

Inform Quarterly

A Newsletter from the Illinois State Library's Reference Section

Jesse White • Secretary of State & State Librarian

From the Reference Desk

Due to the state's current fiscal climate, the Illinois State Library's Reference staff has discontinued several periodical subscriptions. Because INFORM is one of our top concerns, the Reference staff has tried to make as few changes as possible. The State Library will soon announce which periodicals will be eliminated, and when possible, an electronic copy will be substituted for a print copy of a discontinued periodical.

The Reference staff is looking at some exciting and innovative changes that will be both cost-efficient and improve overall service in order to continue serving the information needs of state employees.

To request materials or find answers to your questions, please contact:

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Reference fax • 217-524-0041

Map Collection • 217-782-5823

Patent & Trademark Division • 217-782-5659

"Ask the State Library"
www.cyberdriveillinois.com/library/forms/email_ref.html

Access the State Library database at
<http://library.ilcso.illinois.edu/isl>

Illinois State Library hours:
Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*We look forward to
hearing from you!*

Question Point becomes permanent

The Question Point program has been added permanently to the Reference Section's offerings to allow patrons from across the street or around the globe to ask questions of the Illinois State Library. The pilot project, which ran from May through July this year, was a cooperative effort among the State Library, the Illinois Education Services Office, Chicago State University's library and the Suburban Library System, among others.

To access Question Point, visit the Secretary of State's Web Site at www.cyberdriveillinois.com/library/isl/isl.html. You can send a question via e-mail or, during specific hours, participate in a live chat with a librarian. Your questions will be answered while you wait or they can be researched and answered via e-mail.

ILLINET Online catalogue adds 12 more libraries

If you have not accessed the ILLINET Online catalogue recently, you now have more choices. The catalogue now includes listings from 12 more libraries, for a total of 56 Illinois libraries, giving researchers more than 21 million items from which to choose.

"ILLINET Online continues to grow and build on its diverse selection of materials," said Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White. "I encourage you to check out this invaluable resource for your information needs both at work and at home."

New libraries in the catalogue include: Augustana College, Danville Area Community College, Illinois College, Kendall College, Lewis & Clark Community College, Lincoln Land Community College, The Newberry Library, North Park University, Olivet Nazarene University, Robert Morris College, University of St. Francis and Wheaton College. To check out the enhanced catalogue, visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com/library/isl/isl.html.

LexisNexis expanded

The Reference Section has expanded its LexisNexis service to allow the search of case laws from all 50 states. The resource also offers statistics, produced by state and federal governments, major international intergovernmental organizations, professional and trade organizations, commercial publishers, independent research organizations and universities. Although not available for public use, LexisNexis is a resource that the Reference staff can access when searching for information that might be of assistance to you.

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Maps, directories donated to library

The State Library has recently received several donations of materials from other libraries and organizations. Following closure of the State Data Center affiliate at Illinois State University, the State Library received the center's census maps and aerial photographs. The library also has received a sizeable number of Illinois Department of Transportation maps from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, as well as flood, city and plate maps from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Development.

In addition, the library has received Illinois School Directories from 1925-26, 1929-30 and 1930-31 from the Stevenson-Ives Library / Archives at the McLean County Museum of History. For information on any of these new acquisitions, please contact the Reference Desk.

Now On Display...

Each month on the second floor central bridge of the Illinois State Library, the Reference staff showcases an area of the library with a special exhibit.

SEPT

September highlights Literacy, with September 8 being International Literacy Day. The day is dedicated to the celebration of the importance of literacy as an agent of empowerment in the lives of people everywhere, and its central role in the promotion of development, tolerance and peace. For more information, visit www.un.org.

OCT

October will focus on the importance of interlibrary loan — the process by which libraries borrow materials for their patrons from other libraries, thus expanding the boundaries of each library's capability of serving its patrons.

NOV

November will showcase university presses — books published through universities throughout the state.

New titles in the Reference Section

The Hispanic American Almanac: a Reference Work on Hispanics in the United States, edited by Sonia G. Benson, Farmington Hills, MI: Gale Group, 2003, 973.0468/ HISP 3 2003

Includes 24 chapters on law, government, military, population growth and distribution, education and research, business, labor and employment with regard to the diversity of the Hispanic culture. The almanac includes more than 500 biographies, 330 illustrations, a glossary and a chronology.

2003 National Directory of Corporate Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., Columbia Books Inc., 2003, 659.2 / NATI2 2003

This directory is divided into two sections. Section one of the directory lists about 1,700 major U.S. companies, in alphabetical order, identified as having public and/or governmental affairs programs. In addition to providing the address of the corporate headquarters and the Washington, D.C. area office, the directory, when applicable, provides key information regarding corporate philanthropic activities and political action committee involvement. Section two lists about 13,000 corporate employees engaged in the informational, political and philanthropic aspects of public affairs throughout the country.

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Library card expired?

If you are an Illinois state employee and your State Library card has been lost or has expired, call the Circulation Desk and the staff can assist you over the phone.
217-782-7573

