

**CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
PROPOSED AGENDA FOR 9/13/2023
7:00 PM**

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. TRUSTEE UPDATE**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT**
- 6. FY2023 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT SUBMITTED**
- 7. BILLS AND INVOICES**
- 8. COMMUNICATIONS – Illinois Heartland Library System**
- 9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - A. Village Board Meeting**
- 10. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. LIBRARY REPORT – Tia Varns**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**
 - A. Next Tentative Meeting Date October 11, 2023**

CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
 NUMBERS YOU NEED TO KNOW 2023-2024
 Fiscal Year 05/01 to 04/30

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CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
8/9/2023

1. Welcome

2. ROLL CALL:

Board Members: Sara Faulkner, Julie Kolosky, Nicole Brough, Carol Leclair, and Vicky Shell were present at the 8/9/2023 Clifton Library Board meeting, called to order at 7:05 pm. Tia Varns, Head Library Clerk and Liz Wauthier were also present.

3. Trustee Update: Sue Schafroth gave her notice of resignation from the Clifton Library Board, effective immediately.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Meeting minutes from May 10, 2023 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Julie, seconded by Carol. Minutes were approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT:

	<u>May 31, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>July 31, 2023</u>
CD	\$14,292.28	\$14,416.74	\$14,416.74
Savings	\$62,379.63	\$53,386.25	\$52,392.92
Checking	\$1,919.85	\$9,788.65	\$5,382.76
Cash Drawer	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00

Carol made a motion to approve the treasurers report, seconded by Nicole. All approved.

6. FY 2023 Profit and Loss Vs. Actual:

Reviewed report.

7. BILLS AND INVOICES:

CloudLibrary (Share membership fee) \$375.00
Share Membership Fee \$1300.00
OCLC Worldshare (OCLC Cloud Subscription \$255.81
SHARE Bib Services Fee (Bibleotecka) \$250.00
RAILS Overdrive (Rails) \$197.69
Amazon (Prime) \$139.00
Donovan Trust, used on Amazon for patron computers and accessories \$1499.47
Target \$4.75 (m&m's for summer reading program)
Postage \$11.73 (Return to Worldshare)
Walmart \$1.87 (envelopes)
Total \$4,035.32

Motion to approve the bills by Julie, seconded by Carol, all approved.

8. Communications:

Illinois Heartland Library System newsletter sent out via email prior to meeting

9. Unfinished Business:

Village Board Meeting: No information to share.

10. New Business:

Library Report – Tia Varns

Discussion of procedures for possible challenges to books carried by the library. Book ban.

Censorship Guide.

FOIA and open meeting act training needs to be done by remaining trustees

Sexual harassment training done by end of year by each trustee

Lavina Young Grant Received for \$1000.00

Mobile DMV coming to Clifton in November, signups available, will advertise in newsletter and newspaper. Minimum of 40 participants.

August 18th, at 5:30, pizza party for Summer Reading Program at Community program. Making own pizzas since Summer reading was cooking themed.

Motion to approve the Library Report by Carol, seconded by Julie, all approved.

11. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm, moved to adjourn by Nicole, seconded by Carol. Approved. The next meeting is September 13, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nicole Brough, Secretary



IHLS **MEMBER** **CONNECTION**

news for the libraries of Illinois Heartland Library System

Aug. 30, 2023



Digital Equity Grant Info Page

[One Way Your Library Can Help Close the Digital Divide!](#)

Digital literacy and access to a quality internet connection are **key to community health and growth**. The lack of such skills and access is **[most common in rural and economically disadvantaged communities](#)**—a phenomenon known as the digital divide.

Any library—especially small & rural ones—can help bridge that divide. See our new **Digital Equity Grants Info Page** to learn about one way **your library can become a force for digital equity!**

[See the Digital Equity Info Page](#)

Jump To:

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New HR Source Membership Grant! A Pilot Program from IHLS

Are you struggling with the intricacies of employment law or overwhelmed by the challenges of recruiting and retaining staff? Then, consider applying for our **HR Source Membership Grant**, a new pilot grant program to help meet **IHLS public libraries'** HR support needs.

[Learn More & Apply for the Grant](#)



Save the Date: IHLS 2023 Annual Meeting
Oct. 31, IHLS Edwardsville



Connect with
Illinois library
colleagues and
IHLS on LinkedIn!

WELCOME!

Welcome to the following
new library directors:

Molly Carruthers
Director, St. Elmo Public
Library

Ellen Gurski
Librarian, Porta High
School

Beth Raymond
Librarian, Chebanse
Elementary School

Kelsey Smith

3 p.m. Celebration

5 p.m. Board Meeting

Save the date and join us for our 2023 system annual meeting! We'll have a social hour and light refreshments followed by a board meeting.



