

Inform Quarterly

A Newsletter from the Illinois State Library's Reference Section

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From the Reference Desk

This issue of *Inform Quarterly* touches on a few hot topics making headlines today.

With bridges falling, levees breaking and highways crumbling, transportation experts and government officials are taking a closer look at the current state of our infrastructure. Identity theft is on the rise, and an FTC Web site is a good resource to learn more about this crime. As with previous issues, we have included new reference works and current interest titles on a variety of topics. The Reference staff invites you to visit the library this fall and check out its displays on the second-floor bridge.

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Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Infrastructure on the minds of Americans

From the levees of New Orleans to the underground steam pipes of New York City to the bridges of California and Minneapolis, the condition of America's infrastructure has been increasingly front-page news. Following are a few resources that you may find interesting and helpful:

www.asce.org — The American Society of Civil Engineers offers its view on the issues, including a plan for the country and a report card with an interactive map of "What's Happening In Your State?"

www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure — The Office of Infrastructure, U.S. Department of Transportation, provides information on roads, bridges and other infrastructure in the form of reports, preventive measures, construction, history and much more.

www.bts.gov — The Bureau of Transportation Statistics offers a number of reports and statistical information on the current state of the American transportation infrastructure.

www.win-water.org — The Water Infrastructure Network, a coalition of elected officials, water service providers, state administrators, engineers and environmentalists, provides reports on drinking and wastewater infrastructure.

INFORM service adds new journal

A new publication has been added to the list of journals available on the INFORM table of contents service. ***Criminology & Public Policy***, published quarterly by the American Society of Criminology, is a peer-reviewed journal focused on the study of criminal justice policy and practice. "The central objective of the journal is to strengthen the role of research findings in the formulation of crime and justice policy through publishing empirically based, policy-focused articles."

Meanwhile, the journal ***Network Computing*** has ceased publication. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause INFORM patrons who were receiving the table of contents for this publication.

To add ***Criminology & Public Policy*** to your selection of articles for INFORM, contact the Reference Section at 217-782-7596 or infoline@ilsos.net. Please include your INFORM number on any correspondence.

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Current interest titles

- **Baseball and Cricket: the Creation of American Team Sports, 1838-72**, by George B. Kirsch. I.796.35 KIRS
- **First into Nagasaki: The Censored Eyewitness Dispatches on Post-atomic Japan and its Prisoners of War**, by George Wallace. 940.54 WELL
- **Google and the Myth of Universal Knowledge: A View from Europe**, by Jean-Noel Jeanneney, translated by Teresa Lavender Fagan. 025.04 JEAN
- **Lincoln's Sword: The Presidency and the Power of Words**, by Douglas L. Wilson. 973.7092 WILS2
- **The Maverick and the Machine: Governor Dan Walker Tells His Story**, by Dan Walker. I.977.3 WALK
- **Religion in Schools: Controversies Around the World**, by R. Murray Thomas. 379.2 THOM
- **Supreme Conflict: The Inside Story of the Struggle for Control of the United States Supreme Court**, by Jan Crawford Greenburg. 347.73 GREE

Now On Display

Illinois State Library atrium second-floor bridge

October — Domestic Violence Awareness Month and World War II

The central bridge display will highlight Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The south bridge display will showcase the State Library's World War II collection to coincide with the PBS broadcast of *The War*, by Ken Burns, and the Veterans Oral History Project.

November — American Diabetes Month

Nearly 21 million children and adults in the U.S. have diabetes. The American Diabetes Association encourages the public to learn more about diabetes and the risks associated with the disease.

December — Tips for Enjoying the Holidays

The display will feature stories, examples and reminisces of how the holidays are celebrated here and abroad, as well as tips on how to survive stress during the holidays.

Library card expired?

If you are an Illinois state employee and your State Library card has been lost or has expired, call the Circulation Desk and the staff can assist you over the phone.

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New in Reference

Business Rankings: Public and Private Businesses Ranked within Industry Category and State, 2007.

REF 338.74 / DUNS2 — A look at the top 25,000 public and private companies in the United States with rankings on sales, number of employees and standings in their respective states.

Biomedical Organizations: A Worldwide Guide to Position Documents, by Dale A. Stirling.

REF 610 / STIR — A comprehensive look at more than 1,000 biomedical organizations with position papers on medical-related issues.

Race Relations in America: A Reference Guide with Primary Documents, by Thomas J. Davis.

REF 305.800973 / DAVI — A compilation of essays on events that have created, fermented or established racial division in American history, from the very foundation of the Republic to the current issues of immigration and conflicts in the Middle East.

Reference staff members celebrate milestone

Secretary of State Jesse White recently recognized two reference staff members for 35 years of service with the Illinois State Library: **Arlyn Booth**, map coordinator, and **Dennis Weller**, library technical specialist.

Arlyn came to the State Library in 1972 after receiving her master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois. She has specialized in map librarianship since 1974.

Dennis started with state government right out of high school then served in the military after being drafted in 1969. After his military service he returned to the state in 1972, where he has since worked for the State Library.

On the Web

www.ftc.gov — The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) estimates that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year. In 2006, there were more than 10,000 identity theft victims in Illinois alone.

The Web site is a one-stop resource for learning more about and how to avoid identity theft. Businesses can learn how to help their customers deal with identity theft and how to prevent identity theft in their place of business. Law enforcement agencies can get resources and learn how to help identity theft victims. The Reference Desk section of the site provides access to statistical data on identity theft, federal and state laws, and FTC rulemakings, as well as links to Congressional reports and testimony on identity theft and related topics.