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IHLS VIRTUAL 2021 **Member Day**

Save the Date!

Our next Member Day will be held virtually on Thursday, November 18, 2021. Keep an eye out for information regarding programs, vendors, and more, coming soon!

IHLS Edwardsville Office Furniture Giveaway

Edwardsville Office - Front Parking Lot
6725 Goshen Rd, Edwardsville, IL 62025
August 13, 2021, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Need a file cabinet, chair, or another piece of office furniture for your library? Illinois Heartland Library System *might* have you covered. We have a surplus of office furniture *at the IHLS Edwardsville location*, and we're offering it to IHLS-member libraries on a first-come, first-served basis--*for free*.

[Visit our website for more details.](#)

WELCOME!

Welcome to a new director:

- **Kim Johnson,**
DuQuoin High
School

**IHLS LIBRARY
DIRECTORS' CHAT**



Starting August 19, 2021: Third Thursdays CE

Beginning August 19, 2021, join Illinois Heartland Library System every third Thursday at 10 a.m. to discuss or learn about an exciting new topic. Sometimes we'll host a full continuing education webinar featuring IHLS staff or guests, and sometimes we'll incorporate a segment into our Members Matter membership events.

For more details and a list of upcoming dates, [visit our website](#).

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Thursdays* 1-2 p.m.
*except third Thursday of the month

Next Chats:
August 5, 12, & 26

Registration Requested

You must be logged in to L2 for access to the links.

Directors' Chat transcript archive

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

August 15

- Bouncing Back from the Pandemic: Developing Resources for the Local Workforce
- Expanding Digital Inclusion: Transforming Library Services
- On the Road to Recovery: Transforming Library Spaces

September 16

- Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on small and rural libraries

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System E-Content and E-Resources for Illinois Educators

An IHLS, RAILS, and AISLE partnership program
Thursday, September 23, 2021 | 4 p.m.

AISLE has partnered with Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) and Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) to offer an updated session: System E-Content and E-Resources for Illinois Educators. This is an opportunity to learn more about what your library system can offer. Join presenters from both RAILS and IHLS to learn more about their e-books/e-audiobook programs, vendor discounts, networking events, and much more! This information is ever-changing, so even if



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you attended the last session, join us for updates. This session is appropriate for library assistants, library media specialists, classroom teachers, technology coordinators, and school administrators. We look forward to seeing you there! Speakers for this panel presentation include:

- Leila Heath - RAILS Director of Library Resources and Programs
- Cassandra Thompson - SHARE Director
- Anna Behm - RAILS E-Content Specialist
- Lesley Zavediuk - SHARE Circulation and Resource Sharing Specialist

This program is being offered jointly by IHLS, RAILS, and AISLE.

This event qualifies for 1 PDH credit through AISLE.

[Register here.](#)

Illinois Humanities 2021 COVID-19 Emergency Relief and Recovery Grants

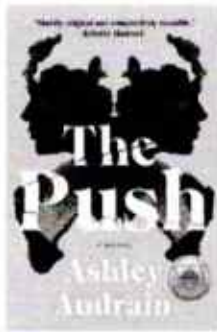
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SHARE Library Staff Book Recommendations

Need a good book to add to your 'To Be Read' pile? Check out this recommendation from one of our SHARE member library staff! You can request this title via the SHARE catalog or find it in the cloudLibrary.

The Push by Ashley Audrain is a psychological drama that will leave you reading until 2 a.m. because you need to know what happened! A dark tragedy takes place with a family fall-out soon after, making Blythe dive into self-doubt about her daughter, motherhood, and what she thinks she saw. This gut-wrenching read may have you crying while wanting to know the whole truth and it has an unexpected ending.

-Holly at Wood River Public Library

NEW

e-books & audiobooks



New e-book and audiobook titles have been added to the Axis360 platform, through eRead Illinois. Be sure to check out these new titles today.

Questions about the eRead Illinois program? Contact info@ereadillinois.com

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My Library Is... Online Roundtable: Adobe Suite for Libraries

August 3, 2-3 p.m.

Level up the graphic design at your library using Adobe Suite products!

