



**MEETING MINUTES  
EVANSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Wednesday, April 15, 2015  
6:30 PM

Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Avenue, Board Room

**Members Present:** Diane Allen, Shawn Iles, Margaret Lurie, Vaishali Patel, Benjamin Schapiro, Leora Siegel, Michael Tannen

**Members Absent:** Tori Foreman, Sandra Smith

**Staff:** Karen Danczak Lyons, Karen Hansen, Renee Neumeier, Paul Gottschalk

**Guest:** Diane Piron Gelman

**Presiding Member:** Michael Tannen, President

**CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM** - A quorum was present and President Tannen called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

**CITIZEN COMMENT** - none

**ACCEPTANCE OF "SISTERS IN CRIME" GRANT** – Diane Piron Gelman, the President of the Chicagoland Chapter of Sisters in Crime (SIC), presented the Library Director and Board President with a \$1,000 "We Love Libraries" grant check. SIC is a national organization dedicated to developing writers.

**COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION** – Karen Hansen, the Library's Collection Development Manager, gave an overview of her work in developing the Library's collections. She has been using Collection HQ, a powerful analytical application to assist with selection and weeding of the collection. Evanston has the highest rate of lending e-books among the 60+ members of the e-book consortium.

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM PRESENTATION** – Renee Neumeier, the Library's Teen Librarian, shared an overview of the 2015 Summer Reading program that runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>. There will be expanded involvement with summer camps and a community wide goal for children, teens and adults. If the goal is reached, staff proposes a fine amnesty for participants from August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Benjamin Schapiro, second by Leora Siegel – approval of the Summer Reading Program fine amnesty from August 30<sup>th</sup> through September 5<sup>th</sup>. Approved unanimously on a roll call vote.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES REPORT** – Paul Gottschalk reported on the progress of the capital projects underway. An underground oil storage tank was removed from the

rear of 2022 Central Street at an estimated cost of \$22,000. Reimbursement funds are being sought.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the March 18, 2015 regular meeting and approval of the bills and payroll.

Benjamin Schapiro moved, and Diane Allen seconded, a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the bills and payroll -- the motion passed unanimously in a voice vote.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT** -- Director Danczak Lyons reviewed highlights of her monthly report (see report attached):

- Karen shared a report from the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee on funding (report attached).
- The Library is conducting a community-wide survey for National Library Week. Results will be analyzed by a Library School Professor and her students.
- Staff Development Day is scheduled for Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The City Council Rules Committee discussion on creating a library district is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

**Development Committee** – Margaret Lurie shared a development data analysis report created by Wynn Shawver.

**Executive Committee** – Michael Tannen said that the committee met to discuss proposed goals for the Director. These will be shared in closed session later in the meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval of the Chicago Avenue/Main Street Branch Lease Extension** – Karen expressed the importance of continuing branch services in southeast Evanston and recommended exercising the extension option in the lease for one year at a cost of \$41,422.56 for 900 Chicago Avenue, Suite 102 for use as the Chicago Avenue/Main Street Branch. This represents a 1.8% increase over 2014.

Motion by Benjamin Schapiro, second by Vaishali Patel – approve the one year lease extension option. Passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Approval of National Able Network Lease Extension** – Karen recommended approval of a lease extension with National Able Network for the workforce development and training space in the Main Library. The extension includes a 2% rent increase. Motion by Benjamin Schapiro, second by Leora Siegel – approve the one year lease extension with National Able Network. Passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Approval of Change in Non-Resident Card Fee** – State Library Law requires an annual review and adjustment, if necessary, of the non-resident card fee. The fee is based on a formula that considers local per capita property tax support.

Motion by Benjamin Schapiro, second by Diane Allen – approve the increase in the non-resident card fee to \$176 effective May 1, 2015. Passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Appointment of the Nominating Committee** – President Tannen announced the appointment of Margaret Lurie (chair), Vaishali Patel and Leora Siegel to the Board Nominating Committee.

**CLOSED SESSION** – Michael Tannen read the official language for convening a Closed Executive session for personnel matters. Motion by Michael Tannen, second by Benjamin Schapiro – move into Closed Session. Approved on a unanimous roll call vote. The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m.

The Board re-convened into Open Session at 8:45 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** Benjamin Schapiro moved, second by Vaishali Patel – adjournment of the meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote. Adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Lurie, Secretary

**Library Director's Report  
April 15, 2015**

**Updates:**

- The 2014 Annual Report was mailed to our donors and volunteers.

