

## **SCSU wins grant to mark Isaac Bashevis Singer Centennial**

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ST. CLOUD, Minn. - Susan Motin of St. Cloud State University Learning Resources & Technology Services has been awarded an Isaac Bashevis Singer Centennial Grant by The Library of America and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The grant includes a new three-volume edition of Singer's collected works, which will become part of the Miller Center collection. Motin will also receive \$450 to develop free public programming about Singer, a master storyteller who in 1978 was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Motin collaborated with Dr. Joseph Edelheit of the SCSU Jewish Studies Program and the Office of Jewish Communal Activities and Resources, Chris Gordon of the English department, Bruce Hyde of the Department of Theatre, Film Studies & Dance, and the Great River Regional Library to create the university's winning proposal.

The Miller Center is one of only two libraries in the state and 60 public libraries nationwide to be awarded the grant. The library competition is part of the 2004 centennial celebration for Singer. The observance, directed by The Library of America, features public readings, panels, exhibitions and workshops exploring Singer and the immigrant literary experience. It is supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and produced with cultural institutions nationwide from February 2004 to January 2005.

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