

Apply for Library Public Programming Grants for *Civil War 150*

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, in partnership with The Library of America, is now accepting applications from libraries and National Park historic sites for grants to develop public programming around the free traveling panel exhibition *Civil War 150*. The exhibition is part of **Civil War 150: Exploring the War and Its Meaning through the Words of Those Who Lived It**, a major three-year project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The project is centered on the four-volume Library of America series *The Civil War Told by Those Who Lived It* and includes a collection of readers (discussion guides) drawn from the series.

Fifty sites selected by competitive application to host the *Civil War 150* exhibition will each be awarded a grant of \$1,000 to plan accompanying public programming. The exhibition is available for three-week periods from October 2012 to March 2015. Hosting sites will also receive supporting interpretive and contextual materials, including the *Civil War 150* readers and access to a multimedia website with robust digital resources. Public, academic, and special libraries as well as National Park historic sites are invited to submit applications for the public programming grants and exhibition. **The application deadline is July 15, 2012.** To apply, please download and complete the [Civil War 150 Application Form](#) (PDF).

ABOUT THE STATE...

Trisa Hott is now serving as the Interim Director at the [Hampshire County Public Library](#) in Romney. **Ryan Coulston** is the new Assistant Director at the [Upshur County Public Library](#), supporting relatively new Director **Patricia Tolliver** who was promoted to her post from the position of Assistant Director. The [WVLC](#) recently said goodbye to **Jennifer Johnson**, Administrative Assistant in Administrative Services who was promoted to a position at the [WV Development Office](#). WVLC will also soon say goodbye to **Robin Chesney**, who is retiring after having served as Government Documents Librarian in the [State Reference Library](#) since 1979. We wish both Robin and Jennifer the very best and much happiness in their future activities. Our sincerest sympathy to **Amy Cooper** of the Calhoun County Library who lost her husband.

LSTA PLAN COMING!

Be on the lookout for the new LSTA Long Range Plan, 2013-2017 for the West Virginia Library Commission, which should be published to the agency's [website](#) and open for public comment by the end of this month. This plan, required regularly by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services guides WVLC in its activities and expenditures of federal library funding.



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FROM THE SECRETARY...



Karen E. Goff, Secretary/State Librarian
West Virginia Library Commission

The Bibliostat window will open in a few weeks (July 1). I know this is not an event that the library community greets with great enthusiasm, but it is an event of great importance. Most of the items on the Bibliostat report are forwarded to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for inclusion in the annual [Public Libraries Survey](#). IMLS is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums.

The Public Libraries Survey provides a national census of public libraries. It is the national version of the *WVLC Statistical Report*, providing summary information about public libraries in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. It compares West Virginia's service measures for number of uses of electronic resources, number of Internet terminals used by the general public, reference transactions, interlibrary loans, circulation, library visits, children's program attendance, and circulation of children's materials to numbers from other states.

Why are library statistics important nationally, statewide, and locally? They are important because they clearly illustrate the value and importance of libraries to funders and legislators. They are important because they can help library directors and trustees analyze work flow and service effectiveness.

As you fill out your report and ponder the convoluted definitions, remember this is a report, a statistical snapshot of what your library is doing that will become a part of a state and national collage. It is not a test. If it points out a relationship between book budgets and library use, it is an argument for increased funding. If it points out how the library supplements K-12 education and assists people prepare for and find jobs, it is proof of the return on investment. If it points out how libraries are responding to the e-book revolution, and the expense of that response, that, too is an argument for increased value. Your Bibliostat report is a statement of worth.

If you have not attended a Bibliostat webinar in a while, consider signing up for one. If you get stuck in the midst of the report, call [Melissa Brown](#) or [J.P. Myrick](#) for help.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS!

WVLC TRAINING WEBINARS TO BE BROADCAST IN JULY AND AUGUST

To get you through that midsummer hump, and to start your 2012-2013 CE plans off right, WVLC has put together free training webinars on several subjects. Join us beginning on July 27th for **FABULOUS FRIDAYS** at 10:00 via webinar.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

July 27th **“Appalachian Public Libraries—The Best Kept Secret”** - J.P. Myrick will give pointers on basic marketing and network strategies.

August 3rd **“Marketing Your Library Like A Bookstore”** - Megan Tarbett, author of an article on this subject in the Oct 2011 issue of VOYA and WVLC staff member will talk about ways to energize your library.

August 10th **“Between the Covers: Reading Romance”** - In this historical account, WVLC Consultant Suzy McGinley will talk about how some books can or can't always be judged by their covers.

Further sessions and more info will be announced soon through the [WVLC website](#). To register for these courses and to obtain log-in information, please email rebecca.j.rice@wv.gov. Please specify the webinar you are interested in.

There is no charge to WV public librarians to take these webinars! Participants in the Friday sessions will receive 1 hour CE Credit for each course, but **pre-registration is required to receive credit.** Webinars will be available on-demand via streaming video afterwards, but will not be available for credit.

SEND US YOUR MINUTES!

To insure AR compliance, Service Centers and Designate libraries should send minutes to WVLC to Rebecca.j.rice@wv.gov. Affiliate libraries should send their board minutes to their Service Centers. These changes are effective July 1, 2012.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Lets ALL Play Grants

As a national leader in the movement toward full inclusion, the National Inclusion Project is proud to partner with community organizations that are seeking to programmatically open doors for ALL children to learn, live, and play together. Through training, consulting, and funding, the Project will meet organizations where they are and help them to implement quality programs that impact children and families in their communities. The National Inclusion Project will focus on programs that fulfill its mission. To be eligible for a partnership, your program must be a non-profit or public organization. The National Inclusion Project is unable to support any for-profit programs. The maximum award granted is \$20,000 for a 12 month period.

