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ILLINOIS LIBRARY SYSTEMS TO SUSPEND FUND FOR ILLINOIS LIBRARIES

Because of delayed payments from the State of Illinois, Illinois Library Systems regrets that the Fund for Illinois Libraries will be suspended, effective July 1, 2010. This means that, effective, July 1, Illinois Library Systems will not be able to accept and process donations on behalf of Fund for Illinois Libraries member libraries. We will process all donations that we receive and deposit prior to June 30, but will have to return any donations that arrive after that date.

Illinois Library Systems incur many costs related to the processing of donations, including a costly annual audit. It is because of these additional expenses and lack of revenue that we have been forced to suspend activity on the Fund. It's important to Illinois Library Systems to keep clean records and be in total compliance with the laws that govern 501(c)3 status so that we might be able to reactivate this service.

As a member of the Fund, you will still be able to use the 501(c)3 number. We will be maintaining the paperwork to keep our non-profit status active in the hopes that we can bring back the service of accepting donations in the future. We cannot predict when or if this will happen, but we remain committed to providing this service to you, our members.

Illinois Library Systems are membership-based, regional organizations consisting of academic, public, school, and special libraries. Illinois is served by nine multitype Library Systems, each providing services to participating libraries in its region. Statewide, over 2,200 libraries of all types and sizes are members of Library Systems. Funding for Illinois Library Systems is provided through the Illinois State Library and the Secretary of State with funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly.