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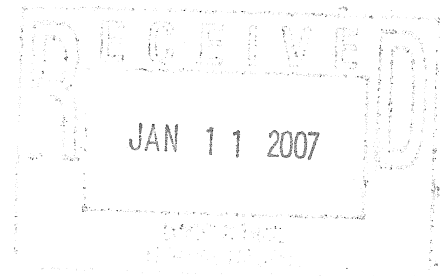
Dear Jan:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your annual report and strategic plan. I especially like your strategic plan which is both straightforward and visionary (not always an easy balance to strike!)

Best wishes for continued success to you and to Lincoln Trails as you implement your plan.

Sincerely,

Mary A. Dempsey  
Commissioner



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Ms. Jan Ison, Director  
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Dear Jan,

Thank you for letting Michele Farrell from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and I visit you at LTLS to talk about your LSTA grant projects. I just wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciate your willingness to go above and beyond in helping make this site visit so impressive. Please share my heartfelt thanks to your staff that joined us too.

Your LSTA grant projects are VERY exciting and the details about the grants and processes you shared were perfect. In addition, you and your staff created an atmosphere that was warm and welcoming to Michele and me. I was so glad that Michele was able to visit LTLS and see the best of Illinois.

Michele stated that after the four-days visit to libraries in Illinois, other states would have a lot to live up to. I understand that at the IMLS staff meeting following her visit to Illinois, she talked nonstop about the libraries she visited in Illinois.

Thank you for supporting the efforts of the Illinois State Library and for allowing me to call upon you to make a good impression on our IMLS grant monitor.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen".

Karen Egan  
LSTA Grants Consultant