Join your library marketing colleagues from around Illinois for a special event. On Tuesday, August 3, 2-3 p.m., you're invited to My Library Is... Roundtable: Adobe Suite for Libraries. This peer-to-peer learning event will include a presentation by Jennifer Amling, Department Head for Communications and Creative Services at the Mount Prospect Public Library

Learn how to maximize your marketing abilities with this paid design tool. This event will include a live tutorial on how utilize Adobe products like InDesign and Photoshop to create quick, easy graphics.

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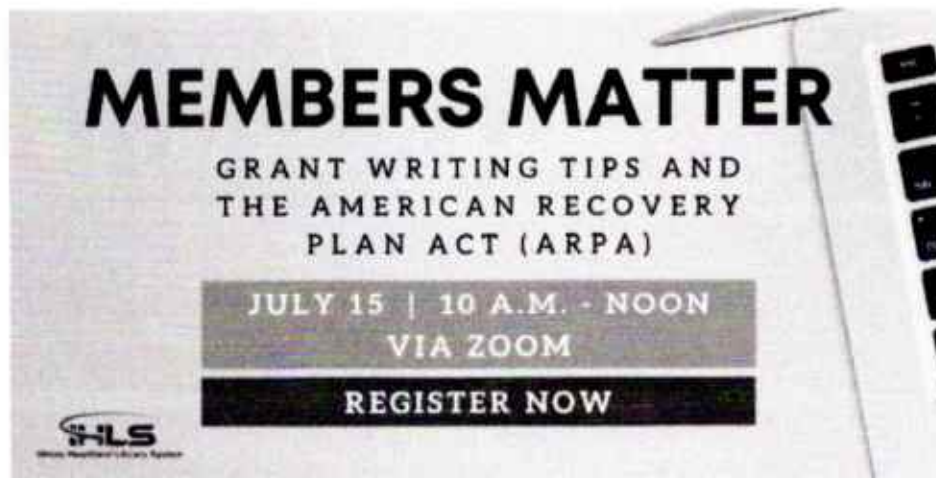


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IHLS Members Matter Meeting

The Illinois State Library Shares Grant Writing Tips and the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)

Presented by Mandy Saia and Karen Egan of the Illinois State Library

July 15, 10 a.m. to noon

Join your IHLS friends and colleagues from around central and southern Illinois for a presentation by representatives of the Illinois State Library. Join us for a discussion on the available American Recovery Plan Act grants. Learn how your library could use grant funds to make a difference for the workforce in your community; restore library services that were shuttered or reduced during the pandemic; or enhance the library's capacity based on response to and recovery from the pandemic.

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Join us in this celebration!

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- **Vanja Anderson**,
Cahokia Public Library
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- **Suzanne Johnson**,
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Next Chat:
July 22

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Upcoming Grant Deadlines

July 21

- [NASA@ My Library](#)

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multi-type system called Illinois Heartland Library System. For 10 years, IHLS has worked to help member libraries provide exceptional library services to the communities they serve. From delivery services between libraries, to seeking legal advice on state orders, to providing and expanding continuing education opportunities for library staff, we have been here and will continue to be here serving YOU.

To celebrate 10 years of service to our members, we are holding weekly giveaways throughout the month of July.

[Read more about our 10th anniversary giveaway celebration.](#)

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IHLS Delivery Exchange Points Update

IHLS is still maintaining COVID procedures used before Illinois went to Phase 5. We are continuing to wear masks, wipe high-touch areas, take the temperature of our staff, and keeping the no-contact exchange points. Susan Palmer, Operations Director, provides an [update on IHLS's exchange points procedures in a recent memo.](#)

The CMC Catalogs: Digitized Collection for Joliet Junior College Library

Library staff from the Joliet Junior College Library (JJC) in Joliet, Illinois, asked the Cataloging Maintenance Center (CMC) to catalog their digitized oral history collection. [Read more about this project.](#)

