



Conference for Library Support Staff



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September 20 & 21, 2007

Northfield Inn - Springfield, Illinois

Thursday Schedule

Thursday sessions will be held at Northfield Inn from 2-4 p.m. Please make sure you mark the registration form if you plan to attend one of the Thursday sessions. Descriptions follow:

SEEING THE STORY—MAKING THE TALE COME ALIVE - **Dan Keding, Storyteller -Author-Musician**, will show you how to work on the skills that allow the audience to see the story through the teller's words. You will explore repertoire, facial and body usage, words and how to use them, and vocal technique.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY WORLD - This will be a lively, interactive "game show" format that highlights new trends in the library world. **Linda Slusar, Professor, Coordinator of The Library Technology Program, College of DuPage**, says this will be something everyone should know if they are working in a library today.

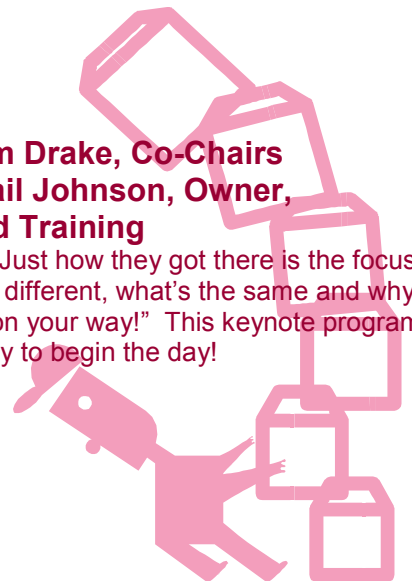
Join us from 7-9 p.m. at Northfield Inn when **Dan Keding, Storyteller-Author-Musician**, will entertain us with **"TELLING FROM THE HEART."** He will tell stories that reflect the power of storytelling to create community, and will give examples of how this can be achieved through the library. Refreshments will be provided with an opportunity to network and socialize with your peers. *See you there!*

Need a Room?

A block of rooms has been reserved at Northfield Inn (3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield) for Conference attendees. You can reach them by calling toll free at 866-577-7900. Be sure to mention "Reaching Forward South" when you make your reservation for a special conference room rate. Rooms must be booked by September 7, 2007, to receive this discount.

Friday Schedule

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| 8:00-8:30 a.m. | Check-in/Networking/Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30-9:00 a.m. | Introduction and Awards - Carolyn Smith and Kim Drake, Co-Chairs |
| 9:00-10:00 a.m. | Keynote Address - "Dysfunction Junction" by Gail Johnson, Owner, and Pam Parr, Face to Face Communications and Training
A town where every resident has been pushed over the edge! Just how they got there is the focus of a hilarious comparison of life in the 60s versus today; what's different, what's the same and why the town motto is "If you're not already here then you must be on your way!" This keynote program will get you stomping and screaming with delight—a perfect way to begin the day! |
| 10:15-11:15 a.m. | Session I |
| 11:15-12:30 p.m. | Lunch |
| 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Session II |
| 1:45-2:45 p.m. | Session III |
| 2:50-3:15 p.m. | Wrap-up - Gail Johnson and Pam Parr |



Friday Session Descriptions

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PANCAKES, CROCODILES, BUBBLE GUM, AND MORE - *Paula Lopatic, Children's Librarian, Vespasian Warner Public Library, Clinton, IL* will share the books, stories, crafts, and games that combine to make afterschool events full of fun. Discover programs that have been used successfully with students in K through 5th grade.

UNDER INVESTIGATION: ANCESTRY DETECTIVE STRATEGIES - The fragments of your family history are scattered throughout this country, and beyond. This session, led by *Iris Nelson, Reference Librarian, Quincy Public Library*, will give you the tools and savvy to begin your research, fit together the puzzle pieces, and view the whole picture. Do you muse about what life was like for your ancestor? Included will be suggestions on giving context to the lives of your family members.

BARCODER CERTIFICATION? - Have you ever had a patron request an item, only to have something totally different arrive? Were they angry or disappointed? The Illinois State Library and the Statewide Cataloging Standards Committee (SCSC) are working together to try and decrease the likelihood of this happening to you or your patron. Thus far the SCSC has created the Statewide Cataloging Standards and a barcoder certification test, which they hope will help in assessing the training needs of all individuals who are inputting data into our consortial catalogs. *Doris McKay, Rolling Prairie Library System Consultant and member of SCSC*, will discuss the certification exam and the Statewide Cataloging Standards, as well as provide information about training resources available to you.

MANAGE YOUR STUFF & CONQUER CLUTTER! - Stacks of paper, shelves full of knickknacks, books piled on the floor, clothes you haven't worn since high school!! In the attic, a narrow aisle between stacked boxes you haven't opened in years! You own lots of Stuff, and now your Stuff owns you! Help! Need to get organized and get rid of the clutter in your life? *Thea Chesley, Librarian, Illinois Department of Public Health, Springfield, IL* will provide guidelines, tips and tricks for stuff management. You'll learn at least one thing (and probably several more) that you can use right away to get organized and get your clutter under control.

PLINKIT: AN INTERACTIVE WEB SITE FOR EVERY LIBRARY - If your library does not have a website, you are missing an opportunity to promote your library to the people you serve both those that use the library and those that do not. Plinkit is a product based on open source software that allows even the smallest libraries to have a well-designed and easy to maintain web page. Plinkit was created at the Oregon State Library. Illinois Library Systems have brought this product to Illinois with the aid of an LSTA Grant from the Illinois State Library. At this session *Beverly Obert, Executive Director, Rolling Prairie Library System*, will demonstrate how easy it is to update a Plinkit website and also show examples of websites that were created during the first year of the grant.



