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## **SSC CELEBRATES NATIONAL INFORMATION LITERACY MONTH**

SOUTH HOLLAND, IL – On October 1, 2009, President Barack Obama’s issued the first national proclamation establishing October as National Information Literacy Awareness Month. This was the first time this important 21st century skill set received federal attention at the national level. In today’s digital world, people who are information literate know how to find, access, and critically evaluate information to improve their health, their environment, their education and workplace performance. Having that skill set empowers them to interpret and make informed decisions about their lives, in essence, taking more responsibility for their own individual welfare and that of our nation.

The South Suburban College Library began celebrating October as Information Literacy Month in 2014 and this year marks our 3rd Annual Celebration. This year the Opening Day event was held on October 5, 2016 in the Library. The agenda included Welcome remarks, an Overview of the month events, the beginning of the Student Essay Contest, a Guest Speaker and Quizzes with prizes for completion.

Our Closing Day Event will be held on Tuesday, October 25th, 2016 at 1:00pm in the Library. Our honored guest speaker will be Congresswoman Robin Kelly, who will be making a donation of Books from the Library of Congress. The Essay Contest Winners will be announced, and there will be a presentation by Ms. Angela McGhee and Mr. Paul Holmes of the Afro-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Chicago to close out the month long celebration. Refreshments will follow.

For more information on the South Suburban College library, visit: <http://libguides.ssc.edu/libguideshome> or email Marilyn Wells, Senior Librarian and coordinator of Information Literacy Month at [mwells@ssc.edu](mailto:mwells@ssc.edu). For more information about all of SSC’s programs, admissions and registration, please visit [www.ssc.edu](http://www.ssc.edu) or contact the Admissions Office at (708) 210-5718.

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