

# Inform Quarterly

*A Newsletter from the Illinois State Library's Reference Section*

Jesse White • Secretary of State & State Librarian

## From the Reference Desk

In this issue, news of changes at the Illinois State Library abound. A retirement in the Reference Section affects the INFORM Service, WestLaw provides access to government information, special services for state employees are now available, and new exhibits featuring topics of interest for minorities and youth will be on display.

We encourage you to check out the myriad services provided through the State Library that can enhance both your work and leisure time.

### To request materials or find answers to your questions, please contact:

Reference phone • 217-782-7596

Reference fax • 217-524-0041

Map Collection • 217-782-5823

Patent & Trademark Division • 217-782-5659

“Ask the State Library”

[www.cyberdriveillinois.com/  
ContactFormsWeb/email\\_ref.html](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/ContactFormsWeb/email_ref.html)

Access the State Library database at  
<http://library.ilcso.illinois.edu/isl>

Illinois State Library hours:  
Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

*We look forward to  
hearing from you!*

## Reference staff offers tours, resource demonstrations for state employees

Reference staff members Gwen Harrison and Sandra Fritz are providing tours and demonstrations of resources at the Illinois State Library for state employees and officials. The tours offer demonstrations on how to access the online catalogue and an overview of the various databases. The library's extensive map collection, patent and trademark materials and numerous periodicals and newspapers also provide a wealth of information for state employees.

“The State Library has so much to offer state employees,” said Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White. “Don't let this treasure trove of information pass you by. Our reference staff is at your service to locate the information you need for your next project.”

For more information about services available to state employees, please contact Gwen Harrison at 217-782-5524 or [gharrison@ilsos.net](mailto:gharrison@ilsos.net).

## WestLaw replaces LexisNexis

In July, the Reference Section will begin using WestLaw for most of its online legal and news resources. As a result, LexisNexis will be discontinued. The new service includes access to state and federal materials, including case and judicial materials, statutory information, administrative laws and regulations, as well as journals and law reviews. Federal resources contain information on all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and U.S. Territories. WestLaw also allows access to more than 100 local, regional and national newspapers in full text as well as some business magazines, such as *Barron's* and *Crain's Chicago Business*. The package also includes transcripts from more than 250 radio and television programs, including *Face the Nation* and *60 Minutes*.

## Lueck retires; INFORM changes hands

Liz Lueck of the Reference Section retired in May following nearly 34 years of service with the Illinois State Library. Liz was a driving force behind the INFORM Service. Her expertise and knowledge will be greatly missed. Taking over for Liz is Carol Weyhrich, who has been working with INFORM for the past four years. Please direct all inquiries to 217-782-7596 or [informationline@ilsos.net](mailto:informationline@ilsos.net).

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## New Reference Resources

**Headquarters USA 2004: A Directory of Contact Information for Headquarters and other Central Offices of Major Businesses and Organizations in the United States and in Canada, Detroit, MI: Omnigraphics, Inc., 2004. 384.6 / HEAD**

This two-volume set includes mailing addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers, toll-free numbers, Web addresses and stock symbols for more than 112,000 companies in the United States and Canada. Listings may be accessed either by the name of the company or by subject listing.

**Encyclopedia of Community: From the Village to the Virtual World, edited by Karen Christensen and David Levinson, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc. 2003. 307 / ENCY**

This four-volume resource includes the writings of 399 notable scholars from major institutions in 18 countries. The resource includes a broad view of community and explores not only the nature of specific communities but issues and trends surrounding the principle of a community. Social problems and benefits created by a community are covered as well as the fragmentation of community, including violence, gangs and inadequate schools.

**The Oxford Encyclopedia of Economic History, edited by Joel Mokyr, New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2003. 330 / OXFO**

This five-volume set includes nearly 900 signed entries and subentries covering the broad spectrum of economic history. Volume 5 includes a topical outline of the articles and a list of Internet sites relating to economic history. Each article includes bibliographic information.

## Now On Display

Each month on the State's Library's second-floor central bridge overlooking the atrium, the Reference staff showcases an area of interest with an exhibit.

- **June/July** — During the last week in June and throughout July, the Reference Section, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health's Center for Minority Health Services, will host a display on AIDS. June 27 is National Counseling and Testing Day, and this project is designed to promote awareness and education about AIDS.
- **August** — August is National Inventors Month. This exhibit will showcase inventors, inventions and technology timelines through books, articles and other resources.
- **September** — September's exhibit will feature Government Documents for Youth, models and videos from NASA, activity books from various agencies, Web sites and CD Roms.

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### Library card expired?

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**217-782-7573**