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Librarian, Whiteside
Middle School

Holli Vanhovel
Head Librarian, Donovan
School

Jackie Keck
Director, Caseyville Public
Library District

Laura Ford
Librarian, St. Joseph
CCSD #169

Mallory Crouse
Librarian, Selmaville
School

Did we miss you? [Let us know](#), and we'll put you in our next newsletter!

IHLS Events

**Each Third Thursday
of the Month**

**Online & in Person
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Join us in person at rolling locations or online for CE from a guest speaker discussing relevant topics in the library community.

**Sept. 20 - The Workforce
Readiness Toolkit**
Speaker: AISLE Southern

We offer a competitive benefits package and a great work-life balance that is part of our company culture.

[View the IHLS & Library Job Board](#)

Advocacy

Support the Right to Read Act

The American Library Association is asking library supporters to help advocate for the [Right to Read Act](#). This act will:

- Ensure that every child has access to school libraries staffed by a certified school librarian
- Establish legal protections for teachers and librarians performing their duties

Send a message to your Congressperson through the link below!

[Support the Right to Read Act](#)

Cataloging Maintenance Center



**Cataloging Maintenance Center
Announces 2023-2024 Webinars**

*Illinois Librarians Together
Chapter*



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Aug. 31; Sept. 7, 14

Make sure you're subscribed to our "IHLS Networking, Special Interest Groups, and Social Hours" emails to receive the weekly links.

Learn the nuances of cataloging and collection discoverability in 20 minutes when you attend the Cataloging Maintenance Center's *Online with the CMC*. These brief webinars cover a different cataloging special topic each month. A 40-minute Q&A session follows each presentation.

[A Quest to Cataloging Board Games](#)

Sept. 14

[Stump the CMC](#)

Oct. 12

[Constructing Our Past: Cataloging Blueprints](#)

Nov. 9

[A Place for Everything: Digital File Organization](#)

Dec. 14

[Explore Webinars](#)

[Asynchronous Cataloging Courses](#)

For seasoned librarians interested in exploring new avenues in metadata, and those looking to learn the fundamentals of cataloging, the Cataloging Maintenance Center provides more in-depth cataloging training for library workers across the state of Illinois. **Courses are asynchronous and free to all Illinois library workers!**

[Cataloging Basics](#)

Sept. 11–Oct. 22

[Focus on Serials Cataloging](#)

Oct. 30–Nov. 12

[Focus on Deriving a Record](#)

Nov. 13–24

[Focus on Cataloging Binge Boxes](#)

Dec. 4–17

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Grants

New Grant Opportunities

[Mobile Beacon – Wi-Fly Lending Launch Kit](#)

Deadline: Sept. 30, 2023

Become a Mobile Beacon pilot site and receive a kit including 25 donated mobile hotspots; 12 months free, unlimited Mobile Beacon service; and 25 donated laptops.

[CLIR – Digitizing Hidden Collections: Amplifying Unheard Voices Grants](#)

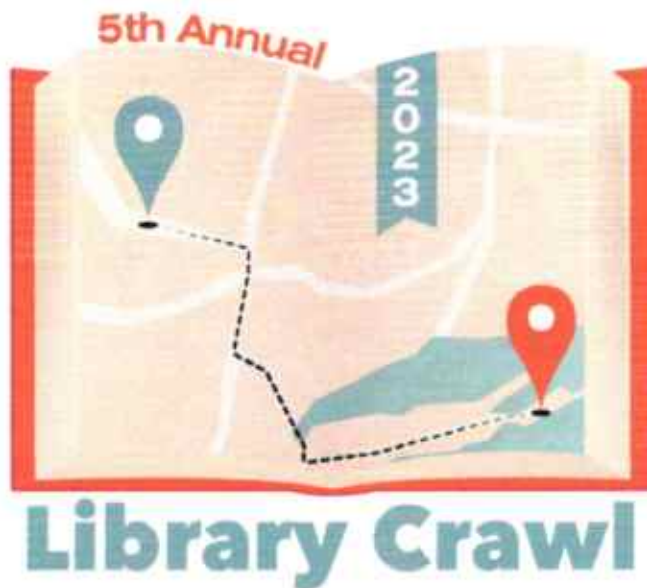
Deadline: Nov. 1, 2023

This grant supports efforts to digitize materials that deepen public understanding of the histories of people of color and other marginalized populations.

