



**In tough times people turn to Libraries**

**Libraries turn to Systems**

**Systems need your continued support**

## **In 2008, Illinois Library Systems:**

Delivered nearly 24 million items to libraries free of charge so that the people of Illinois could get materials to help them with their daily lives.

To deliver the materials using the United States Postal Service, it would cost, on average, \$1.90 for each item. The total would be **\$45,519,056.00!**

Coordinated a program to help taxpayers get 7.5 million items quickly and easily from a library convenient to them.

Provided education and training for 18,297 staff for a total of 66,094 hours to help them offer the latest technologies and the best service possible to the people of Illinois.

To get this type of education and training, it could cost at least \$40/ hour for a total price of **\$2,643,760.00!**

Facilitated 4,352,523 interlibrary loan transactions to get books, CDs, DVDs and other materials to the people of Illinois.

If libraries had to purchase each of these resources at an average cost of \$20.08/item, it would cost **\$87,398,661.84!**

Consulted with library personnel and boards for 52,693 hours, providing them with the most up-to-date advice and support.

If a library had to hire consultants (at an average cost of \$80/hour) to provide them with this guidance, it would cost **\$4,215,440.00!**

Illinois Library Systems received \$15,624,382 from the Illinois General Assembly through Secretary of State Jesse White's library program and provided over **\$139,000,000** in services to the people of Illinois.

**For every \$1 the taxpayer invests in library systems they receive \$8.90 in service**

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