STATE BUDGET
SUPPORT current funding for the Illinois Secretary of State’s public library, school library, equalization, and library system grants.

ILA INITIATIVES
SUPPORT House Bill 200 (Rep. Kelly Burke, D-36, Oak Lawn), which permits public libraries to apply for State grants to purchase life saving Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices.
SUPPORT House Bill 3434 (Rep. Kathleen Willis, D-77, Northlake), which clarifies when village libraries must file information related to property tax levies.

LOCAL CONTROL
OPPOSE House Bill 2689 (Rep. Peter Breen, R-48, Lombard) Mandatory Internet Filters, which overrule local public library decisions on Internet access by imposing an unfunded mandate to limit access in a manner that clearly violates the First Amendment. SUPPORT public, school and academic libraries that protect the privacy and intellectual freedom of all library users.

LOCAL LIBRARY PROPERTY TAX REVENUES AND COSTS
OPPOSE legislation that will reduce existing local property tax revenues, increase local library costs, or interfere with the independence of local library trustees and administrators.
SUPPORT Level Funding for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA)
- Maintaining this federal funding is critical to ensure that valuable library resources and services remain in Illinois communities — in FY 2015, over $5.45 million went directly to support Illinois school, academic, and public libraries.
- Support the President’s request for $186.6 million for LSTA, and maintain level funding of $25 million for the Innovative Approaches to Literacy program, half of which provides school library materials to low-income communities.

REQUIRE School Librarians in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)
- Support language in the Act requiring every student to have access to an “effective school library program,” defined as: every school library be staffed by a certified librarian; equipped with up-to-date materials and technology; and enriched by a curriculum jointly developed by a grantee school’s librarians and classroom teachers.
- Permit state funds provided under ESEA to be used to recruit and train school librarians.

RESTORE the Constitutional Privacy Rights of Library Users and All Americans; PASS ECPA Reform
- Civil liberties are threatened by provisions of the USA PATRIOT, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Amendments, and Electronic Communications Privacy Acts (ECPA). We urge Congress to end mass surveillance, bring due process to the FISA court process and rationality to the collection and retention of data.
- Support the bipartisan ECPA Amendments Act of 2015, introduced in both chambers on February 4, 2015 and with 220 original House co-sponsors.

ENACT Meaningful FOIA Modernization and ENSURE Public Access to Unique NTIS Data
- Pass the bipartisan FOIA Improvement Act of 2015, S. 337, to make government information accessible to the public and assure government transparency and accountability.
- Ensure that the unique and important collections of digital reports, print material and microform records held by the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) continue to be preserved and made available to the public on a cost-recovery basis (whether through NTIS or another national repository).

RATIFY the Marrakesh Treaty for the Print Disabled; REJECT Unneeded Changes to Copyright Law
- The Marrakesh Treaty will provide accessible published works to an estimated 4 million blind and other “print-disabled” people in the United States and requires no changes in U.S. copyright law.
- Ratify the Treaty promptly once transmitted to the Senate without unnecessary changes in copyright law likely to seriously delay or derail ratification.

SUPPORT “Network Neutrality”
- Preserving an open Internet is essential to our nation’s freedom of speech, educational achievement, and economic growth. Internet service providers should not be information gatekeepers.
- Oppose any and all efforts in Congress that fail to protect open Internet principles, and equitable access to online information, applications and services for all.

Strong Libraries = A Strong Illinois