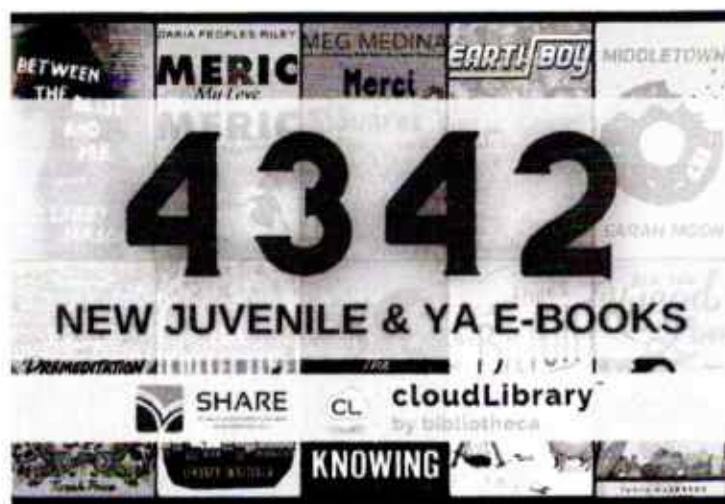
IHLS Recommended Barcode Placement

Did you know? IHLS delivery asks member libraries to process their books with barcodes on the outside of the material, on the top right corner.



Are you looking for something new to read? We've got some titles that we think you'll love. In honor of Illinois Heartland Library System's 10th Anniversary, our staff members have provided a list of wonderful recommendations in the cloudLibrary app. From great picture books we've read to our kids over and over to novels that we couldn't put down, you're sure to find something good. Check out the IHLS Staff Picks by tapping on Search > Featured in the cloudLibrary app.

Not sure if the cloudLibrary is available to you? Visit your library's website to and look for "e-books" or "e-resources" to learn more!



IHLS would like to thank the Illinois State Library, a Department of the Office of Secretary of State, for providing an e-books grant to

support our communities using funds provided by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Thanks to this grant, SHARE has been able to grow their collection of juvenile and YA titles, offering more educational and recreational options to a total of 4,342 new additions!

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Canva for Libraries, a My Library Is... Roundtable

L2 event

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Participants are encouraged to sign up for a free Canva account prior to the roundtable. During the event, there will be time to create and showcase your own Canva creations!

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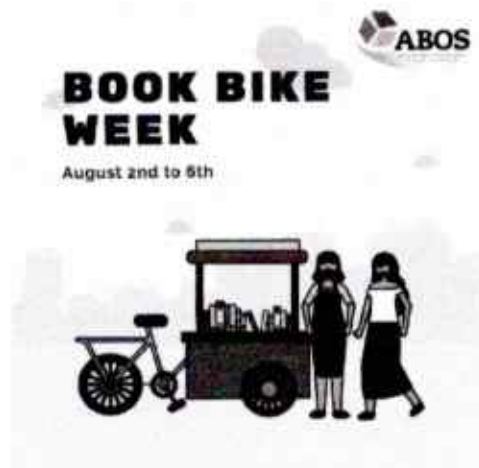
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ILA Noon Network: Readers' Choice Presentation - Bluestem Award

Monday, July 19, 2021 | Noon - 1 p.m. | Zoom

[Register Now](#)

Listen to information about the titles on the 2022 Bluestem list and start thinking about ways to implement the Readers' Choice program at your library this year. Have you ever wanted to serve on the committee? If so, find out how you can be part of the program.



The Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) is currently seeking submissions for Book Bike Week

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Submit a photo by July 26 to be featured during Book Bike Week, August 2-6, 2021, across ABOS social media. [Submit here](#).

ABOS is an ALA affiliate organization dedicated to library outreach of all kinds. Learn more and join at abos-outreach.com!



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Save with the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program

Since 2008, the Ameren Illinois Energy Efficiency Program has provided millions of dollars in incentives to help businesses, nonprofits, and public organizations reduce their energy usage and save on their energy bills. Here is just one of their many success stories:

Utica Public Library

Unlike the classic titles on the shelves of the Utica Public Library, its 1970's era public library did not stand the test of time. The building was riddled with dark spots and poor lighting and was a problem they had been dealing with for years. Click on the link below to learn how the \$8,500 in incentives covered more than 90% of the project and is saving the Utica Public Library more than \$1,900 a year on their energy bill.

[Utica Public Library Case Study](#)

For more Information [visit our website](#) or contact [Carol Kulek](#).

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IHLS TO AUCTION SURPLUS VEHICLES

Open to IHLS Members, Library Systems, and Illinois State Library

Closes: Wednesday, June 16, at noon

The minimum bids will be set at 75% of the Kelley Blue Book value. All vehicles are being sold as-is, and no warranty is given or

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implied. Vehicles purchased during this special auction are for library, library system, and state library use only (not for personal use).

