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TO: Library System Directors Library System
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FROM: Cyndy Colletti, Literacy Program Manager

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RE: GED-Illinois Online Training

The Illinois State Library Literacy Office, the Illinois Community College Board and the Center for the Application of Instructional Technology at Western Illinois University are cooperating to implement a statewide training for local libraries concerning the GED-Illinois (GED-i) Online preparation. GED-i is a way for an adult learner to use the Internet to study for the GED test. Since libraries are often a place for learners to get computer access, librarians need to know what the GED-i is and how to support adult learners who are using libraries to access this instructional option. Librarians across the state will attend the regional trainings that are scheduled to start in April and end in July. The training will show the librarians how to work closely with adult education agency staff to enable the adult learner to use GED-i. The training will provide solid information to the librarians so they can make appropriate referrals to GED-i. Finally, the training will provide a source of information to the public in the library's local area on what the GED-i is and how to use it.

We have scheduled the trainings for the following dates and locations:

April 18	Galesburg Public Library
April 27	Decatur Public Library
May 10	Edwardsville Public Library
May 11	Marion Public Library
May 14	Berwyn Public Library
June 29	Wilmington Public Library
July 13	McHenry Public Library

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The training workshops will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The morning session will explore the GED-i program and website. Library staff and adult education staff will participate so that regional partnerships can be formed between the libraries and the local adult education agency such as community colleges. In the afternoon, a session for the public on the GED-i will be presented with both library and adult education staff present. The afternoon session will be presented so that the session can be replicated locally in the future by the library-adult education partnership team.

Public libraries have been notified about the workshops and have responded if they are interested in participating. If someone on your staff would like to attend any of these trainings or have any questions, please contact Diane Manning at 217/785-6921 or dmanning@ilsos.net.

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