For the first time we included a return envelope which assisted recipients in indicating their interest in becoming a volunteer and/or donating to the Evanston Public Library. There has been a generous and immediate response. Thanks to Wynn for suggesting this approach and for creating the text for the envelope.

A special thanks to Jill Schacter for managing the production of the annual report including creating the new format and content, and Wynn Shawver and her volunteer for assisting with the annual report and creating the mailing list of donors.

The beautiful photos included in the annual report reflect the work of our volunteer photographer Katie Barthelemy. Katie came to us with the idea of creating the "Readers of Evanston" photo series, and has been a dedicated volunteer, taking hundreds of photos of regular Evanston citizens.

Today we learned that our work study student, Emma Gordon won the 2015 Work-Study Student Employee of the Year for her work at the Evanston Public Library and her work to promote the story of the Evanston Public Library including interviewing our hundreds of residents our "Readers of Evanston" photo series and capturing the meaning of reading and ideas in people's lives.

- I am delighted to announce the appointment of our new Latino Outreach Coordinator - Jose Cruz. In his last position, Jose was as a part-time Children's Associate at the Oak Park Public Library. Fully bilingual in Spanish and English, Jose planned and executed bilingual literacy programming including story times. Adept at reference and reader's advisory services, Jose has also completed his MLIS degree.

While Monday was his first day as a member of the EPL family, Jose graciously joined Kasandra Trejo and me on Sunday at the outreach event to the Latino parishioners of St. Nicholas church. Both Kasandra and Jose welcomed our residents, answered questions and distributed our Community surveys. Jose also accompanied Jill Skwerski and distributed surveys at the Produce Mobile.

Working in Children's Services and teamed with Laura Antolin, Jose will spend the next few weeks focused on connecting with members of our Latino community and collaborating on bi-lingual programs for families and children.

- Our spring All Staff Day will be held this Friday morning from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. We will be open for public service in the afternoon at all locations. This program will feature presentations from Oakton Community College staff.

- This week is National Library Week. We have expanded our survey and are seeking new ways to reach residents throughout the City connecting to members of our library family and those who do not use our services. Distribution of the survey includes a two page (English and Spanish version) feature in last week's *Roundtable*, an online version, highlights in our newsletter, tables at all three locations on both Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> staffed by members of the Evanston Public Library Friends and distribution and collection by staff and Northwestern University volunteers throughout the City of Evanston. Locations targeted include: barbershops, Laundromats, Fleetwood Jourdain, Robert Crown Center, Levy Center, Jewel, Whole Foods and Trader Joe's, the Produce Mobile and a class of GED students.

Thanks to Jill Schacter for managing this project and EPL staff who contributed suggestions and are assisting with the distribution. I will use this as a baseline and point of comparison to capture information now and again in a few years after we open the Robert Crown Center library. I will share the results of the survey at a future Board meeting. The data is being analyzed by Professor Mary Wilkens Jordan, on the faculty at Simmons College and her students.

- Our second annual Donor and Volunteer Recognition Reception on May 7<sup>th</sup> will feature a presentation by Jennifer Pritzker, Colonel (IL) , Illinois Army National Guard (Retired) President & CEO Tawani Enterprises and Founder & Chairwoman Pritzker Military Museum and Library titled:

"Over There"

100 Years Later: How the War to End All Wars is still being fought

- Included at the end of this report are materials which were prepared by the Illinois State Library and shared with the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee (I am a member) last week. Please note the number of programs that are supported through the General Revenue Fund. The Governor's Budget proposal includes a 10% across the board cut to the General Revenue Fund. Also included are summaries of funding received by the Illinois State Library from the federal government (LSTA) through the Institute of Museums and Libraries. Though President Obama's budget proposal includes increased funding for IMLS, the Senate's budget eliminates the agency completely. In previous years, LSTA funds have been allocated to support Illinois libraries when state funding was reduced.

**Assessments, metrics and initiative results:**

	Foot traffic: March, 2015	February, 2015
Main:	46,701	37,843
North:	4,205	3,749
CAMS:	4,351	3,446

Total: 55,257 45,038

Website visits in March: 47,987; February: 41,344

Overall Computer/Internet Use – all locations: February: 5,902; March: 7,219

Wi-Fi usage – all three locations for February: 11,154 March: 14,156

**Services and collaborations:**

- On April 13th the third in our series of programs in partnership with Northwestern University’s Middle East and North African Studies Program (MENA) was another success (standing room only).

