

Friday, November 2

The sessions and times are tentative. ISLMA reserves
The right to move or add sessions on this program.

**Session 1
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.**

PolyTalk Library Interpreters Network

Joe Sciacca, PolyTalk Project Director, Michelle Ralston, PolyTalk Project Coordinator, and Jan Ison, Director, Lincoln Trail Libraries System

Over 100 languages are spoken in Illinois. How can libraries serve non-English speaking patrons? Few libraries have bilingual staff available to interpret. PolyTalk helps all patrons make full use of Illinois libraries. Learn how your library staff can access PolyTalk's online database of volunteer interpreters and use the multilingual PolyTalk Language Kit to assist in basic library interactions.

Plaza A Level PreK – 12

Research Papers: Reaching the Teachers and Catching the Kids

Carolyn Kinsella, Media Specialist, and Kellee Hill, Instructional Technologist, Minooka High School

Teaching information literacy and research may seem insurmountable in an already busy media center. By working with the teachers to develop the assignment, conducting mini lessons, and creating a research web site, a media specialist and instructional technologist have done their best to tame the research beast.

Plaza B Level 9 - 12

Digitelling: Using Technology to Enhance Narrative, Expository and Persuasive Text

Bev Frett, LMC Director, and Sue Black, Storyteller in Residence, Clow School, Naperville

Discover how you and your students can use digital storytelling to bring projects, presentations, reports, expository and personal narrative, and stories to life. Incorporate text, images, and audio to give added dimension to student writing. Students demonstrate learning and creative application of their knowledge in a variety of curricular areas.

Plaza C Level PreK – 8

Raymond Bial Autographing Session

Plaza D

Wonder Woman: A Visual History of a Feminist Icon

Philip Crawford, Library Director, Essex High School, Essex Junction, VT

Wonder Woman has been a staple of comics for 65 years and is the most recognizable female superhero in the world. Yet few know that she was originally created as a feminist role model for girls (and boys) by a Harvard trained psychologist and inventor of the lie detector, Dr. William Moulton Marston. Join us for a fascinating visual history of the Amazing Amazon from 1941 to the present. Book talks will cover a wide range of recommended Wonder Woman titles.

Plaza F Level 3 – 12

Learning with Literature: New Books for Grades K – 4

Sally M. Walker, Author and Children's Literature Consultant

Come hear about recently published children's literature. Books presented will complement the Illinois Learning Standards and are suitable for classroom use. Genre will include picture books, easy readers and early chapter books, novels and nonfiction.

Emerald Level PreK – 4

Website Investigator

Carl Heine, Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Aurora

Only 1 in 3 Illinois schools provide students with training in evaluation of online information. Half the students entering college cannot accurately assess the credibility of resources they find. This session examines critical skills that students need and ways to teach them using safe search challenges, interactive tutorials and discussion.

Ruby Level 5 – 12

Caudill Power

Marcia Brandt, Caudill Award Steering Committee Awards Chair

The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award is 20 years old! This session will discuss how books make the list and how you can participate. At least half of the session will be dedicated to an open forum of idea and management sharing. Come to learn about the program, get new inspiration, and share your experiences using the RCYRBA in your school.

Illinois Level 4 – 8

Create Your Own Online Tutorials

Alexandra Tyle, Adult Services Director, Homer Township Public Library

Don't have time to show all your students how to use your library website and databases? Have you ever wondered how to create an online tutorial video? This presentation will discuss screencasting, supply examples, and show how to create tutorial videos.

Governor Level 5 – 12

AASL is Doing What?

Becky Robinson, Galesburg High School, Leslie Forsman, Triopia CUSD #27; Jane Sharka, ISLMA President

What is going on with American Association of School Librarians (AASL) and what does that have to do with us here in Illinois? This session will help you understand the relationship ISLMA has with the national organization. New initiatives, new national standards, and the latest state-wide studies will be presented. Session leaders will inform and challenge you to pay attention to what is happening at the national level with the AASL as it does really impact us in Illinois!

(This session will be repeated on Saturday.)

