

THIS MONTH AT THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY June 2022

**Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian
Greg McCormick, Director**

2022 Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) upcoming deadlines

Each public library is required to submit the IPLAR 60 days after the library's fiscal year ends. If your fiscal year ends on April 30, your report is due on July 1. If your fiscal year ends on June 30, your report is due on Sept. 1. The survey and detailed guides are available on the [Counting Opinions Website](#). Library directors will receive a reminder email 60 days before the report is due for each library. For assistance, contact Pat Burg at pburg@ilsos.gov.

Art Book available from the Illinois State Library

A limited number of copies of the book *The Art of Ann Templeton: A Step Beyond and Color and Beyond* is available from the Illinois State Library. Ann Templeton, a renowned artist, has published art books as part of her continued passion for art. Templeton was an oil/pastel conceptual impressionist who liked to describe her paintings as "symbolic expressions." She had painted since 1969 and taught more than 20 art seminars each year around the country and abroad in Italy, Spain, France, Portugal, Argentina and Mexico. She lectured and taught for art guilds and colleges, and juried competitive art shows several times a year. Templeton's style of art won awards across the country, and she was recognized for her teaching expertise and color usage. She was also a member of the art advisory board for Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso.

Her estate wished to extend her legacy to others who might not be aware of her accomplishments. For additional information on Ann Templeton, visit her website at: www.anntempleton.com.

To secure a copy of the book, contact Michelle Schorfheide at the Illinois State Library, 217-782-7714.

State Library staff member co-authors article on retrieving digital images

The Illinois State Library and the Tennessee State Library & Archives have identified a need to add citation information to individual image records in OCLC's CONTENTdm. Andrew Bullen, information technology coordinator for the Illinois State Library, and Jenn Randles, then-digital materials librarian at the Tennessee State Library & Archives, published an article in *The Code4Lib Journal* that examined different approaches in displaying digital archives search results. Experience with digital archives at both institutions – such as the [Illinois Digital Archives - Illinois Digital Archives \(id.illinois.org\)](http://id.illinois.org) – has shown that citation information was

one of the most requested features. The link to the article is at [The Code4Lib Journal – Citation Needed: Adding Citations to CONTENTdm Records](#).

Illinois Emerging Writers, Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry entry deadline June 30

The Illinois Emerging Writers Competition provides a unique opportunity and outlet for recognizing new literary talent in the state. The poetry competition is open to Illinois residents age 18 and over, and has an annual entry deadline of June 30. Cash prizes are awarded for first (\$500), second (\$300) and third place (\$100). Winning poems are submitted for possible publication in Illinois literary magazines, including: *Ninth Letter*, *Quiddity* and *RHINO Poetry*.

Posters to copy and post at your library are available to download here:

ilsos.gov/publications/pdf_publications/lda97.pdf

Entry forms can be downloaded here: ilsos.gov/publications/pdf_publications/lda96.pdf

Core judging takes place the months of July and August. If you are interested in judging, please contact [Bonnie Matheis](#) at 217-558-2065 before June 20.

2022 “ILLINOIS READS” author spotlights

[ILLINOIS READS](#) is an annual statewide reading initiative of the [Illinois Reading Council](#) to promote Illinois authors and the importance of reading for Illinois citizens of all ages – from birth through adult. Each year, there are six different books by Illinois authors and/or illustrators selected at six different age bands for the reading list. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is the honorary chair and the [Illinois Center for the Book](#) is a program partner.

The grade 3-5 authors and their 2022 ILLINOIS READS books are:

[ANDREA BEATY](#) is a Benton native who lives in Chicago. She is the author of award-winning children’s books including, *Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants: The Questioners Book #2* – an instant New York Times bestseller. Ada and her Questioners friends now have their own Netflix series.

[AARON REYNOLDS](#) lives in Chicago. He is a #1 New York Times bestselling author and has written many highly acclaimed books for kids including, *Fart Quest: A Silent but Deadly Adventure, Book #1*. The title has Common Core connections and received a Booklist-starred review.

Award-winning children’s author [SALLY M. WALKER](#) lives in DeKalb. She has written over 60 non-fiction books. *Fiery Night: A Boy, His Goat, and the Great Chicago Fire* is based on a true story about a little boy’s devotion to his pet goat and how they gave each other strength during the Great Chicago Fire in 1871.

Chicago native and award-winning author [EVE L. EWING](#) is a former middle-school teacher. Her book *Maya and the Robot* is a warm and engaging illustrated middle grade story about friendship. It was a School Library Journal Best Book of 2021.

[DWAYNE REED](#) is America's favorite rapping teacher from Chicago. In 2016, the music video for his hit *Welcome to the 4th Grade* went viral. His debut book *Simon B. Rhymin'* is a heartwarming bounce-to-the-beat underdog story about a young rapper whose rhymes help bring his community together.

[ALICE B. MCGINTY](#) is an award-winning author who lives in Urbana. *The Water Lady: How Darlene Arviso Helps a Thirsty Navajo Nation* is one of her more than 50 books she has authored. It is a beautiful book that tells an inspiring true story. It is a Junior Library Guild Selection and a School Library Journal 2021 Best Book.

Spotlight on Literacy

In 2019, Roy Blake moved to Illinois from his native Jamaica. He wanted to learn to read and previously had little formal education. He joined Literacy DuPage in Glen Ellyn, and as he learned, his work and family life noticeably improved. He earned a pay increase and was be more independent at work and while shopping. His mother was thrilled to receive a letter from Roy. His new skills are helping him pursue a new dream of one day opening a Jamaican restaurant.

Salute to Veterans

Puerto Rican-born Miguel Angel Camacho served as a United States Army Engineer from August 1966 through August 1969. His tour of duty ranged from serving in frigid Alaska to the heat of Vietnam. Camacho regularly traveled to Saigon for supplies, a task his fellow soldiers were not keen on because of the dangers of being on the road in a war zone. His video interview can be found at [Oral History Interview with Miguel Angel Camacho - Illinois Veterans History Project - Bing video](#).

State Library's Online Calendar

To view the State Library's calendar of events and deadlines, visit ilsos.gov/departments/library/calendar/home.html.

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