Lecture Title: “Four Myths about the Middle East”

Brian Edwards, Henri Lauzière, Wendy Pearlman, Jessica Winegar, Northwestern MENA Faculty

- *Teen Services highlights include:*

Kayla wrapped up the first EPL Teen Improv class in March, and she was very pleased with the results. We had very consistent attendance. We had a pretty strong turnout (about 18) for the showcase during the last half hour of the last class. We held the showcase in the back corner of The Loft, and I think that was a good location choice. Parents and students alike expressed interest in continuing in the program come summertime.

New shelving was installed outside the Loft to address our shelving overflow issues in the space. YA graphic novels, audiobooks and nonfiction were moved out there. Then the fiction collection was shifted in the Loft and all the materials that had been housed on top of the shelves were interfiled with the rest of the fiction collection. Everything fit and there are even a couple of shelves to spare. The whole teen services team helped with the shifting process, which made it go quickly.

- *Children’s Services highlights include:*

Connections for the Homeless:

Jill Skwerski, Renee Neumeier and Laura Antolin met to map out a program for the girls’ mentoring group from Connections for the Homeless. Initially they planned to visit on March 31 from 4:30-5:30pm and tour the space and get cards – some downstairs and some in the Loft. Anna Johnson from Connections was interested, however, in the kids participating in Tail Waggin’ Tutors. Although this was not on a regularly-scheduled day for Tail Waggin’ Tutors, Laura contacted them to see if any would be interested and available in coming on March 31 for a special program. Six handlers and dogs volunteered to come and Anna opened up the program to boys as well. Jill and Laura put together books, pens, bags, Library information, and coloring books for the families to take. 5 Connections families ended up coming to the Library.

A message from Linda Balla captured the spirit of our Children's Services department on a busy Friday in March: I wish you could have seen the Children's Room this morning! It was buzzing! We started out with a visit from the ESL class from Chute Middle School, with some extra help from Renee because . . .we also had 3 kindergartens from Orrington School here for story time, tours, and a craft, as well as the regular Friday Mandarin Meet-up, as well as all the regular Friday patrons, plus Chiaravalle had no school today so we had some of those kids. It was a zoo, but a wonderful zoo, and it made me very proud of our team for doing it ALL!

Laura Antolin is working with the staff at Fleetwood Jourdain to add a convenient additional location for EPL book returns. We are repurposing one of the book drops that we recently replaced: Maintenance staff repainted the book drop and delivered it to Fleetwood Jourdain. Betsy Jenkins is working on a design. They will make sure the EPL decal is visible but it's important for the center to feel investment and ownership.

**Upcoming events of note:**

- This Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> we will welcome author Michael Tyler: Parents and educators are invited to come for a conversation with Michael Tyler, Chicago author of the Mom's Choice Award book, "The Skin You Live In". Studies have shown that children can be imprinted by racism and sexism as early as age two. Through his book, Tyler invites us to explore the relationship each child has with his/her skin through shared experiences common to children around the world. Tyler recounts the personal incident that led to the book's creation and discusses the semantics of discrimination as well as the idea that social activism is a personal decision that can initiate a social transformation.
- Money Smarts Week is April 18th – 25th and will feature a series of wonderful programs. Please refer to our calendar and the Money Smart Week flyer included at the end of this report for more information.
- The Thirty-Seventh Evanston Public Library Jo-Anne Hirshfield Poetry Ceremony will be held on May 3rd. Please check our website for the names of this year's winners and information about our judge, poet Allison Funk, author of "The Knot Garden."
- EPL is a partner in the first annual Evanston Literary Festival, which will be held from May 12-18, 2015. The goal is to promote various literary events happening around Evanston that week, organize some additional author events, and create a website to promote Evanston's bookstores, libraries, and authors. Chicago Book Expo is the lead organizer and wanted to coordinate it with the Northwestern Spring Writer's Festival being held May 12-14.
- Special thanks to Barb Levie and Connie Heneghan for continuing our collaboration on the Senior Spelling Bee. Practice sessions begin next month and the Spelling Bee will be held on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the flyer at the end of my report for more details.
- My thanks to both Renee Neumeier and former staff member Jarrett Dapier for working with the Dajae Coleman Foundation on another summer reading initiative in partnership with the Evanston Public Library:

Approved May 20, 2015

The Dajae Coleman Foundation has chosen the recent Newbery winner, “The Crossover”, as the book which will be the focus of both programming and discussions this summer. Like last summer, new copies of the book will be provided for free to Evanston youth.