[View Details and Vehicle List](#)

Signup Open for Swank Movie Licensing for Public Libraries through IHLS Group Purchase

Includes over 120 outdoor film screening options through 2021

Sign up deadline is June 18, 2021

Swank Movie Licensing provides public libraries and certain other institutions with the licensing needed to legally show films from the major Hollywood studios in their buildings to engage and entertain patrons. For 2021, there is also an exception to the license to show some films outdoors on library property!

By signing up for Swank Movie Licensing through this partnership with IHLS, your library will receive a discounted rate, giving you the best value in movie licensing and the ability to expand film programming for patrons.

[LEARN MORE](#)



Public Libraries: Submit Your Non-Resident Card Program and Fee Status for FY2022

DEADLINE: JUNE 30, 2021

Each year, the Illinois State Library asks trustees of public libraries to determine whether or not their libraries will sell non-resident cards and, if so, what fees will be charged. For FY2022, all IHLS-

District

- Suzanne Johnson,
Sesser Public Library

IHLS LIBRARY DIRECTORS' CHAT

Thursdays 1-2 p.m.

Next Chats:

June 17 & 24

[Registration Requested](#)

You must be logged in to L2 for access to the links.

[Directors' Chat transcript archive](#)

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

June 28

- IMLS American Rescue Plan

July 21

- NASA@ My Library

Find these grants and more on the [IHLS Grants Page](#)



June Library Link Roundup

In this Library Link Roundup, join us for

member public libraries should submit their library's Non-Resident Program participation status and associated fees by the end of each preceding fiscal year. [Here's how to submit your library's Non-Resident Program participation status and fee information survey.](#)

Feedback Requested

Illinois Heartland Library System is working to update its Personnel Code and we're seeking your valued feedback!

The proposed policies to be added to the Personnel Code include the Whistleblower policy, Fraternization in the Workplace policy, Employment of Relatives/Family Members policy, and updated versions of the Holiday and Personal Leave policies. These policies have been vetted by legal counsel where applicable and reviewed by the Board of Directors in a first reading. They are now being sent out for member comment. Members of IHLS are encouraged to review these proposed policies and share their comments prior to the next IHLS Personnel Committee meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, July 6, 2021.

COMMENT ON WHISTLEBLOWER POLICY

COMMENT ON FRATERNIZATION &
EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES POLICIES

COMMENT ON HOLIDAY & PERSONAL
LEAVE POLICIES

The Emergency Connectivity Fund Program window will open June 29

The Emergency Connectivity Fund Program provides funds to support schools and libraries for the purchase of laptops, tablets, Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, routers, and broadband connectivity during the COVID-19 pandemic for use by students, school staff, and library patrons who would otherwise lack connected devices to engage in remote learning opportunities.

The application window opens June 29 and will fund equipment and services for the upcoming 2021-2022 school year.

an "Edible Library" experience, LEGO book covers, new IHLS web content, and EDI/IDEA topics from social media and graphic novels to personal pronouns. [View June Roundup](#)

Training is being offered to provide overview of this program. The first training session, Emergency Connectivity Fund Overview Webinar for E-rate Participants, is **June 16, at 1:00 p.m.** [Register here.](#)

IHLS has no additional information on this program at this time. Please sign up for a training if you'd like to know more about this exciting opportunity. [Visit the Emergency Connectivity Fund website for more information.](#)

Delivery On the Go (DOG): Same-Day Delivery for Downstream Libraries

Delivery On the Go (DOG) is where a library on a downstream route has requested an item from an upstream library. If tagged for DOG delivery, that item may be able to be delivered later that very same day. DOG deliveries are only available if that library is on the same route as your library and delivery is scheduled to arrive at the receiving library later that day. Please check our website to see [how to send an item via IHLS Delivery On the Go.](#) To determine if a library is downstream from your library's route, navigate to the [routes page of the Delivery section of the IHLS website.](#) Please consider using this unique service for your library patrons!

The CMC Catalogs: Five Korean Books from Judson University

The Cataloging Maintenance Center (CMC) was approached by Judson University, a private evangelical Christian liberal arts university in Elgin, Illinois, to catalog five Korean books donated to them by visiting professor, Rev. Dr. Dae Sik Yang. [Learn more about their process cataloging these books.](#)

Vendor Discounts

Vendor Spotlight - Solix

Solix is offering assistance with the upcoming Emergency Connectivity Fund, or ECF. Independent public libraries and library systems can apply, and the program will provide funding for equipment such as hotspots, laptops, and tablets, as well as routers, modems, and cellular air-cards.