[Wish You Well Foundation – Adult Literacy Grant](#)

Explore Courses

Partnerships



NEW! Commemorative Enamel Pins You Can Sell at Your Library

Orders due no later than 4 p.m. on Sept. 5

For this fifth year of the Library Crawl, we are excited to announce the creation of **a commemorative enamel pin!** This high-quality pin features the 2023 Library Crawl logo and is made of die-struck and slightly raised metal filled with colorful enamel.

These pins are [available for libraries to order](#) now through 4 p.m. on Sept. 5 as part of a group purchase. Your library may choose to purchase any number of pins (or none) to gift or to sell to your Library Crawl participants as a fundraiser—your choice!

[Order Library Crawl Pins Now](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

The Wish You Well Foundation reviews donation requests with various funding needs. Most requests range from \$200 to \$10,000.



UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

Aug. 31, 2023

[SAFE K-12 Teacher Education Grants](#)

Sept. 1, 2023

[Lois Lensky Covey Foundation – Bookmobile Grants](#)
[The Chisholm Foundation Grants](#)

Sept. 5, 2023

[FRS Community Grants](#)

Sept. 8, 2023

[Thinking Money for Kids Program Kits](#)

Sept. 15, 2023

[NEA: Learning & Leadership Grants](#)

Sept. 20, 2023

[Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grants](#)

Sept. 30, 2023



Get Ready for the Crawl with Logos and Other Resources

Event Date: Oct. 1–31, 2023

The Annual Library Crawl is a unique event organized by the public libraries of IHLS as a fun way to introduce library patrons to other libraries in the area. Participants visit multiple destinations throughout the crawl and get a passport stamp for each library they visit. Is your library a stop on the crawl? Find promotional logos on the Library Crawl webpage, hosted by IHLS.

[Learn More About the Library Crawl](#)

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Celebrate National Voter Registration Day

Sept. 19, 2023

Sign your library up to partner with EveryLibrary in celebrating National Voter Registration Day this year. Partners can receive free stickers and posters, customized resources, and assistance in planning their celebration of the holiday.

[Be a Voter Registration Day Partner](#)

The Illinois School Library Workers Symposium

Sept. 20, 2023

[I Love My Librarian Awards](#)

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Nov. 10, 2023

[Max & Victoria Dreyfuss Foundation Grants](#)

Dec. 31, 2023

[T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#)

[View Our Grants Database](#)

Earn PDH credit!

The Illinois School Library Workers Symposium is designed for individuals who are working in school libraries with no formal library education, certified or non-certified, paraprofessionals, and those considering getting a school library endorsement.

Application Deadline Today! (Aug. 30, 2023)

Cost: Free

[Learn More & Register for the Symposium](#)



Telling Libraries' Stories of Impact on Communities

Recent additions to the *My Library Is...* blog:

- [My Library Is... A Place We Can See Ourselves, Each Other, and the World](#)
- [My Library is... GLaMorous](#)
- [My Library Is... Showcasing Local Artwork](#)
- [My Library Is... Their Future. As It Should Be](#)

Think you have an idea for a topic or know a writer for the [My Library Is... blog](#)? [Contact Us](#).

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More Continuing Education

Free Third-Party Webinars

[Selected & Upcoming](#)

[Future-Proof Your Library](#)

Sept. 6, 1 p.m.

[Shopping with Purpose: How to Create Retail / Nonprofit Partnerships Post AmazonSmile](#)

Sept. 13, 11 a.m.

[Career Challenges & Experiences for Mid-Career/New Archivists and Librarians of Color](#)

Sept. 18, 1 p.m.

[Transforming Libraries Through Trauma-Informed Services](#)

Sept. 20, 1 p.m.

[Building Resilience in Harm Reduction](#)

Sept. 26, 1 p.m.

Find more on our website with our
NEW Library Learning Roundup!

[See the September Roundup](#)

Have suggestions, ideas, or questions about Continuing Education? Contact [Kate Kite, Continuing Education Coordinator Liaison](#), [618.474.9948](tel:618.474.9948).

Conferences

[Association of Rural & Small Libraries Annual Conference](#)

Sept. 20–23, 2023; Wichita, Kan.

[Association of Illinois School Library Educators Annual Conference](#)

Oct. 1–3, 2023; Champaign, Ill.

[Internet Librarian Connect 2023](#)

Oct. 16–19, 2023; virtual

[Illinois Library Association Annual Conference](#)

Oct. 24–26, 2023; Springfield, Ill.

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Details

Virtual passes are \$199 for ILLINET members; workshops are not included. There are two discount codes—one for group registration and one for solo registration.

Solo: ILLI23-SINGLE

Group: ILLI23-TEAM

[Register for Internet Librarian 2023](#)

Member News



**Congratulations to IHLS Graduates of DU
Class of 2023!**

Thirteen library directors from IHLS attended the seventh annual Director's University (DU) Aug. 1-3. DU prepares first-time Illinois public library directors and those new to Illinois for their new executive roles regardless of their library size. Please join us in congratulating this year's DU graduates from IHLS libraries!

