SERVICES FOR STATE GOVERNMENT

The Illinois State Library is the primary research library for state government employees and elected officials.

Services

- The principal information resource for state government.
- Access to reference librarians with subject expertise on state government areas of interest.
- Access to materials from our collection in a variety of formats.
- Access to materials in thousands of other libraries worldwide through interlibrary loan.
- “Little Libraries” in government offices including topics of interest to state government employees.
- Training in use of the State Library’s databases.
- Electronic tables of contents to journal articles.
- Purchase on demand of materials needed quickly by state government.

Collections

The State Library maintains a collection of more than 5 million items with an emphasis on federal and state documents. Additional information is accessed through licensed databases. Collections include:

- Reference materials – with an emphasis on governmental interests and current factual and reference information.
- Extensive Illinois and federal legislative materials.
- Maps – more than 190,000 sheet maps and Illinois aerial photographs.
- Technical standards on topics of interest to state government.
- Training materials for certification for state government jobs.
- Electronic books.
- Illinois authors – an extensive collection of Illinois author works, many of which are first editions or signed copies.
- Videos on personnel training topics.

The State Library building is located directly across from the State Capitol, and the building’s proximity to government offices makes it a visible landmark and emphasizes its role in meeting the information needs of state government.

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