Different from E-Rate, these items are intended to be used by library patrons or staff remotely, not at the library campus. If necessary, fixed internet connections can be procured. The application window is expected to open in late June, and the purchase of the items should occur from July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. A second window is possible that will allow retroactive funding for purchases made dating back to when the pandemic started. Solix is offering a 15% discount to all IHLS members. Please contact [Edward Hosler](#) at Solix for more information.

Gale "You Pick"

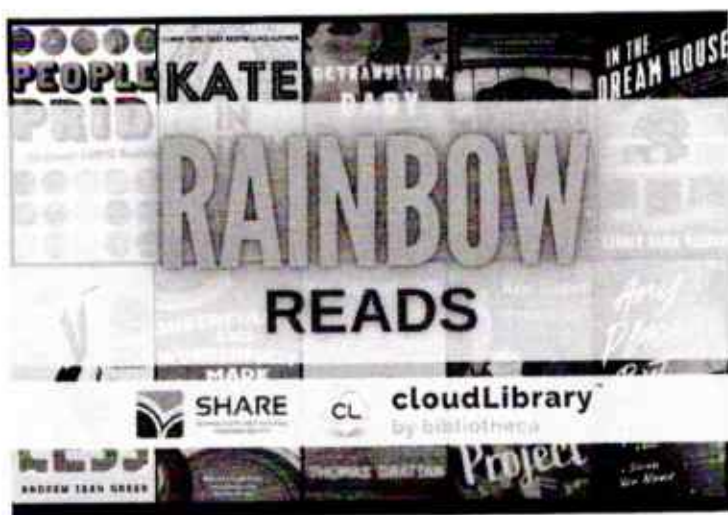
Empower Community Growth and YOU choose the resources you want! Gale Cengage Learning and Illinois Heartland Library System have partnered to offer IHLS public library members a vital foundation of Gale Cengage Learning digital solutions.

Not only will you be able to choose from authoritative and unique e-resources like [Gale Small Business Builder](#), [ChiltonLibrary](#), and [Gale In Context: U.S. History](#), but you may also select from foundational community resources and [more](#).

This Gale offer provides the choice you desire and the resources you need to drive library program success and further impact your community growth.

To place an order, start a free trial, or renew your existing GALE database subscription, please visit:

<https://www.galesupport.com/trial/ihls/> before **June 30, 2021**.



In honor of Pride Month, you'll find Rainbow Reads featured in the cloudLibrary collection this month. Check out the featured shelf by tapping on "Search" and then "Featured" in the cloudLibrary app. You'll find a list full of diverse reads about the LGBTQ+ experience for all ages!

Awesome AUDIOBOOKS



Did you know that June is Audiobook month? Audio is one of the fastest growing segments in publishing right now and SHARE's cloudLibrary e-audiobook collection just keeps growing and growing! Listening to a book during your commute or a road trip can provide a whole new experience when it comes to your favorite author or genre. Visit your library's website to learn more about your e-audio options today.

Continuing Education

Join IHLS and HR Source for the Final Library Human Resources Webinar Series Event

June 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

IHLS has partnered with the human resource experts at HR Source to bring IHLS members a series of webinars on important HR topics. Join us on June 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for the final session of 2021:

Critical Conversations:

Conducting Effective One-on-Ones

Managers and supervisors are busy. So, when employees are doing their job, it's easy to forget to take the time to let them know that they've done a good job. On the other hand, nobody likes to have those "difficult" conversations with employees to let them know that they're not quite cutting it! In this session, we'll go through the steps of conducting one-on-ones and performance feedback discussions while addressing the supervisor's responsibilities.

HR Source sessions typically cost up to \$250, but these webinars are only \$10 for IHLS-member libraries. Each session is limited to 60 participants. [Learn more and register.](#)



Cataloging Maintenance Center

In-Depth Cataloging Courses

Register for the Cataloging Maintenance Center's additional courses through L2

Subject Analysis

July 12-August 22

Registration is open now until July 5, 2021 and the course is capped at 35 students. [Register here.](#)

RDA Book Training

September 13-October 24

Registration is open now until September 6, 2021 and the course is capped at 30 students. [Register here.](#)

RDA for Video and Audio Recordings

November 8-December 19

Registration is open now until November 1, 2021 and the course is capped at 25 students. It is recommended that students take RDA Book Training first. [Register here.](#)

Additional Continuing Education & Networking Opportunities

[Passive-Aggressive Behavior: Sources and Solutions for Library Workspaces](#)

June 17, 1 p.m.