- Celi Boylan, Paris Carnegie PL
- Logan Braddock, Olney PL
- Mary Cordes, Hayner PLD
- Cole Daniel, Gilman-Danforth Library
- Nicole Inboden, Norris City Memorial PLD
- Jamie Joost, Red Bud PL
- Gayle Lane, Carmi PL
- Angelina Mabrey, Du Quoin PL
- Vicki Obermann, New Baden PL
- Crystal Parini, Zeigler PL
- Julie Robbins, Shawneetown PL
- Jennifer Robertson, Carbondale PL
- Allison Wakefield, Ogden Rose Library

Quick Links

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Have News to Share?

Share your organization's news with IHLS and you may see it in a future newsletter!
Send submissions to communications@illinoisheartland.org



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Aug. 16, 2023



Find these designs & more at

the iHLSstore
ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM

Proceeds fund a marketing micro-grant for
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We Want YOU to Apply for the State's DECK Grant!

A Great Opportunity for Libraries of All Sizes!

IHLS encourages public libraries to apply for the [Digital Equity Capacity Kickstarter \(DECK\) grant](#) offered by the Illinois Office of Broadband (IOB).

The grant will fund projects and initiatives that support device access and digital skill building, broadband adoption, and use. For libraries, this means community technology centers (offering devices like [public access computers](#), [mobile hotspots](#), Chromebooks, etc.) or [digital literacy education](#) and [outreach programming](#).

These projects are scalable, and IHLS's Membership Coordinators can provide expert consultation on grant writing. So, even small libraries can—and should—apply! In fact, the DECK program has specific funds available to help public libraries provide [Affordable Connectivity Program](#) outreach and community technology centers.

Applications will be accepted past the new Sept. 1 deadline until funds are depleted.

[Learn More & Apply for the Grant!](#)

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School

Chad Reno

Library Coordinator, Villa Grove CUSD #302

Sue Thompson

Librarian, Bement High School

Jared Lofrano

Librarian, Mahomet-Seymour High School

Erica Henry

Library Aide, Salt Fork High School

Heather Bollmeier

Librarian, Marissa High School

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Delivery

We Need Your Extra Tubs

Please return any **extra tubs or bags that you have** by sending them with your IHLS Delivery driver. **We're missing around 70%** of some types of bags and bins, and we must have these back **in order to continue serving you.**



Back to School, Back to Delivery

We hope all of our school library staff had a great summer! Now is the time of year when IHLS delivery to school libraries starts again: **school delivery will begin on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023.** Here's how you can ensure you're ready:

[Get your extra tubs & bags ready!](#)

Aug. 17 - Paid Leave for All Workers (PLAW) Act
Speaker: Attorney-at-Law Karen Milner



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Please put back into circulation any extra tubs or bags that you may have from the previous year.

Submit your Delivery Help Desk Tickets

You'll use these to **inform IHLS Delivery of your library's school year closing dates** and to halt delivery for unplanned closures. You can also use the form to **schedule a different delivery start date**. [Learn how on our website!](#)

Reach out if you need to!

If you have any questions, please [contact your delivery hub manager/coordinator](#).

[Learn How to Use the Delivery Help Desk](#)

IHLS Has a New Delivery & Facilities Director!

The Delivery & Facilities Department at Illinois Heartland Library System will soon have a new director with a familiar face. Join us in congratulating **Colleen Dettenmeier** on her transition from Senior Accountant to Delivery & Facilities Director!

[Learn More About Colleen](#)

Continuing Education

receive the weekly links.

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Back-to-School Events

B2S Library

Networking Session

Aug. 17, 1 p.m.

Join us at the Lakeland Community College Library for casual networking and discussions about school library issues. All librarians are welcome.

[Back-to-School Library Networking Session](#)

B2S Informational Meeting for School Librarians

Aug. 24, 3:30 p.m.

Join IHLS Schools Liaison Leah Gregory and other IHLS staff for this online information session.

[Back-to-School Informational Meeting for School Librarians](#)

[View All IHLS Events](#)



It's Not Selfish; It's Self-Care

A Library HR Webinar by Uprise Health

Aug. 14, 10 a.m.

Self-care often gets pushed to the back burner. We might feel selfish taking time for ourselves. Or, we might struggle to find the time. But in today's wireless world, where we are constantly responding to others, making time for self-care is a key component to managing stress and remaining resilient. During this interactive session, you'll learn strategies for building up your self-care reserve and how to say "no" without guilt.