Capitol I Level PreK – 12

Hot Topic: Online Databases

Capitol II Level 5 – 12

Session 2
10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Get a Second Life: Use a Virtual Reality Environment to Extend School Library Services to Teachers

Lisa Perez, Area Library Coordinator, Chicago Public Schools

Learn how multi-user virtual reality environments (MUVes), such as Second Life, are being used to extend library services to adults. School libraries can use this technology to provide educational resources to teachers, expand professional learning communities, and promote collaboration. You will see how Chicago Public School libraries use Second Life and how you can get involved.

Plaza A Level PreK – 12

Prada Promotion on a Dollar Store Budget

Laurie Williams, Librarian, Marisa Fiorito, Librarian, Lucy Kempton, Library Director, Deerfield High School

Want some fun ways to get the whole school involved in your wonderful library? Need to spend your money on books and technology, not public relations and marketing? Use your book carts in a school-wide race, turn your library into a hip bookstore/café with no funding and much more!

Plaza B Level 9 - 12

Hot Topic: PreK – 4 Librarian Sharing Session

Plaza C Level PreK – 4

Tangible, Touchable, Teachable Tools

Randy Wiseman, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

Using artifacts in the classroom to explore stories from the past is an excellent way, not only to study history, but to improve oral language development which in turn can enhance students' reading and writing skills. In this hands-on session, participants will analyze reproduction artifacts to learn methods and criteria for selecting teachable primary sources, analyze these items and learn activities to utilize artifacts across the curriculum.

Plaza D Level 5 – 12

Beyond Weeding: Reclassifying Your Collection

Judy Mitchell, New Trier High School, Winnetka, and Raquelle Brennan, New Trier High School, Northfield

We all know how critical weeding is to collection management. What about those flowers that are thriving in the wrong part of the garden or under the weeds? Are your materials ready for some transplanting? Come prepared for a lively discussion of ways to evaluate and reclassify your collection to make materials more accessible to everyone.

Plaza F Level 9 – 12

Exciting New Books for Grades 5 – 8

Sally M. Walker, Author and Children's Literature Consultant

Come hear about the newest literature for students in grades 5 – 8. Nonfiction books will complement the Illinois Learning Standards in social studies and science curricula. Novels are suitable for literature circle use and class discussion. Additional genre will include picture books for older readers.

Emerald Level 5 – 8

RSS: The Magic of the New Web

David Warlick, The Landmark Project

Web 2.0 consists of a loose family of tools that include blogging, podcasting, social networks, and wikis. Alone, these tools represent a new philosophy of learning, one that respects the learning community. However, the true magic of the new web is a thread that stitches these loose pieces together, called RSS. Be prepared to sit on the edge of your seat!

Ruby Level PreK – 12

How to Research in the 21st Century

Maggie Jensen, Librarian, Woodstock CUSD #200, and Martha Hansen, Reference Librarian, Woodstock Public Library

As a library media specialist you want to get students and faculty to realize there is more to research than a popular search engine, but budget constraints limit your resources. Find out how through collaboration you can successfully assist your patrons to research in 21st century style.

Illinois Level 5 – 12

Clean It Up! Computer Maintenance

Kris Nielsen, Gemini Junior High School, Niles, and Kathy Ruck, Melzer Elementary School, Morton Grove

Computers! They always seem to be running slow. We will give basic tips for keeping your library computers clean and running smoothly. Whether you have tech support or not in your building, there are some very basic things you can do to help your computers be as effective as possible.

Governor Level PreK – 12

Gaming in the Library

Rebecca Butler and Jason Underwood, Northern Illinois University

Do electronic games belong in the library? Is gaming simply a fad or is it here to stay? How do we manage gaming in a learning environment? This session addresses gaming in K – 12 education and how the school library can support and work with an innovative educational tool.

Capitol I Level PreK – 12

Improving Literacy and Libraries through Federal Grant Opportunities

Paul Whitsitt, Director, Libraries and Information Services, Chicago Public Schools, and Dr. Susan L. Ali, Director of Teaching and Learning, Kankakee School District

Both the Chicago Public Schools and Kankakee School District have administered US Department of Education Improving Literacy through School Libraries grants this past year. These grants have benefited a combined 12,000 students in 21 schools. Come hear how these grants have helped refresh collections, sharpen instruction, expand program hours and improve literacy. Want to write for this grant yourself? Get some tips from these experts.

Capitol II Level PreK-12