NOT YOUR MOTHER'S ROMANCE - The last twenty years have seen an explosion in romantic subgenres. Werewolves and wyrd sisters are the least of the changes. We now see huge demands for inspirational, multi-cultural, and erotic romances. Join *USA Today bestselling author Jade Lee* in a discussion of where to find your passion in today's world of romance.

GOT STRESS? ON-THE-SPOT RELIEF.... RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW! - *Kristin Benz and Becky Woodward, Health Educators, Adams County Health Department*, will 1. Recognize the similarities and differences between acute stress and chronic stress and how each affects a person's health. 2. Apply the concepts of acute and chronic stress to your personal situation. 3. Utilize the concepts learned to manage stress in new ways. 4. Practice stress relief techniques.

GREENING YOUR LIBRARY - *Kevin Greene, Illinois EPA* will identify opportunities for library facilities to save energy, reduce waste, and purchase environmentally friendly products.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIBRARY WORKERS - This session will highlight the College of DuPage Library Technology programs that are offered via Internet and two-way video. These are available for any level of library worker from the beginner to the refresher for the MLS librarian, to the school media person. *Linda Slusar, Professor, Coordinator of The Library Technology Program, College of DuPage*

OH, I WISH I'D SAID... - Ever left a conversation wishing you'd said something different? *Gail Johnson, Face to Face Communications and Training* will present this fun and interactive workshop that will give you industry specific real world tips on "what to say and do" when dealing with difficult people. Guaranteed to increase your confidence and decrease your blood pressure!

LOCALISM IN TELEVISION...AND TELEVISION AS A LEARNING MEDIUM - *Mark McDonald, Producer and Host of "Illinois Stories", PBS Springfield*, will discuss the programs that he produces and hosts including "Illinois Stories." He will also talk about how they are able to continue to produce local programming in an era of prohibitive costs, and why they are determined to do so.

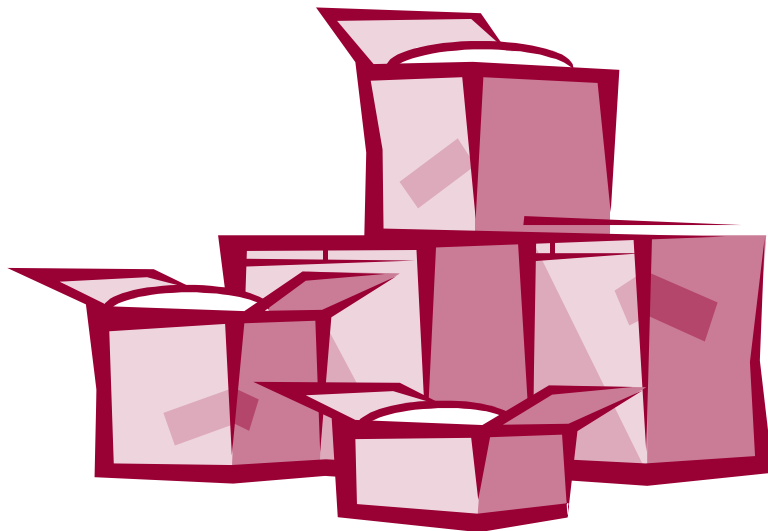
ELDER ABUSE - The Illinois Crime Victim's Compensation Program allows victims of violent crimes or their survivors to receive compensation for hospital and doctor bills, rehabilitation, loss of wages, tuition, and funeral/burial expenses when other sources of funding have been exhausted, such as insurance and court ordered restitution. *Delores Martin, Director and Deputy Clerk, Court of Claims, Secretary of State's Office and Kim Murray, Outreach Specialist, Crime Victim Services Division, Office of the Illinois Attorney General* will talk about the Assistance for Elderly Victims of Violence which is an extension of the Illinois Crime Victim's Compensation Program that provides elderly crime victims access to much needed resources in getting back to living their regular lives.

**2007
SUPPORT STAFF
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This is your opportunity to nominate a support staff member in recognition of their outstanding contributions to their own library, the library community, or to the enhancement of library assistants in general. You may also nominate yourself.

Two nominees will be selected as winners and each will receive a cash award of \$100 and a framed certificate. The award winners **MUST** be in attendance at the Reaching Forward South Conference on September 21, 2007.

Nomination forms are available online at www.reachingforwardsouth.org. The deadline to submit nominations is August 31, 2007. If you have any questions or need a form faxed to you, contact Karla Johnson at 217-342-2464x7 or send an e-mail to awards@reachingforwardsouth.org.



Reaching Forward South Registration Form

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED. No on-site registration will be available so register early!
Confirmation with map will be mailed when payment is received.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

REGISTRATION:

☐ **Thursday afternoon only - \$40** (Please check which session you will be attending)

_____ Seeing the Story - Making the Tale Come Alive
OR _____ What's Happening in the Library World?

☐ **Telling From the Heart with Dan Keding** (complimentary)

☐ **Friday only - \$60**

☐ **Entire conference - \$85** (Thursday and Friday)

☐ **I am a school librarian and need CPDUs**



***Register online at
www.reachingforwardsouth.org***

Or you can send your registration (check made payable to Reaching Forward South) to:
RFS, c/o Karla Johnson, Helen Matthes Library, 100 East Market, Effingham, IL 62401
(Please note: credit cards are only accepted when registering online.)

Registration deadline: September 15, 2007.

No refunds will be made after September 22, 2007.

Direct your registration questions to Kim Drake at (217) 223-1309 x-201 or
kdrake@quincylibrary.org.



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