The book’s author Kwame Alexander will provide a program at the Evanston Public Library. Kwame is excited to visit Evanston and run some workshops with the Dajae Coleman Foundation. He'll also be bringing along a friend who runs empowerment workshops for African-American male youth.



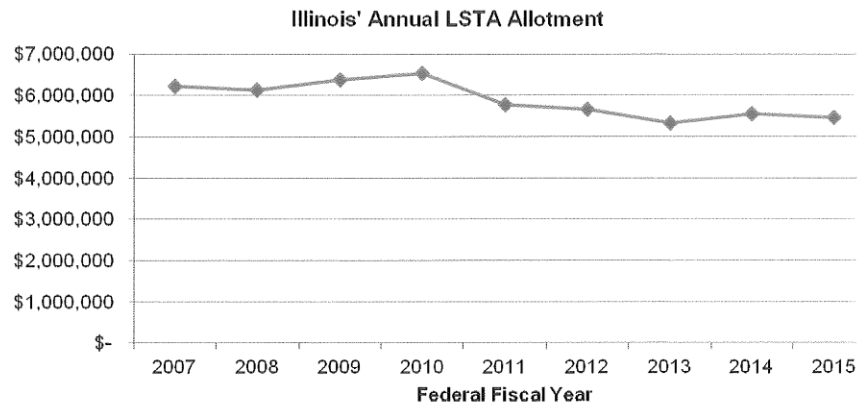
**Secretary of State/Illinois State Library - Library Grant Programs**  
**State Fiscal Years (FY) 14 and FY15; FY16 Request**  
*FY16 contained in HB 2950*  
 (state fiscal year=July 1-June 30)

Grant Program	FUND	FY14 Funding Available	FY15 Funding Available	FY16 Request
Blind & Physically Handicapped	General Revenue	\$865,400	\$865,400	\$865,400
	Live & Learn	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
	Accessible Electronic	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Chicago Public Library	General Revenue	\$1,288,800	\$1,288,800	\$1,288,800
Equalization Aid, Pub Lib Per Capita, System Area & Per Capita	General Revenue	\$12,482,400	\$12,482,400	\$12,482,400
	Live & Learn	\$16,004,200	\$16,004,200	\$16,004,200
Illinois Veterans Home Libraries	Special Plates	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Library Services-LSTA	Library Services	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
Library System Automation	Live & Learn	\$274,000		
	SOS Special Services	\$226,000		
Literacy	General Revenue	\$3,718,300	\$3,718,300	\$3,718,300
	Live & Learn	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
	SOS Special Services	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000
Public Library Construction	Live & Learn	\$620,800	\$870,800	\$870,800
School Library Per Capita	General Revenue	\$214,700	\$225,000	\$225,000
	Live & Learn	\$1,145,000	\$1,145,000	\$1,145,000
Technology Grants	General Revenue	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
	Live & Learn	\$306,000	\$580,000	\$580,000
	SOS Special Services	\$1,600,000	\$1,826,000	\$1,826,000
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$47,990,600</b>	<b>\$48,500,900</b>	<b>\$48,500,900</b>
Public Library Construction	Illinois Bond	\$49,780,402	\$35,355,419	To be determined*
Oak Park PL	General Revenue	\$100,000		
North Riverside PL	General Revenue	\$100,000		
LaGrange PL	General Revenue	\$50,000		
LaGrange Park PL	General Revenue	\$50,000		
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$98,071,002</b>	<b>\$83,856,319</b>	<b>*\$48,500,900</b>

**Illinois State Library  
Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Funding in Illinois  
The Annual Allotment and Use**

The [Institute of Museum & Library Services](#) (IMLS) is funded through the annual federal appropriations process as a federal agency that administers discretionary programs including the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. IMLS is a stand-alone federal agency. The Director of IMLS is appointed by and reports directly to the President of the United States.

Through the [Grants to States](#) program, IMLS provides LSTA funds to state libraries using a population-based formula. Illinois, as the fifth most populated state, historically receives the fifth highest allotment.