Letters of inquiry due: July 30, 2012. Applications Due: September 15, 2012. [Click HERE for details.](#)

JPMORGAN CHASE

The JPMorgan Chase Foundation directs the majority of its time, attention and investment toward specific neighborhoods in cities where we have major operations. These neighborhoods are typically among the most challenged areas of major urban centers, defined by unacceptably high rates of poverty and historic disinvestment. JPMorgan Chase works to lead a renaissance in the neighborhood, by engaging the most qualified non-profit organizations, neighborhood residents, and other sources of public and private advocacy and funding.

The firm's philanthropic investments are directed toward three centers of excellence: Community Development, Education, Arts and Culture, (NOTE: Libraries would likely be applicable grantees in each of these groups). For more information, see the [JPMorgan Chase Global Philanthropy Website.](#)

ARCH COAL FOUNDATION

The Arch Coal Foundation was formed in December 2005 with an initial endowment from Arch Coal, Inc. These funds are used to support organizations who engage in improving the quality of life in the communities in which we operate. Our contributions emphasize education, culture and the environment. For more information, see our [website.](#)

ING FOUNDATION

The ING Foundation is the charitable giving arm of ING in the Americas. The Foundation awards grants to non-profit organizations addressing a variety of community needs and resources. ING focuses on three primary areas: financial literacy; education for youth; and diversity. The ING Foundation supports 501c3 non-profit organizations providing unique programming and/or community, outreach initiatives directed toward our primary areas of focus; broad, strategic partnership opportunities that leverage our commitment to empowerment and focus on improving the lives of individuals in underserved communities across the country; and smaller, local programs and initiatives in key markets where their employees and customers live and work and where they have a large corporate presence. Ongoing deadline. [See the ING site.](#)

ALPHA NATURAL RESOURCES: HELPING COMMUNITIES PROSPER

It's all part of our philosophy of Running Right. By working to improve the lives of our neighbors, we all benefit. Our focus is on children and families, and we provide support for all levels of education, arts and culture, and funding initiatives for social services helping those needing health care and emergency fuel. [See the ALPHA site.](#)

NISOURCE (COLUMBIA) GAS TRANSMISSION AND STORAGE

In 2010, NGT&S contributed \$120,000 to 12 local food banks in communities where we operate. NiSource companies gave a record level of \$6.8 million in charitable contributions to local, regional and national nonprofit and philanthropic organizations across our entire footprint.

In close collaboration with our employees and community partners, NiSource Gas Transmission & Storage seeks opportunities to provide funding and encourage volunteer support for non-profit organizations in the areas of Human Needs, Education, Local Impact and Public Safety. To learn more, please contact [Jen Browne](#), Senior Communications Specialist.

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LIBRARIAN POSITION—NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

Northern Kentucky University's Steely Library currently has an **Extended Collections Services Librarian** position open. For more information, please see the University's [employment website](#).

Director of Library

West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine.

Under the supervision of the VP for Academic Affairs/Dean, the Director of Library is responsible for the administration and direction of the Library at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and the library collections established at the six Statewide Campus (SWC) and 17 SWC affiliated base sites, and also serves as the MSOPTI library consultant. Additionally, the Director of Library advises the institution on copyright related issues, including developing and managing the HEOA Copyright and P2P compliance plan. For more information and additional application information, please visit <http://www.wvsom.edu/AboutWVSOM/hr-employment>

Library Director

Hampshire County Public Library—Romney, West Virginia

The Hampshire County Public Library, serving a population of 20,000 in the Potomac Highlands of West Virginia, seeks a Library Director to plan for and manage all public library operations. Proven administrative skills and creativity are required as is ability to formulate a vision for the next decade. Strong work ethic, integrity, and effective communication skills required. Successful candidate must have strong leadership and management skills, and excel in the areas of technology, finance, service, special events, fundraising, and implementation and development of policies. Minimum qualifications: Masters of Library Science (MLS) from an accredited university, and two years of professional library experience. If qualified, please send a resume and three references to hampshire.library@martin.lib.wv.us or mail to 153 W. Main Street, Romney WV 26757. Position open until filled.

Library Director

Boone Madison Public Library—Madison, West Virginia

The Boone Madison Public Library, located in the southern coal fields of West Virginia (Boone County) is seeking a director. The system consists of the main library and three branches and serves approximately 25,000 people. Applicants must have a MLS/MLIS degree from an ALA accredited program. At least two years of professional library experience is preferred. Position involves experience with current library service technologies, personnel administration, budget management, innovative library practices and community relations. Salary and benefits based on degree and experience. Please mail resume and three letters of professional reference by July 9, 2012 to: Board of Directors, Boone Madison Public Library, 375 Main Street, Madison, WV 25130. Boone Madison Public Library is an Equal Opportunity Employer

PLEASE THANK YOUR LEGISLATORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF LIBRARIES!

HELP WV! GET YOUR MASTERS!

West Virginia needs professional librarians! Please consider going back to school to get your MLS or MLIS degree. The following schools have ALA-accredited online or nearly all online masters degree programs in library and information science:

[University of Maryland](#) [University of Pittsburgh](#) [Clarion University of PA](#) [Kent State University](#)
[University of Alabama](#) [University of South Carolina](#) [University of Kentucky](#)
[University of Tennessee](#) [Florida State University](#)

Many of these schools have financial aid packages, and financial aid may be available from the American Library Association, WVLA, and other sources. **Southeastern schools usually offer in-state tuition to West Virginia residents!**