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SUPPORT STATE FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES!

APPROVE Fiscal 2016 State general revenue appropriations to fully fund the Illinois Secretary of State's 2016 grant programs including equalization grants and per capita grants for public libraries, school libraries and library systems. A specific example of crucial state funding is the Illinois Talking Book program which serves over 16,000 adults and children who cannot read print due to a physical or visual limitation. Approve appropriations for the Illinois State Library as well as appropriations to higher education which include state university and community college academic libraries.

APPROVE Fiscal 2017 State appropriations for both general revenue and Live and Learn funds to the Illinois Secretary of State for equalization and per capita grants for public libraries, school libraries and library systems. Approve appropriations for the Illinois State Library as well as appropriations to higher education which include state university and community college academic libraries.

ILA INITIATIVES

SUPPORT House Bill 4336! Sponsored by Rep. Willis (D-77, Northlake)

This legislation is an initiative of village public libraries that will improve public disclosure of anticipated library tax levies by moving the disclosure date closer to when a levy must actually be approved. Identical legislation was unanimously approved by the House in 2015, but was not called for a final vote in the Senate.

SUPPORT House Bill 4516! Sponsored by Rep. Zalewski (D-23, Riverside)

This legislation allows public library districts the same flexibility as municipal libraries to have library fundraising, cultural and educational events where alcoholic beverages may be served. Library districts need this flexibility to raise non-taxpayer funds to support the library.

LOCAL CONTROL

OPPOSE Property Tax Freeze!

A statewide property tax freeze totally preempts local control. Local library trustees' primary duty is to manage local revenues and expenditures. A freeze nullifies this most basic responsibility. A freeze is especially harmful when the State has failed to provide funding support for local libraries and continues to impose unfunded mandates.

OPPOSE Legislation which limits access to information in libraries or imposes unconstitutional burdens on intellectual freedom. Legislation mandating statewide Internet filters is a prime example of legislation ILA opposes because it takes away local control. Legislation which impairs free speech or impacts the Library Confidentiality Act should also be strongly opposed.

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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 2016, over \$5.49 million went directly to support Illinois school, academic, and public libraries.
- Support the President's request for \$182.9 million for LSTA, and maintain level funding for the *Innovative Approaches to Literacy* program, half of which provides school library materials to low-income communities.

RESTORE the Constitutional Privacy Rights of Library Users and All Americans; PASS ECPA Reform

- Civil liberties are threatened by provisions of the *USA Patriot Act*, *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, fast, and affordable Internet is essential to our nation's freedom of speech, educational achievement, and economic growth. Internet service providers should not be the 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.



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