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Subject: CPL's team for ILEAD USA

Hi Steve,

CPL is sponsoring a team of 5 employees who are participating in the Laura Bush/IMLS grant called ILEAD USA.

The attached fact sheet has all the program details.

We have completed the first two sessions held in Springfield on March 25-28 and June 17- 20.

We will finish the project on October 21-24.

All expensed for the program are being paid for by the grant, except for ground transportation, which is being paid for by CPL [four of us take the train, 1 person drives].

Please let me know if you need any further information or have any questions.

Thank you,

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ILEAD USA Fact Sheet

WHAT: ILEAD USA (Illinois Libraries Explore, Apply, and Discover) is a competitive bid program sponsored by the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The program was designed to help library staff understand and respond to user needs through the application of participatory technology tools and the creation of easy-to-replicate models.

WHO: ILEAD USA consists of 25 teams, with five members each, in Illinois, Colorado, Iowa, Utah and Ohio. Illinois teams will attend three sessions in Springfield during the weeks of March 25, June 17, and October 21. The Chicago Public Library team is the only one where all five members are from the same organization, albeit from different locations. The "CPL 5" members are: Kristen Edson, Joshua Farnum, Joan Levey, Shenita Mack, and John Telli.

Our Project: Fiver locations [SSH, Chicago Lawn, West Belmont, Greater Grand Crossing, and West Garfield] will be used to produce video or audio recordings of patrons' stories on specific topics using new digital equipment. These locations will also accept patron created content using their own equipment and following published guidelines. Content will be monitored by the participating librarians and their Community Partners. Recorded stories will be housed on the new CPL website, and waivers will be provided for all participants. Through this creative and collaborative partnership, we hope that patrons will improve their storytelling, technology and communications skills in order to achieve

scholastic and employment success, while contributing to their communities. We also envision that project participants will see the library in a new way.

WHY: By using digital media, we hope to encourage participants to become interested in using the equipment, the process, and the outcomes of their stories. We want to enable them to use their voices as instruments of change. Their stories can encourage others to reveal what they know to be true. We hope that our project raises curiosity to learn more, to play and to innovate, and to tell really amazing stories.

To view some of the **coursework** that we will be taking, please go to:

<http://www.webjunction.org/partners/illinois/il-programs/ileadusa/ilead-usa-illinois.html>

To review our **agendas and meeting notes**, please go to:

<http://www.webjunction.org/partners/illinois/il-programs/ileadusa/ilead-usa-illinois/team1.html>

Please contact me with any questions you may have at jlevey@chipublib.org or at 7-4963. The team would also be happy to present more project details with any group that is exploring new ways of using digital media at CPL.