/(S(bqqnkb453tvhus45ss2ddd55))/Login.aspx). 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.

ILLINOIS EMERGING WRITERS COMPETITION

The sixth annual Illinois Emerging Writers Competition is currently underway. The contest promotes creative writing, encourages local writers, and provides a unique opportunity for recognizing new literary talent in the state and offers two divisions - Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award and James Jones Short Story Award.

The competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over. All entries must be original and unpublished. Cash prizes will be awarded for the winning entries: \$500-first place, \$300-second place and \$100-third place. Winning entries are also submitted for possible publication in *Ninth Letter*, *RHINO*, *Springfield Poets and Writers*, and *Quiddity* magazines.

Kevin Stein, the Illinois Poet Laureate, is the final judge of the Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Award and Kaylie Jones, the accomplished writer and daughter of James Jones is the final judges of the James Jones Short Story Award.

There is a \$20 entry fee per submission. The entry deadline is June 30, 2010. Downloadable forms and guidelines can be found on the Illinois Center for the Book Website at <http://illinoiscenterforthebook.org>. The Illinois Emerging Writers Competition is a program of the Illinois Center for the Book and the Illinois State Library. Please feel free to contact Bonnie Matheis, the Coordinator of the Illinois Center for the Book, at bmatheis@ilsos.net with any questions.

A FEW MORE SPLMI SPOTS AVAILABLE

The State Library's Small Public Library Management Institute (SPLMI) is fast approaching, and we're pleased to report that we still have a few spots available if you'd like to attend this highly acclaimed weeklong event. Contact Mary Downing m Downing@ilsos.net or call Mary at 217-782-5506.

NEW CONTACT LIST/STAFF DIRECTORY

We recently announced some lateral staff changes at the ISL, and have updated our website contact list at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/pdfs/libstaff_byduties.pdf and our staff directory at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/who_we_are/libstaff.html to reflect the changes.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN AND RECIPROCAL BORROWING STATISTICAL SURVEY

The ILLINET Interlibrary Loan and Reciprocal Borrowing Statistical Survey FY2010 (July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010) is available for statistical reporting. The Survey is accessible [here](#). A printable, working copy of the survey and the instructions are accessible under the Instructions tab. The deadline for submission is September 30, 2010. Please take a few minutes and provide a data snapshot of your library's interlibrary loan and, if applicable, reciprocal borrowing activity. If you have questions, follow these guidelines:

- Username/Password--Contact [Becky Hunter](#) (217-782-7849); [Gwen Harrison](#) (217-785-7334); or [Ron Winner](#) (217-785-1168). The 800 number is 1-800-665-5576 x1
- Content/Subject Matter--Contact Gwen Harrison or Ron Winner
- Software or Technology Issues--Contact Bibliostat at 1-866-785-9935

SPOTLIGHT AWARD WINNERS

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois Press Association hosted a ceremony at the State Library Wednesday to announce the winners of the annual Spotlight on Achievement and Spotlight on Service awards recognizing outstanding literacy students and volunteer tutors in Illinois.

Twelve students were honored for outstanding achievement in developing and improving their literacy skills. Those students are Breanna Anderson, Peoria County Superintendent/Project U.P.W.A.R.D., Patricia Arvizu-Rico, DeLaSalle/Tolton Center, Chicago, Rosemary Bielarz, Township High School District 214 Community Education, Arlington Heights, Kim Cash, Frontier Community College, Fairfield, Alma Kidd, Common Place, Peoria, Jose Maldonado, Anixter Center, Chicago, Francisco Nunez, Morton College, Cicero, Willie Pearl Richardson, Tolton Adult Education Center, Chicago, Carinna, Victor and Alan Tello, District 214 Community Education, Arlington Heights, and Teresa Wallace, Southwestern Illinois College-Cahokia Even Start, Cahokia. The winners received a \$200 check from the Illinois Press Foundation, a plaque presented by Secretary White and a personalized Illinois Blue Book.

Ten outstanding tutors were honored for their contributions in helping literacy students reach their goals. Those tutors are Carolyn Day, Southwestern Illinois College, Belleville, Glenn Fanter, Spoon River College, Canton, Yolanda Higgins, Literacy Volunteers of America, Project U.P.W.A.R.D., Peoria, Diana Howard, YWCA Adult Literacy, Pekin, Lynne Leonard, Township High School District 214 Community Education, Arlington Heights, Kathy Lyons, Congregation of St. Joseph/School on Wheels, LaGrange Park, Nicholas Roessler, Anixter Center, Chicago, Kathleen Sayles, YWCA Adult Literacy, Pekin, Bonnie Schukai, Lawrence Education Center, Springfield, Oneita "Nita" Volz, Common Place Family Learning Center, Peoria.

Students and tutors are nominated from among the 238 local providers who receive literacy grant funding from the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library Literacy Office. Last year adult literacy programs that received grant funding provided educational services to 22,725 adult students. 8,797 volunteer tutors statewide gave nearly 774,000 hours of time to help students develop and enhance their reading, writing, math and language skills. Persons interested in becoming volunteer tutors are urged to contact the Illinois Adult Learning Hotline at 1-800-321-9511.

PENNY SEVERNS GRANTS

Secretary White this week awarded Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy grants totaling \$201,000 to 45 Illinois public libraries to provide important literacy services this summer.

"These grants are intended to improve the basic reading, math, writing or language skills of parents and children during the summer months when many educational programs may be closed," White said.

"Services include reading programs and interactive, reciprocal learning experiences that parents and children participate in together.

This year marked the first time grants were available only to public libraries. The applying libraries were participants in a pilot program that is designed to eventually make all Illinois State Library grant applications online only applications.

FIND-A-BOOK

Many libraries are about ready to launch local summer reading programs. The iREAD Summer Reading Program offered through the Illinois Library Association remains one of the best ways to engage young people in summer reading.

Secretary White, together with the Illinois State Board of Education, is also urging libraries to promote summer reading through the Find-a-Book website. The website provides quick and easy access to a list of books that will match a student's reading level and interests, as well as the nearest libraries. carrying each title. Learn more at

http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/pdfs/findabook.pdf

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 6-11 [Small Public Library Management Institute \(SPLMI\)](#), UIS

June 13-18 [Institute for School and Public Librarians](#), Bradley University, Peoria

June 15-17 ILEAD U, <http://il.webjunction.org/il-ileadu/> University of Illinois at Springfield

June 30 Deadline to enter [Illinois Emerging Writers Competition](#)