

SCSU professor wins money to celebrate author

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A St. Cloud State University professor has received a grant to develop educational programs about Nobel Prize-winning author Isaac Bashevis Singer.

This year marks the centennial celebration of Singer's birthday. The Polish-born Singer's work includes "Enemies: A Love Story," "The Estate," "The Manor" and "The Family

Moskat." One of his best-known short stories, "Yentl," was made into a movie starring Barbra Streisand.

The grant, awarded to Susan Motin, includes a three-volume edition of Singer's collected works, which will become part of the collection at James W.



Susan Motin
Awarded \$450 for programming

Miller Learning Resources Center.

The Miller Center is one of only two libraries in the state and 60 public libraries nationwide to be awarded the grant, university officials said.

The grant is from The Library of America and National Endowment for the Humanities, in coordination with the American Library Association.

Motin also will receive

A closer look at Isaac Bashevis Singer

Name: Isaac Bashevis Singer.

Lived: 1904-1991.

Born: Leoncin, Poland (near Warsaw).

Family: Relationship with Runya Shapira that resulted in one child, Is-

\$450 to create free public programming about Singer, whose work introduced much of the literary world

rael Zamir, in 1929. Singer and Shapira, who never married, split in 1935 because of political differences. Shapira was a staunch Communist.

Information: Visit www.ibsinger100.org.

to Eastern European and Yiddish culture. He won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1978.

"He's such a good storyteller," she said. "Even though he is speaking of different people and different areas of the world, you identify with his characters."

Motin worked with university officials from the Jewish studies program and the English and theatre/film studies/dance departments on the grant application.

Great River Regional Library officials also participated.