

**ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY  
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**SOS Budget**

State finances remain tight. The Comptroller's Office is taking up to 14 weeks to process payments because of the lag between revenue and expenses. The Illinois State Library was excited to be included in a supplemental appropriation, but hours after legislators left Springfield the Governor vetoed the appropriation. Spending has been cut in operations, communications, equipment purchases, printing, travel, and the book budget for the State Library collection is non-existent. Every staff person in the Secretary of State's organization is required to take mandatory furlough days. In January, the General Assembly will start the budget for 2010 and predictions are that next year will be bleaker than this year.

**Holiday Literacy Donation Program**

For the sixth year in a row, Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White, the Illinois Literacy Foundation and 64 Borders and Waldenbooks stores are uniting to raise money from customers to enhance literacy appreciation and awareness for local literacy initiatives.

From Monday, November 24th through Wednesday, December 31st, 2008, the Holiday Literacy Donation Program will raise funds for local literacy organizations. Each Borders and Waldenbooks store is partnered with a local literacy program, and each store will give customers the opportunity to add one dollar or more to their purchase to benefit the local literacy program. The Illinois Literacy Foundation selects the recipient literacy organization.

**Library System Standards**

The committee has been diligently working on the updates to system standards.

Information on the library system standards web page includes the planning assumptions that the Library System Standards Committee is working with and the notes from the committee's first two meetings in August and October. David Carlson, committee chairman, shared the planning assumptions with the library system presidents and directors earlier this week. Your comments are welcomed about the planning assumptions. The goal is to have a completed revision done by the end of 2009.

[http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats\\_new/systemstandardrules.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/whats_new/systemstandardrules.html)

You may comment publicly by signing in on WebJunction Illinois and go to the Library System Page and click on the "Discussion" tab. Anonymous comments are also possible.

<http://il.webjunction.org/il-systems>

**On the Front Lines – (please note the new dates)**

The State Library will sponsor "On The Front Lines," the sixth statewide library practitioners' conference at the University of Illinois at Springfield March 16 - 18, 2009. The conference promises to deliver important content relevant to front line staff that serves the public face-to-face within the Illinois multi-type library network. For more information, contact Gwen Harrison at gharrison@ilsos.net, or call her at 217-785-7334.

**EDI (Electronic Documents of Illinois) Evaluation**

The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) recently conducted an evaluation to judge the EDI website as a repository for Illinois documents. Within the context that no institution receives 100%, they validated the content and security for the EDI web information. The Illinois State Library is improving policies based on their recommendations. In addition, ISL sent CRL comments regarding the evaluation. CRL will review the comments and submit a Final Report.

**Changes in OCLC**

OCLC is changing their structure. In 2009, there will no longer be a “regional” structure. This is being replaced with “trusted partners.” OCLC is investigating partnering agencies for billing and training. The Illinois State Library has applied to continue OCLC billing with Lincoln Trail Libraries System. We don’t know how many partners OCLC will use, but we expect to hear by March.

**Forthcoming**

March 16-18	On the Front Lines Conference	U of IL @ Springfield
May 31-June 5	SPLMI (Small Public Library Management Institute)	U of IL @ Springfield
June 7 – 12	ISPL (Institute for School and Public Librarians)	Bradley University
July 9 – 15	ALA Annual Conference	Chicago