The *Grants to States* annual LSTA allotment for Illinois:

Federal Fiscal Year	Illinois' Annual Allotment
2007	\$ 6,216,116
2008	\$ 6,133,883
2009	\$ 6,376,914
2010	\$ 6,520,136
2011	\$ 5,766,746
2012	\$ 5,664,245
2013	\$ 5,333,615
2014	\$ 5,536,935
2015	\$ 5,451,043

*Decreases in the LSTA allotment are generally the result of cuts at the federal level by Congress to the overall IMLS budget for LSTA Grants to States.*

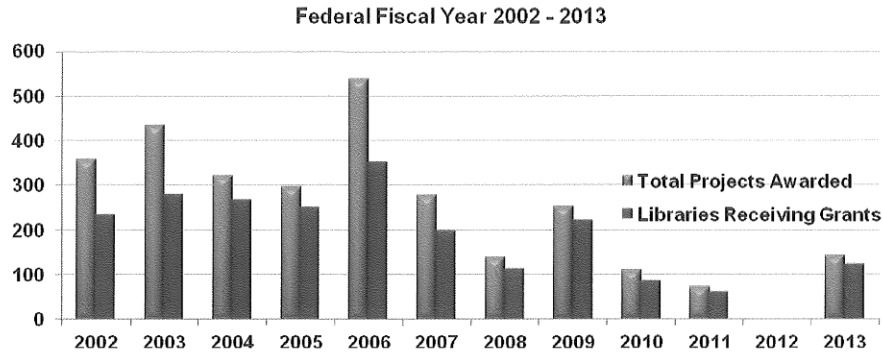
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State libraries are authorized to use the appropriation in support of statewide initiatives and services. States also may distribute the funds through sub-grant competitions or cooperative agreements to eligible public, academic, research, school, and special libraries in their state.

All projects awarded are in support of the goals of Illinois' *Long Range Plan for the Use of LSTA Funds*.



Prior to state fiscal year 2009, the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library primarily used LSTA to annually offer multiple, sub-grant competitions funding appropriate applications from eligible academic, public, school and special libraries, regional library systems and the state's professional library organizations. Since the economic downturn in 2008, LSTA funds have primarily been used in support of statewide initiatives and library services with fewer annual sub-grant competitive offerings.

Federal Fiscal Year	Total Projects Awarded	Number of Library Agencies Receiving Grants
2002	357	234
2003	434	278
2004	320	266
2005	296	250
2006	537	352
2007	278	198
2008	139	113
2009	252	222
2010	109	86
2011	71	62
2012	*	*
2013	142	123

\* Starting in 2012, Illinois participated as a pilot state to test a new reporting tool for IMLS. Statistics are not available at this time for 2012.

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**Illinois State Library  
Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Funding in Illinois  
Comparing "Block" and "Competitive" Grants**

The Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) is funded through the annual federal appropriations process as a federal agency that administers discretionary programs including the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds. In Illinois, the terms "block" and "competitive" are frequently used to describe different types of grant programs administered by IMLS. All IMLS funding to the Illinois State Library is LSTA funding, whether block or competitive, and is awarded by IMLS under the Museum and Library Services Act General Provisions.

**IMLS Appropriations History, 2013–2016**  
(Budget Authority in 000's)

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016 Request
<b>Museum and Library Services Act (MLSA) General Provisions</b>				
Research, Evaluation, and Data Collection	1,787	1,820	1,820	1,787
<b>Library Services Technology Act (LSTA)</b>				
Grants to States	150,000	154,848	154,848	154,500
Native American Library Services	3,667	3,861	3,861	4,063
National Leadership: Libraries	11,377	12,200	12,200	17,500
Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,500
<b>SUBTOTAL, LSTA</b>	<b>175,044</b>	<b>180,909</b>	<b>180,909</b>	<b>186,563</b>
<b>Museum Services Act (MSA)</b>				
Museums for America	19,564	20,200	20,200	21,457
Native American/Hawaiian Museum Services	877	924	924	972
National Leadership: Museums	7,468	7,600	7,600	11,168
<b>SUBTOTAL, MSA</b>	<b>27,909</b>	<b>28,724</b>	<b>28,724</b>	<b>33,597</b>
<b>African American History Culture Act</b>				
Museum Grants for African American History and Culture	1,336	1,407	1,407	1,481
<b>Agency Wide</b>				
Administration	13,745	14,000	15,000	14,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>219,821</b>	<b>226,860</b>	<b>227,860</b>	<b>237,428</b>



