

## NEWS

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### **Sixty libraries nationwide to receive Isaac Bashevis Singer Centennial Grants**

After an open nationwide competition, The Library of America, the American Library Association (ALA), and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) have selected 60 public and academic libraries from 32 states—from Alaska to Florida—to receive \$450 grants to develop programs about Isaac Bashevis Singer that will be free and open to the public. They will also receive the three-volume hardcover authoritative collection “Isaac Bashevis Singer: Collected Stories” to be published by The Library of America in July 2004.

The library competition is one part of the 2004 centennial celebration for the master storyteller Isaac Bashevis Singer, who in 1978 became the seventh American to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. The Singer centennial, whose theme is *Becoming an American Writer: The Life and Works of Isaac Bashevis Singer*, is directed by The Library of America and features a multifaceted program of public readings, panels, exhibitions, and workshops exploring Singer and the immigrant literary experience, supported by the NEH and produced with cultural institutions nationwide, including the ALA, from February 2004 to January 2005. In July, Singer will join the authoritative Library of America series in a three-volume edition of his collected stories and a fully illustrated companion Album.

The ALA Public Programs Office will assist the winning libraries with programming guidelines and practical support.

The selected libraries are (in alphabetical order by state):

- ✓ Juneau Public Libraries, Juneau, Alaska
- ✓ Jewish Community Library of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.
- ✓ Oakland Public Library, Oakland, Calif.
- ✓ Redwood City Public Library, Redwood City, Calif.
- ✓ San Jose Library, San Jose, Calif.
- ✓ Santa Monica Public Library, Santa Monica, Calif.

- ✓ Ryan-Matura Library, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, Conn.
- ✓ Simsbury Public Library, Simsbury, Conn.
- ✓ Miami Dade Public Library System, Miami Beach, Fla.
- ✓ Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- ✓ University of Central Florida Libraries, Orlando, Fla.
- • Cohen Library and Media Center, Athens, Ga.
- ✓ Bettendorf Public Library, Bettendorf, Iowa
- ✓ University of Idaho Library, Moscow, Idaho
- ✓ Oakton Community College Library, Des Plaines, Ill.
- ✓ Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel, Ind.
- ✓ Shrewsbury Public Library, Shrewsbury, Mass.
- ✓ Tisch Library, Tufts University, Medford, Mass.
- ✓ Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Md.
- ✓ Flint Public Library, Flint, Mich.
- ✓ Huntington Woods Public Library, Huntington Woods, Mich.
- ✓ Friends of the St. Paul Library, St. Paul, Minn.
- ✓ James W. Miller Learning Resources Center, St. Cloud, Minn.
- ✓ Saul Brodsky Jewish Community Library, St. Louis, Mo.
- ✓ St. Louis Public Library, Schlafly Branch, St. Louis, Mo.
- ✓ Everett Library, Charlotte, N.C.
- ✓ Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Neb.
- ✓ Keene Public Library, Keene, N.H.
- ✓ Brick Branch of the Ocean County Library, Brick, N.J.
- ✓ Princeton Public Library, Princeton, N.J.
- ✓ Somerset County Library System, Bridgewater, N.J.
- ✓ Teaneck Public Library, Teaneck, N.J.
- ✓ Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos County Library System, Los Alamos, N.M.
- ✓ Chappaqua School District Library, Chappaqua, N.Y.
- ✓ Farman Free Library Association of Ellington, Ellington, N.Y.
- ✓ Great Neck Library, Great Neck, N.Y.
- ✓ Greenburgh Public Library, Elmsford, N.Y.
- ✓ Hewlett-Woodmere Public Library, Hewlett, N.Y.
- ✓ Joan and Donald E. Axinn Library, Hempstead, N.Y.
- ✓ Lehman College Library, Bronx, N.Y.
- ✓ Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, N.Y.
- ✓ The New York Public Library, New York, N.Y.
- ✓ Cuyahoga County Public Library, Beachwood, Ohio
- ✓ Tulsa City-County Library, Tulsa, Okla.
- • Multnomah County Library, Portland, Ore.
- ✓ Bucks County Free Library, Doylestown, Pa.
- ✓ Gingrich Library, Albright College, Reading, Pa.
- ✓ Haverford Township Free Library, Havertown, Pa.
- ✓ Reeves Library, Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa.
- ✓ Yardley-Makefield Branch of Bucks County Free Library, Yardley, Pa.
- ✓ The Barrington Public Library, Barrington, R.I.

- ✓ Charleston County Public Library, Charleston, S.C.
- ✓ Divinity Library, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.
- ✓ Beldon Library, San Antonio, Texas
- ✓ El Paso Public Library, El Paso, Texas
- ✓ Houston Public Library, Central Library, Houston, Texas
- ✓ Brigham City Public Library, Brigham City, Utah
- ✓ Radford University McConnell Library, Radford, Va.
- ✓ St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
- ✓ Neill Public Library, Pullman, Wash.

The Library of America is a non-profit publisher and cultural institution created to preserve our nation's literary heritage by publishing authoritative editions of America's best and most significant writing. Started in 1979 with seed money from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Ford Foundation, the series currently includes 140 volumes and constitutes a national library of great writing. "Newsweek" called the series, "the most important book-publishing project in the nation's history."

The mission of the ALA Public Programs Office is to foster cultural programming as an integral part of library service in all types of libraries. Established in 1990, the office helps thousands of libraries nationwide develop and host programs that encourage dialogue among community members and works to establish libraries as cultural centers in their communities.

For more information, and a complete calendar of events, please visit [www.singer100.org](http://www.singer100.org).