[Classifying Fiction Works Using LCC](#) - Sponsored by RAILS

June 18, 10 a.m.

[Library Ethics: Earning Trust and Respect during Difficult Times](#)

June 22, 1 p.m.

[ALA Annual Conference & Exhibition](#)

event June 23-29, registration is still open!
ALA Members who have been furloughed, laid off, or have had
hours reduced can register at no cost

Other Library News



Welcome to the Following New Explore More Illinois Participants!

- Bement Public Library District
- Benton Public Library District
- Edwardsville Public Library
- Hartford Public Library District
- Kitchell Memorial Library
- Lincoln Public Library District
- Mahomet Public Library District
- Petersburg Public Library
- Sidell District Library
- Carlinville Public Library
- Martinsville Public Library District
- Hayner Public Library District

Explore More Illinois allows cardholders from participating IMLS and RAILS public libraries to reserve free and discounted admission, parking, and gift store purchases from cultural attractions in Illinois, including museums, cultural centers, zoos, aquariums, gardens, historical societies, park districts, and more. Learn more on [the Explore More Illinois website](#) or by [emailing Jessica Barnes](#).

My Library Is...

Telling libraries' stories of impact on our communities
Recent additions to the *My Library Is...* blog:

- [Facilitating a Home Delivery Program: Challenges and Rewards](#) (6/14/2021)
- [My Library Is... Finally Connected!](#) (6/10/2021)

- [Subscribe to the My Library Is... Marketing Newsletter](#) (6/08/2021)
- [Bringing the Community Together with Peanut Butter & Jelly](#) (6/07/2021)
- [Discovering Books](#) (6/01/2021)
- [and lots more](#)

IHLS and RAILS are looking for more central and southern Illinois library stories from all library types! How has your library positively affected your community? [Share your story on the My Library Is... website](#) using your L2 credentials to log in, or contact [IHLS Marketing Coordinator Shandi Greve Penrod](#) to learn more. All levels of staff at all types and sizes of libraries are encouraged to contribute, so share this idea with your enthusiastic writers.



Save the Date for ARSL: the Biggest Little Library Conference!

The Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) annual conference will be held October 20-23, 2021, in Reno/Sparks, Nevada. Can't make the in-person event? No worries, ARSL will have select virtual offerings. For more information on the ARSL conference and to register, [visit the ARSL site](#).



Your guide
through
the courts

Illinois Court Help

Illinois Courts Launch Personalized Information Service for All Court Users

Illinois Court Help is a new, free service from the Illinois Courts that connects people to the information they need to go to court. People can call or text 833.411.1121 to connect with a trained court guide who can provide specific answers to questions about the court process, like how to e-file court documents and how to appear in court by phone or video.

You can recommend Illinois Court Help to library patrons who are trying to represent themselves in a court case. This new service provides accurate answers and step-by-step guidance by phone or text so people can get help wherever they are in Illinois.

Court users will also be able to access plain language forms that can be used in any Illinois court. While Illinois Court Help will not provide legal advice, guides will refer people to legal aid and other community services that can help them solve their problem.

Initial hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday with expanded hours to come over the next few months.

Visit ILCourthelp.gov to find more information.

New Report Examines Changes to Copyright Law for Sound Recordings

Significant updates have been made to American copyright law governing music licensing and sound recordings, and these changes carry implications for libraries and archives across the country, as detailed in a new report published by the National Recording Preservation Board of the Library of Congress.

[Learn more and read the report.](#)

Library of Congress Announces Literary Series Programs for June 2021

The Library of Congress continues its series of online literary events with programs featuring author Paul Hendrickson, whose biography on Frank Lloyd Wright was created through extensive use of the Library's collections, and Nobel Prize in Literature winner Mario Vargas Llosa in conversation with Edith Grossman, his Spanish-to-English translator.

[Learn more.](#)

Quick Links

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