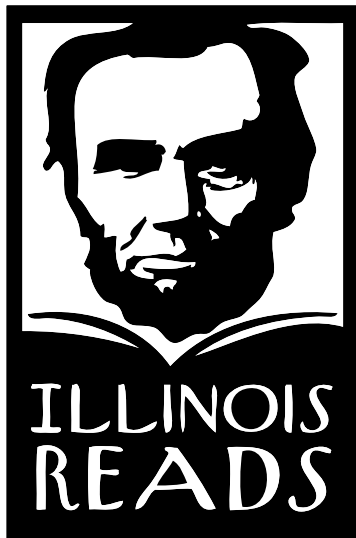


# ILLINOIS READS

## A READING STATE OF MIND



**Join the statewide literacy initiative! Six books in each age band, birth to adult, with fun activities, book clubs, author events, and more! Order bookmarks and posters today!**

*Visit our website for more information*  
[www.illinoisreads.org](http://www.illinoisreads.org)

### **Birth-4**

- Can You Dance Like a Peacock?*  
by Rekha S. Rajan
- Hide-and-Seek*  
by Molly Cranch
- Moms Can Do It All!*  
by Ted Maass
- Sleepy: Surprising Ways Animals Snooze*  
by Jennifer Ward
- Painting the Sky with Love: A Celebration of Love and Community*  
by Mary E. Haque
- Play Outside with Me*  
by Kat Chen

### **K-2**

- Bats Beneath the Bridge*  
by Janet Nolan
- Love Grows*  
by Ruth Spiro
- Somebody Needs to Do Something About That Monster!*  
by Doug Cenko
- The Ghost Who Was Afraid of Everything*  
by Nadia Ahmed
- The Heartbeat Drum: The Story of Carol Powder, Cree Drummer and Activist*  
by Deidre Havrelock  
and illustrated by Aphelandra
- Umami*  
by Jacob Grant

### **3-5**

- Cloud Puppy*  
by Kelly Leigh Miller
- Detective Sweet Pea: The Case of the Golden Bone*  
by Sara Varon
- It Belongs to the World: Frederick Banting and the Discovery of Insulin*  
by Lisa Katzenberger
- Legendarios: Wrath of the Rain God*  
by Karla Arenas Valenti
- One Cool Duck #1: King of Cool*  
by Mike Petrik
- The Great Lakes: Our Freshwater Treasure*  
by Barb Rosenstock

### **6-8**

- Forget-Me-Not Blue*  
by Sharelle Byars Moranville
- I Felt Myself Slipping*  
by Ray Nadine
- Kareem Between*  
by Shifa Saltagi Safadi
- Rare Birds*  
by Jeff Miller
- Stage Fright*  
by Wendy Parris
- The Labors of Hercules Beal*  
by Gary D. Schmidt

### **9-12**

- American Wings: Chicago's Pioneering Black Aviators and the Race for Equality in the Sky*  
by Sherri L. Smith and Elizabeth Wein
- Dear Wendy*  
by Ann Zhao
- Last On His Feet: Jack Johnson and the Battle of the Century*  
by Youssef Daoudi and Adrian Matejka
- This Book Won't Burn*  
by Samira Ahmed
- This Night Is Ours*  
by Ronni Davis
- We Shall Be Monsters: A Novel*  
by Alyssa Wees

### **Adult**

- By Water Beneath the Walls: The Rise of the Navy SEALs*  
by Benjamin H. Milligan
- Star Wars Dad Jokes: The Best Worst Jokes and Puns from a Galaxy Far, Far Away . . .*  
by Kelly Knox and  
illustrated by Johnny Sampson
- The Best Lies*  
by David Ellis
- The Great Divide: A Novel*  
by Cristina Henriquez
- The Wheel of the Year: An Illustrated Guide to Nature's Rhythms*  
by Fiona Cook
- Woe: A Housecat's Story of Despair: (A Graphic Novel)*  
by Lucy Knisley