*Organized by IHLS
and led by the experts at Uprise Health*

[Register for It's Self-Care](#)



New Notary Laws in Effect for Illinois

What We Know So Far

On June 5, 2023, the Illinois Secretary of State adopted administrative rules originating in [SB 2664](#), which greatly impacts the way notaries are commissioned and notarizations are conducted. This law also affects all libraries that provide notary services. [Learn more on our SB 2664 Info Page!](#)

Grants

New Grant Opportunities

[NEA: Learning & Leadership Grants](#)

Deadline: Sept. 15, 2023

These grants are intended to provide resources for educators hoping to engage in professional learning that can be implemented in their classrooms.

[Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grants](#)

Deadline: Sept. 20, 2023

These grants support the training and professional development of library and archives professionals; developing faculty and information leaders; and recruiting, educating, and retaining the next generation of library and archives professionals.

[I Love My Librarian Awards](#)

Deadline: Sept. 30, 2023

Patrons are invited to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional public, school, and academic librarians for a cash award of up to \$5,000.

Advocacy



Fight Censorship by Joining a Regional Response Team

Recruitment throughout summer, service launch in 2023.

Are you passionate about intellectual freedom and the freedom to read? IHLS and other Illinois library support organizations are **seeking volunteers** for a **network of regional response teams** to **assist libraries facing censorship**. Sign up to help write letters, attend board meetings, advise staff, compose op-eds, research challenged materials, and more!

Send questions to RRTeam@ila.org.

Join a Regional Response Team



[T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#)

Deadlines: Sept. 30, 2023; Dec. 31, 2023
(Quarterly)

This program funds projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in your town.

[Digital Equity Capacity Kickstarter Grant Program](#)

Applications accepted until funds are depleted.

The Illinois Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity will fund proposals that promote specific digital equity outcomes.

[Believe in Reading](#)

Deadline: Ongoing

This program targets successful literacy programs which serve populations with out-of-the-ordinary needs, such as geographic areas with low reading scores and high poverty levels.



Gov. Pritzker Has Signed HB 2789 into Law!

The bill takes effect on Jan. 1, 2024!

In support of Illinois libraries and Illinoisans' freedom to read, Sec. Giannoulas drafted House Bill 2789, requiring many Illinois libraries to have an anti-censorship policy. Gov. Pritzker signed the bill into law on June 14!

Read about the law and what it means for your library on our information page!

[Learn More About HB 2789](#)

Cataloging Maintenance Center



“What Is This?”: CMC Catalogs, Detective Division

In the latest CMC Catalogs article, Cataloger Barb Scoby shares her techniques for identifying mystery items and some descriptions of cases she's cracked.

[Learn more in the latest CMC Catalogs article!](#)

Cataloging Maintenance Center Announces 2023-2024 Webinars

Learn the nuances of cataloging and collection discoverability in 20 minutes when you attend the Cataloging Maintenance Center's *Online with the CMC*.

UPCOMING GRANT DEADLINES

Aug. 18, 2023

[LOC: Community Collections Grants](#)

Aug. 31, 2023

[SAFE K-12 Teacher Education Grants](#)

Sept. 1, 2023

[Lois Lensky Covey Foundation – Bookmobile Grants](#)
[The Chisholm Foundation Grants](#)

Sept. 5, 2023

[FRS Community Grants](#)

Sept. 8, 2023

[Thinking Money for Kids Program Kits](#)

Sept. 15, 2023

[NEA: Learning & Leadership Grants](#)

Sept. 20, 2023

[Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grants](#)

Sept. 30, 2023

[I Love My Librarian Awards](#)
[T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#)

Oct. 14, 2023

[Americans and the Holocaust: Traveling Exhibition Grants](#)

These brief webinars cover a different cataloging special topic each month. A 40-minute Q&A session follows each presentation.

[A Quest to Cataloging Board Games](#)

Sept. 14

[Stump the CMC](#)

Oct. 12

[Constructing Our Past: Cataloging Blueprints](#)

Nov. 9

[A Place for Everything: Digital File Organization](#)

Dec. 14

[Explore Webinars](#)

Nov. 10, 2023

[Max & Victoria Dreyfuss](#)

[Foundation Grants](#)

Dec. 31, 2023

[T-Mobile Hometown Grants](#)

[View Our Grants Database](#)

[Asynchronous Cataloging Courses](#)

For seasoned librarians interested in exploring new avenues in metadata, and those looking to learn the fundamentals of cataloging, the Cataloging Maintenance Center provides more in-depth cataloging training for library workers across the state of Illinois. **Courses are asynchronous and free to all Illinois library workers!**

[Cataloging Basics](#)

Sept. 11–Oct. 22

[Focus on Serials Cataloging](#)

Oct. 30–Nov. 12

[Focus on Deriving a Record](#)

Nov. 13–24

[Focus on Cataloging Binge Boxes](#)

Dec. 4–17

[Explore Courses](#)

Partnerships



Sign up for the Fifth Annual Library Crawl

Register Your Library by Aug. 22, 2023

Event date: Oct. 1–31, 2023

The Annual Library Crawl is a unique event organized by the public libraries of IHLS as a fun way to introduce library patrons to other libraries in the area. Participants visit multiple destinations throughout the crawl and get a passport stamp for each library they visit. Some patrons have tried to visit every library in the crawl!