Institute of Museum and Library Services, [Legislation & Budget](#)

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Comparing "Block" and "Competitive" Grants**

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**Grant Search**

**Awarded Grants Results**

24 Grants matched your search terms. [Back To Search](#)

**Competitive** →

Illinois State Library - Springfield, IL  
Year: 2014  
Amount: \$100,000  
Grant: [National Leadership Grants for Libraries](#)  
The Illinois State Library will manage a National Leadership Forum Grant to explore how libraries can communities to address the topic of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). This project will provide a m develop partnerships with multi-type libraries, education, government, medical and ASD services organizations, and other organizations whose work intersects with this special needs population. Tw will convene in Springfield IL, in March and September 2015 to: 1) develop an implementation plan to increase autism awareness, education and support services, 2) develop an implementation plan to streamline on-line access to the wealth of information that provides support for families and ind with ASDs; and 3) establish sustainable inter-organizational partnerships committed to enhancing support statewide

- Applied for separately
- Grant limits depend on appropriation from Congress
- Reviewed by peers
- Annual application rounds

**Competitive** →

Illinois State Library - Springfield, IL  
Year: 2014  
Amount: \$500,000  
Grant: [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians Program - Continuing Education](#)  
The Illinois State Library will expand its successful ILEAD USA program to the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Vermont, and hold convenings in the existing ILEAD USA states of Colorado, Ohio, Utah, and Illinois in 2015. ILEAD USA is a leadership and technology immersion program that brings diverse teams of library staff together to work cooperatively over the course of nine months to address a community need related to IMLS priorities. The teams use technology tools to craft a project that meets these needs. Their learning is not only at three in-person sessions, but also virtually during two intersessions.

- All states receive
- Based on formula
- Amount depends on appropriation from Congress
- MOE

**Block** →

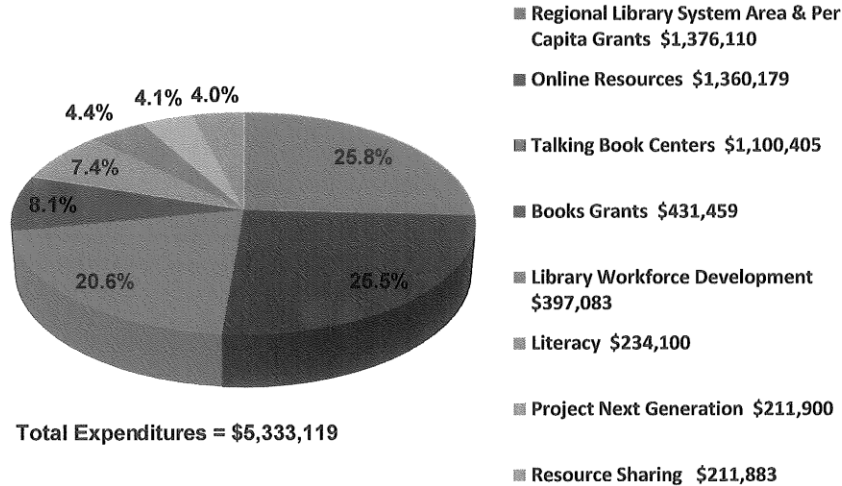
Illinois State Library - Springfield, IL  
Year: 2012  
Amount: \$5,664,245  
Grant: [Grants to State Library Administrative Agencies](#)

Illinois State Library - Springfield, IL  
Year: 2012  
Amount: \$470,000  
Grant: [Laura Bush 21st Century Librarians Program - Continuing Education](#)  
The ILEAD USA project, sponsored by the Illinois State Library, seeks to help librarians develop new technology skills by meeting a specific community need, all the while being supported by peer learners in a network of collaborating teams. Building on a successful statewide project in Illinois, the 18-month continuing education initiative immerses initiative is designed to expand librarians' leadership abilities while also helping them

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**Illinois State Library  
Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) Funding in Illinois  
Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Expenditures**



The above chart reflects projects funded October 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013, using the federal 2013 LSTA allotment provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The federal fiscal year (October - September) overlaps two State of Illinois fiscal years (July - June); therefore, in some instances, the total amounts for continuing projects reflect two contracts.

