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Library Systems Support the Future of Library Cooperation

75 Illinois library leaders met on Monday, November 9, at Allerton Park to discuss the future of Library Cooperation. Illinois Library Systems commend the work of this group and the planning committee for organizing the event, the Illinois Library Association for writing the grant, and the Illinois State Library for funding the grant.

Illinois Library Systems, committed to collaboration, focus on helping our member libraries move forward. According to Bev Obert, President, Illinois Library Systems, "We will continue to build upon our successes of collaborative projects and services to do our part to keep Illinois library cooperation strong." In addition, we applaud the young, passionate voices of change and their vocal support for cooperation and collaboration during the summit. We look forward to working with all to address the many large issues facing the library community.

Illinois Library Systems are membership-based, regional organizations consisting of academic, public, school, and special libraries. Illinois is served by nine multitype Library Systems, each providing services to participating libraries in its region as well as supporting and developing cooperative programs. Statewide, over 2,100 libraries of all types and sizes are members of Library Systems. Funding for Illinois Library Systems is provided through the Illinois State Library and the Secretary of State with funds appropriated by the Illinois General Assembly.