Do you want your library to be a stop on the crawl?

[Learn More & Register Your Library](#)

This event is organized and led by library staff members, and IHLS cannot answer questions about the crawl. However, we encourage our public library members to participate!

Sign up to Co-Host a Banned Books

Zoom Panel

Event Date: Oct. 2, 2023

Cost: Free!

The Vernon Area Public Library District is seeking co-hosts to help promote their **Banned Books Week** panel with **Secretary of State Alexi Giannoullas** and **RAILS Executive Director Monica Harris**.

Co-hosts will receive a Zoom link and promotional materials. Participating libraries must **promote the event to their communities by Aug. 18**.

Contact [Ashley Johnson or Roz Topolski](#) for more information.

[Sign up to Co-host the Panel](#)

Help Discover the Next Soon-to-Be Famous Illinois Authors

Want to help discover the next famous Illinois author? The Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author Project is recruiting judges to evaluate works for the Illinois Author Project and the Manuscript Project.

[Learn More & Sign up to Judge](#)

Celebrate National Voter Registration Day Sept. 19, 2023

Sign your library up to partner with EveryLibrary in celebrating National Voter Registration Day this year. Partners can receive free stickers and posters, customized resources, and assistance in planning their celebration of the holiday.

[Be a Voter Registration Day Partner](#)

The Illinois School Library Workers Symposium

[Sept. 20, 2023](#)

[Earn PDH credit!](#)

The Illinois School Library Workers Symposium is designed for individuals who are working in school libraries with no formal library education, certified or non-

certified, paraprofessionals, and those considering getting a school library endorsement.

Application Deadline: Aug. 30, 2023

Cost: Free

[Learn More & Register for the Symposium](#)



Telling Libraries' Stories of Impact on Communities

Recent additions to the *My Library Is...* blog:

- [My Library Is... GLaMorous](#)
- [My Library Is... Showcasing Local Artwork](#)
- [My Library Is... Their Future, As It Should Be](#)
- [My Library Is... Hosting the Violins of Hope Exhibit](#)

Think you have an idea for a topic or know a writer for the [My Library Is... blog](#)? [Contact Us](#).

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More Continuing Education

Free Third-Party Webinars

Selected & Upcoming

[Libraries Helping Refugees and New Immigrants](#)
[Learn the U.S. Financial System](#)

Aug. 22, 2 p.m.

[Gossip Be Gone! Strategies for Building Positive Strengths-Based Teams](#), by Susan MacDonald

Aug. 23, 1 p.m.

[Reducing Burnout for Academic Library Workers who](#)

[have Complicated Lives \(AKA: Everybody\)](#)

Aug. 30, 1 p.m.

[Get off the Fundraising Treadmill: Thinking Outside the Box to Raise More for Your Cause](#)

Aug. 31, 12 p.m.

Find more on our website with our
NEW Library Learning Roundup!

[Go to the August Roundup](#)

Have suggestions, ideas, or questions about Continuing Education? Contact [Kate Kite, Continuing Education Coordinator Liaison](#), 618.474.9948.

Conferences

[Association of Rural & Small Libraries Annual Conference](#)

Sept. 20–23, 2023; Wichita, Kan.

[Association of Illinois School Library Educators Annual Conference](#)

Oct. 1–3, 2023; Champaign, Ill.

[Internet Librarian Connect 2023](#)

Oct. 16–19, 2023; virtual

[Illinois Library Association Annual Conference](#)

Oct. 24–26, 2023; Springfield, Ill.

IHLS Member Day — Save the Date!

Feb. 8, 2024

Member News



Congratulations to IHLS Graduates of DU Class of 2023!

Thirteen library directors from IHLS attended the seventh annual Director's University (DU) Aug. 1–3. DU prepares first-time Illinois public library directors and those new to Illinois for their new executive roles regardless of their library size. Please join us in congratulating this year's DU graduates from IHLS libraries!

