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BiblioBoard & Soon To Be Famous Illinois Author Project

The [Soon to Be Famous Illinois Author Project](#) (STBF) was inspired by brand expert/author David Vinjamuri, who challenged librarians attending the 2013 American Library Association conference to demonstrate their influence by helping a self-published author bring his/her work to prominence. RAILS-area library marketing professionals took the challenge to heart and the STBF contest was born.

Each year, self-published Illinois authors of adult fiction find a library to nominate their work. A panel of judges select the winner. Nominations and judges come from academic, public, school, and special libraries across the state. RAILS has supported the project from the start, including extending our [partnership with BiblioLabs](#) to include STBF. The BiblioBoard platform is used during the judging process, some STBF titles are included on the platform, and BiblioLabs offers a \$1,000 award to the winning author/book.

The 2018 STBF winner is *Sweetest Heartbreak*, by Heather Bentley. It is available for a limited time for anyone in Illinois to read in BiblioBoard's PopUp Picks/[Indie Rockstars collection](#).

Heather Bentley – *Sweetest Heartbreak*



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