

FY15 System A&PC Grant: distribution of remaining funds

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Dear Leslie, Brian and Dee:

As you are aware, the Public Library Per Capita and Equalization Grants and the Library System Area and Per Capita Grants share a single appropriation in the state's budget. Similar to what occurred in FY2014, the Secretary's Office allocated the public library portion of the appropriation at the statutory maximum of \$1.25 per capita, including the Chicago Public Library's statutory maximum of \$1.44 per capita. In addition to those per capita distributions, allocations were made for the Equalization Grant Program and an amount of slightly more than \$165,000 remains in the appropriation. This funding will be distributed to the three library systems under the System Area and Per Capita Grant program based on the statutory formula:

Chicago Public Library System	\$ 22,709.56
Illinois Heartland Library System	\$ 36,270.91
Reaching Across Illinois Library System	\$106,420.21

We respectfully suggest that the three library systems consider using this funding to support cooperative system programs. Our first recommendation is that the systems use the funds to purchase delivery packaging items, specifically tubs. During recent conversations with representatives from the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries (CARLI), your staff indicated that new packaging materials are needed to support the connection of regional library system delivery services with the statewide Illinois Library Delivery Service. After these delivery supplies are purchased, remaining funding could be used to support the eRead Illinois project.

Each system board should approve an amendment to its FY2015 budget, adding the additional funding and indicating how it will be spent. Following that step, please submit a revised FY2015 budget to the Illinois State Library.

While figures for FY2016 (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016) are still to be finalized in the state's budget process, we are all very pleased that the FY2015 appropriation level gives our public libraries some much needed relief and gives the library systems a modest increase.

Please let me know if you have any questions.