- Ceili Boylan, Paris Carnegie PL
- Logan Braddock, Olney PL
- Mary Cordes, Hayner PLD
- Cole Daniel, Gilman-Danforth Library
- Nicole Inboden, Norris City Memorial PLD
- Jamie Joost, Red Bud PL
- Gayle Lane, Carmi PL
- Angelina Mabrey, Du Quoin PL
- Vicki Obermann, New Baden PL
- Crystal Parini, Zeigler PL
- Julie Robbins, Shawneetown PL
- Jennifer Robertson, Carbondale PPL
- Allison Wakefield, Ogden Rose Library

Quick Links

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Have News to Share?

Share your organization's news with IHLS and you may see it in a future newsletter!
Send submissions to communications@illinoisheartland.org.



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Upcoming at IHLS

An IHLS Member Connection Supplement

Looking for continuing education, networking, or membership events?
Here's what's coming up in the next few weeks!

[Explore All Upcoming Events](#)



8/10

Grant Writing 101: Bringing Money to Your Library

Time: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Format: In-Person Workshop

In-Person Location: Charleston Carnegie Public Library

Description: Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) and

the Library Book Selection Service (LBSS) Endowment Fund invite school and small public library directors to a free grant-writing workshop.

In the morning, Illinois Heartland Library System staff will guide participants through grant writing 101, including how to find grants and the important steps of completing a grant application. Also, Illinois State Library staff will go over the School District Library Grant application process.

In the afternoon, members of the review committee for the LBSS Endowment Grant for the Illinois Reader's Choice Program will guide participants through the LBSS grant drafting and application process; participants will learn grant-writing best practices, as well as the characteristics of a winning LBSS grant application.

Cost: Free for IHLS-Member Libraries

Registration: Limited to 25 participants. Registration is limited to eligible individuals (see L2 event for details).

[Register for Grant Writing 101](#)



8/10

Reading the Past: Reading Historical Handwriting

An Online with the CMC Webinar

Time: 10 a.m.

Format: Livestreaming / Recording

Description: Learn the nuances of cataloging and collection discoverability in these brief, 15- to 20-minute webinars plus Q&A, led by CMC cataloging and metadata experts. **This Month**, does your library have handwritten historical documents that aren't getting the attention they deserve? Let Metadata Cataloger Kat Anderberg help you make sense of historical handwriting so you can share these documents with your community.

Cost: Free to all system-member libraries statewide

Registration Deadline: At least 15 minutes before the webinar begins.

[Register for Reading the Past](#)

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8/10, 8/24, 8/31, 9/7

IHLS Directors Chat

Time: 1–2 p.m.

Format: Live Text Chat

Description: Join library directors and branch leaders across central and southern Illinois for this text-based chat. Ask questions, and get answers, clarifications, and ideas—directly from your library peers and IHLS staff. This chat is held in Adobe Connect. The session is interactive, and participation is encouraged.

Cost: Free for IHLS-Member Libraries

Registration Deadline: At least 15 minutes before the chat begins. Forgot to register? Join us anyway!

[Register for Directors Chat](#)



8/14

It's Not Selfish, It's Self-Care

A Library HR Webinar by Uprise Health

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording

Description: Self-care often gets pushed to the back burner. It might be that we feel selfish taking time for ourselves when we could be doing things for others. Or, we might struggle to find the time and to make self-care a priority. But particularly in today's wireless world, where we are constantly responding to others, making time for self-care is a key component to managing stress and remaining resilient. During this interactive session, you'll learn strategies for building up your self-care reserve as well as how to say "no" without any guilt. *Presented by Uprise Health.*

Cost: Free for IHLS-member libraries

Registration Deadline: Noon the Friday before the webinar

[Register for It's Self-Care](#)



8/17

Third Thursdays CE: Paid Leave for All Workers Act (PLAW)

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording / In-Person / Hybrid

In-Person Location: Herrin City Library

Join us online or in person each third Thursday of the month, 10–11 a.m., to hear from a guest speaker about an important or emerging topic facing the library community. All Third

Thursday CE sessions will be streamed live, but participants who are also attending the IHLS Members Matter meeting are encouraged to attend both events in person.

This Month

Speaker: Karen Milner, Attorney at Law, FordHarrison

Session Description: IHLS Employment Law attorney Karen Milner will give a presentation on PLAW with a Q&A included.

Cost: Free for IHLS-member libraries

Registration Deadline: *In-person space is limited, and the number of seats varies by location. Please register early through the L2 event page to save your spot! Select the in-person or online location during registration.*

[Register for Third Thursday CE](#)

Register for both Third Thursday CE events and IHLS Members Matter meetings through one registration link! Attend one or both, in person or online.



