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A Newsletter from the Illinois State Library's Reference Section

Jesse White • Secretary of State & State Librarian

From the Reference Desk

“Blogging” for patrons

The State Library's Reference Section has created its own blog as a means of providing continual information to our patrons. A “blog” is commonly thought of as an online journal that can be used to present your thoughts frequently and quickly online, often allowing viewer feedback. The Reference Section's blog will be used to update viewers on current Reference Section information, including book reviews, updates on new materials and electronic resources as well as information on new projects and programs. Some blogs will welcome comments from readers.

To access the Reference Section's blog, visit <http://isl-inform.blogspot.com>.

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www.cyberdriveillinois.com

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Illinois State Library hours:
Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to hearing from you!

I-Share Online

Over the summer several statewide library organizations — IDAL, ILCSO, ICCMP and NILRC — merged into what is now the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois, or “CARLI.” The acronym CARLI will replace references to these former library organizations and services.

The State Library's public access catalog also will change its name from ILLINET Online to I-Share Online to represent the shared catalog of the 65 libraries in the consortium. The catalog will operate the same as before and offer the same services; only its name will change. You may access the catalog at <http://library.ilcso.illinois.edu>.

EBSCO Academic Search upgrade

The CARLI Board of Directors announced that *Academic Search*[™], the EBSCOhost[®] aggregated periodicals database, has been upgraded from the *Elite* version to the *Premier* version. This enhanced package of full-text journal content is a better way to meet the core information needs of all CARLI-member institutions.

The upgraded *Academic Search Premier* database will increase the number of journals abstracted and indexed from the current 3,485 to 8,035; the number of full-text journals available from 2,053 to 4,515; and the number of peer reviewed titles accessible from 1,507 to 3,630. The use of the EBSCOhost suite of databases has grown dramatically since first introduced in 2000 under the previous IDAL program. For the 2004/05 school year, more than 5.6 million full-text articles were retrieved by Illinois students, faculty and staff. The CARLI Board anticipates that the *Premier* version of the database will be even more heavily and productively used.



Paul Butkovich exhibit at the ISL – The Illinois State Library welcomed a special exhibition this summer of paintings and drawings by the late southern Illinois laborer and artist Paul Butkovich. Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White held a reception to mark the event, which was attended by many members of the Butkovich family. Pictured with Secretary White are Edward Smith, vice president of the Laborers International Union of North America, which cosponsored the exhibit, and Butkovich's widow, Mildred (in wheelchair).

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New in the Reference Section

Nonfiction bestsellers

A new area of the Reference Section is dedicated to highlighting some of the new materials at the library, including a section of nonfiction best sellers. The titles in the nonfiction area are accessible for browsing or may be checked out using your State Library card.

***The Chase Court: Justices, Rulings, and Legacy*, by Jonathan Lurie; Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2004. 347.73 / LURI**

This is just one book in the series *Supreme Court Handbooks*, which deal with the history and nature of the U.S. Supreme Court. Each book draws its title from one of the chief justices of the court, and provides an overview of the history of the time and the court's role in the events as they occurred, with special focus on the court's relationship to the other two branches of government — the President and Congress.

The period of the Chase Court (1864 to 1873) was presided over by Salmon P. Chase. Appointed by Lincoln shortly after his second election, the Chase Court in nine short years presided over the assassination of a president, the impeachment of another president, the end of the Civil War, most of the post-war reconstruction, and the addition of three Constitutional Amendments.

***Indian Placenames In America*, by Sandy Nestor; Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc., 2004. 917.3 / NEST**

Ever want to know how the town of Moweaqua in Shelby County got its name? This two-volume set is a good place to start. The first volume covers cities, towns and villages, and the second covers mountains, canyons, rivers, lakes, creeks, forests and other natural features. Each volume covers most of the United States (with the exception of Hawaii) and is arranged alphabetically by state and then by Indian placename.

Regarding Moweaqua, "Indian tribes prevalent in the region were the Kaskaskia, Peoria, Miami, Plankashaw and Shawnees, who were eventually forced out by white settlers." Mattie Wells named the site Moweaqua, a Potawatomi word meaning "weeping woman," or "wolf woman." Not only does the author provide what the placename might mean in an Indian language but also briefly gives the county(s) in which the place is located, the population and special information about the areas.

***The American Heritage Science Dictionary*, Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2005. 503 / AMER**

This dictionary covers all major fields of science, from the fundamental disciplines of physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics to the applied realms of medicine, earth science, high technology and anthropology. Not only does it give the definitions of thousands of scientific and technological terms, it also provides biographical information of notable scientists throughout history. There also are 175 "closer look" explanatory notes with further details about key scientific concepts.

For more information about new materials in the Reference Section, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, then State Library, then What We Have, then New Acquisitions). To search the entire collection of the library as well as that of the other ILCSO libraries, go to Search Library Catalogs directly from the State Library's home page.

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