- **Regional Library System Area & Per Capita Grants** (\$1,376,110 or 25.8%) - Funds were used in support of regional library system services for academic, public, school and special libraries with emphasis on support for the sharing of resources through the cooperative network of libraries, the provision of talking book and braille services and collaboration for library services statewide. This reflects the first payment under the FY13 plans of service with subsequent payments funded with state grant dollars.
- **Online Resources** (\$1,360,179 or 25.5%) - Funds were used for *FirstSearch* databases for the entire ILLINET library community
- **Talking Book Centers** (\$1,100,405 or 20.6%) - LSTA funds supplemented the regional talking book centers providing services to people unable to read standard print.
- **Another Opportunity for Back to Books Competitive Grant Offering** (\$431,459 or 8.1%) – This grant for books in multiple formats and covering all topics, paired collection development of books with programming or an activity to engage the target audience in reading, learning or using the new materials.
- **Library Workforce Development** (\$397,083 or 7.4%) - Funds supported learning opportunities for library staff.
- **Literacy** (\$234,100 or 4.4%) - Family Literacy and Adult Volunteer Literacy projects were funded that impacted individuals and families with limited functional literacy skills.
- **Project Next Generation** (\$211,900 or 4.0%) - Sixteen programs at public libraries were funded to mentor at-risk teens, teaching them leadership and developing life skills through the use of technology.
- **Resource Sharing** (\$211,883 or 4.0%) - Funds supported statewide library resources and allowed for the cataloging of unique resources into statewide databases.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Illinois State Library Advisory Committee Members  
 FROM: Anne Craig, Director, Illinois State Library  
 SUBJECT: Preparation for the April 9, 2015, "Big Picture" Discussion  
 DATE: April 6, 2015

Following are general categories of Illinois State Library grant program expenditures to help you prepare for the April 9 Big Picture discussion. Please note that this is a discussion document only. Statutory programs like the per capita grants are not included in the list.

Illinois State Library Grant Programs including CE	
Adobe Connect (web conferencing service)	
Automation (SUSI staff, server maintenance)	
Cataloging Maintenance Center (cataloging services for Illinois libraries)	
Continuing Education	
	ILEAD USA
	On the Front Lines
	SPLMI
	Synergy
	Targeting Autism
Collection development	
	Back to Books (small grants to libraries for materials)
	Patron Driven Acquisitions (program to let patrons select materials)
Data collection (mandated by the federal government)	
Delivery (delivery backbone routes, staff)	
Digital imaging	
	Digital imaging grants (grants to libraries)
	Digital Public Library of America (grant to support staff)
	Newspaper digitization
	CONTENTdm (support for hosting: Illinois Digital Archives & Electronic Docs of IL)
Dream Grant (adds libraries to consortial catalogs)	
Edge Assessment (planning tool for public libraries)	
eRead Illinois (ebook program)	
OCLC WorldShare (support for exposure to open web for libraries' holdings)	
OCLC contract administration (support for billing services)	
Project Next Generation (supported at public libraries; at-risk youth program)	
Talking Book and Braille (supported at 3 systems & ISL)	
Videoconferencing (support for services statewide)	
WebJunction (online training classes for Illinois library staff)	



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**Home Sweet Home**

Saturday, April 18, 10 am,  
Community Meeting Room

Ideal for first time home buyers, move-up buyers, real estate investors, and current homeowners. Learn what down payment assistance is available; what preapproval will do for you; why now is the best time to buy; and the Top 10 Home Buyer and Homeowner Mistakes.

**ABCs of Stock Investing**

Sunday, April 19, 3:30 pm, Small Meeting Room

If you generally find financial classes intimidating, boring or confusing, join lecturer Helene Turner, who will demystify the language of stock investing using illustrative case studies.

**Kids Read: Story time and activity for kids 3 and up**

Saturday April 18, 10 am, Barbara Friedberg Storytelling Room

Money Smart kids have fun with money! This session includes a story, "Lemonade for Sale," kid-friendly activities, and some take-home items

**Credit Reports and Credit Scores**

Monday, April 20, 7 pm, Small Meeting Room

Accurate information in your credit report is the key to obtaining the best credit terms and rates. A counselor from Money Management International will explain how to obtain, read, understand, and dispute inaccurate information in your credit report.



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