8/17

IHLS Members Matter

Time: 11 a.m.–Noon

Format: Livestream / Recording / In-Person / Hybrid

In-Person Location: Decatur Public Library, Staley Room

Be the first to hear the latest news from Illinois Heartland Library System, SHARE, and more. Then, it's your turn! Share your library's wins, ask your peers their thoughts on obstacles you're facing, and tell us what support you could use from IHLS.

All IHLS Members Matter meetings will be hybrid. However, in-person attendance at our rotating location is encouraged so you can get the most out of these monthly networking opportunities.

Registration Deadline: *In-person space is limited, and the number of seats varies by location. Please register early through the L2 event page to save your spot! Select the in-person or online location during registration.*

[Register for Members Matter](#)

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8/17

Back-to-School Library Networking Session

Time: 1–3:30 p.m.

Format: In Person

In-Person Location: Lake Land College, Mattoon, Ill.

Join Illinois Heartland Library System at Lake Land College Library for some casual networking and great discussions. We'll focus largely on issues affecting school libraries, but academic and public librarians are also welcome to join. Topics will include AI, workforce and college readiness, HB2789, media literacy, program and lesson ideas, and more. Snacks will be provided. **School librarians earn 2.5 PDH!**

Cost: Free for IHLS-member libraries

Registration Deadline: *In-person space is limited to 30 seats, and registration is required by Tuesday, Aug. 15. Please register early to save your spot!*

[Register for Back-to-School Networking](#)

Register for both Third Thursday CE events and IHLS Members Matter meetings through one registration link! Attend one or both, in person or online.



8/24

Back-to-School Informational Meeting for School Librarians

Time: 3:30–5 p.m.

Format: Online

Join IHLS Membership Coordinator Schools Liaison Leah Gregory and other IHLS staff for an online back-to-school information session. We'll spend some time on information you need to know and still leave time for some librarian-to-librarian networking.

Cost: Free for IHLS-member libraries

Registration Deadline: Registration is requested by Wednesday, Aug. 23. Didn't register? Join us anyway!

[Register for Back-to-School Information Session](#)



9/11

Productive Conflict Resolution Skills in the Workplace

A Library HR Webinar by Uprise Health

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Format: Livestream / Recording

Description: Handling conflict is challenging. In today's fast-

paced environment, interacting with people amicably and productively is more important than ever. In order to succeed in today's business environment, team leaders deal frequently with situations that often create conflict, even in the brightest of teams. As a team leader, it's necessary to constantly engage each associate in achieving outstanding results. As ideas and personalities mesh, conflict is not only possible, it's probable! In this session, we will explore steps that will enable you to understand sources of conflict, deal with facts rather than emotions, and develop effective resolution strategies to move progress along. We will also learn tips for working through differences that lead to positive outcomes and keep team relationships intact. *Presented by Uprise Health.*

Cost: Free for IHLS-member libraries

Registration Deadline: Noon the Friday before the webinar

[Register for Productive Conflict Resolution](#)



9/11–10/22

Cataloging Basics

A Cataloging Maintenance Center Course

Time: Asynchronous with Weekly Deadlines

Format: Online Course

Description: This six-week crash course in basic cataloging dives into cataloging using RDA, the Resource Description

and Access standards, and using MARC, the MACHine-Readable Cataloging standards. The course will cover MARC fields 0XX-8XX and fixed-field elements, the most commonly used fields when cataloging library items.

Cost: Free to all system-member libraries statewide

Registration Deadline: At least 15 minutes before the webinar begins

[Register for Cataloging Basics](#)

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8/9, 8/10, 8/22, 8/30, 9/12

SHARE Trainings

Cataloging and Circulation Trainings for

SHARE Members

Time: Varies

Format: Livestream / Recording

Cost: Free for SHARE-member libraries

Registration Deadline: Varies

[View Upcoming Trainings from SHARE](#)



Gallagher

Ongoing

Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Format: On-Demand

Description: Every employer with employees working in the State of Illinois is required to provide employees with annual sexual harassment prevention training that complies with Section 2-109 of the Illinois Human Rights Act. We're here to help! Illinois Heartland Library System is providing a free training module through the use of the Gallagher Step Program. This is a self-paced module in which you must view the training and complete a quiz with a passing grade of 70% or above.

Cost: Free for IHLS-Member Libraries

Registration Deadline: Rolling

All of your staff may take this training.

Presented by Gallagher Risk Control.

[Register for Sexual Harassment Prevention](#)

Explore All IHLS Events

 **Forward to a Colleague**

Example: send IHLS feedback information: [What's new?](#)

With a message like this you can be specific:

[Send a message to a colleague](#) (Example: [What's new? IHLS & SIAV 1970 - 1971](#))

Example: [What's new?](#)