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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--An Illinois Wesleyan University English professor has been named to a new Reading Advisory Committee launched by Illinois Secretary of State George H. Ryan.

Robert Bray, IWU's R. Forest Colwell Professor of English, will serve on the advisory committee for the "Read All About It" program, which meets for the first time Jan. 16 in Springfield.

Ryan, who also serves as State Librarian, says the program is intended to encourage reading among all Illinois citizens, promote Illinois libraries, and provide incentive programs for special populations.

The advisory group, which meets quarterly, will coordinate reading programs offered through the Illinois State Library.

Bray has been a member and head of the Secretary of State's Read Illinois Advisory Committee.

Bray, a graduate of Kansas State College (now Pittsburg State University), earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. at the University of Chicago. He specializes in 19th century American literature.

Bray taught at Chicago City College before joining IWU in 1970, and was named to the Colwell chair in 1986.