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Grants Available for Organizations Preserving Indiana History

The Indiana State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) is offering a new grant opportunity for organizations that preserve and maintain historic collections of Indiana records. The Hoosier History Digitization Grants will be awarded to six (6) local entities that desire to digitize specific types of records that may currently be in jeopardy. Specifically, the grant program supports the conversation of indenture records, locally held early statehood records, African American-related government documents, and Civil War records into a digital format that can be accessed online. The grant program is designed to enable local digitization experts to index and digitize Indiana's culturally and historically significant records.

Each grantee is eligible for up to \$5,000 and will be expected to provide a cash or in-kind match of at least 25 percent. This grant is open to local governments and nonprofits in Indiana that house and care for historic collections. The grantee must also ensure that the digitizing entity is based in the State of Indiana. Priority will be given to local units of government whose records may currently be in jeopardy. Applications are due to the SHRAB no later than June 15, 2011 and may be found online at shrab.in.gov. Grantees will be named July 20, 2011.

Young Hoosier Writers Honored in National Writing Contest

The Indiana Center for the Book honored 124 contest semifinalists and 16 finalists at the 2011 Letters About Literature Awards Ceremony held at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis. Over 300 guests, including students and their teachers and family, attended the ceremony which was headlined by Helen Frost – an award-winning young adult poet and author from Fort Wayne.

Letters About Literature is a national reading-writing contest that asks students in grades 4-12 to write a personal letter to an author, explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. Letters About Literature is sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, in partnership with Target Stores, and is administered statewide by the Indiana Center for the Book. The 16 finalists, including the author to which they wrote, are as follows:

- Level I (grades 4-6)**
 1st Place: **Dominic Rossi, Zionsville Middle School**
 2nd Place: **Quinn Kennedy, Zionsville Middle School**
 3rd Place: **Sunanda Prasad, Castle North (Newburgh) Middle School**
 Hon. Mention: **Nia Rochon, Evansville Day School**
 Hon. Mention: **Mia Lord, Riverside (Fishers) Intermediate School**

- Level II (grades 7-8)**
 1st Place: **Evelin Arriaza, Hasten Hebrew Academy (Indianapolis)**
 2nd Place: **Cassidy Ratliff, West Noble (Ligonier) Middle School**
 3rd Place: **Chelsea Meeboer, Pittsboro**
 Hon. Mention: **Christina Barnes, Zionsville West Middle School**
 Hon. Mention: **Anat Berday-Saks, Hasten Hebrew Academy**

- Level III (grades 9-12)**
 1st Place: **Hannah Chalmers, Crawfordsville High School**
 2nd Place: **Nicole Tzenov, New Tech Academy (Fort Wayne)**
 3rd Place: **Shelby Orange, Clinton Prairie (Frankfort) High School**
 Hon. Mention: **Josh Levesque, Crawfordsville High School**
 Hon. Mention: **Mary Eshelman, Logansport High School**
 Hon. Mention: **Emily Shirar, Crawfordsville High School**

Join ALA for Virtual Library Legislative Day

The ALA is hosting Virtual Library Legislative Day, an opportunity for all library advocates to make their voices heard on a national level. For more information about Virtual Library Legislative Day, including talking points, a how-to webinar, and resources to find and contact your elected officials, visit www.ala.org/altaff or www.ilovelibraries.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

ILF District Conferences

When: 8:30 AM (local time)
 Where: Multiple Locations
 5/12: [District5/7](#)
 5/13: [District 2](#)
 5/20: [District 4](#)

Gateway Training

When: May 5 @ 2:00-3:00 PM
 Where: Live Online

Evergreen Indiana Annual Meeting & Conference

When: May 6 @ 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
 Where: Live Online

Gateway Training

When: May 10 @ 2:00-3:00 PM
 Where: Live Online

Evergreen Indiana Reports/Admin Training

When: May 12 @ 10:00 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

Evergreen Indiana Introduction Cataloguing

When: May 12 @ 1:00-4:00 PM
 Where: Indiana State Library

Advanced Cataloguing for Evergreen Indiana

When: May 17 @ 9:00 AM
 Where: Alexandria-Monroe Public Library

Geek Indiana Libraries Workshop

When: May 18
 Where: Indiana State Library

Institutional Libraries Spring Workshop

When: May 23 @ 9:30 AM
 Where: Indiana State Library

Broadband in Indiana Public Libraries Summit

These finalists all received GiftCards courtesy of Target and the Indian Center for the Book. All semifinalists and finalists also received a certificate and a copy of one of two Helen Frost novels. Teachers Ms. Monica Plantan and Ms. Jenni East of Zionsville Middle School received the third-annual Letters About Literature Instructor of the Year Award.

Entries for the 2011/2012 contest will be accepted beginning this August. For more information about Letters about Literature, visit www.centerforthebook.org.

When: June 7

Where: Indiana State Library

AISLE Survive Conference

When: June 14

Where: Ben Davis HS - Indianapolis

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