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Working together, your library, the library systems, and the Illinois State Library...

- Connect you to a network of 2,338 academic, special, school, and public libraries across the state that work together to provide superior service to the people of Illinois.
- Ensure strength in numbers. Your library is part of an information superhighway, and that makes your librarians powerful friends to have.
- Make good use of your tax dollars. Each year Illinois citizens walk into a library other than their own and borrow more than 4,500,000 information resources.
- Saved Illinois library users like you millions of dollars compared to the cost of purchasing books and other information obtained from Illinois libraries. If all the items shared last year by Illinois libraries with users of other libraries were purchased, the cost would be over \$60,000,000.
- Leveraged a state investment of \$20 million in support of regional library cooperation and resource sharing into over \$200 million of added value for Illinois taxpayers.