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ROBERT H. DUMAS, City Librarian



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Mrs. Jean Downs
30 Hiawatha Lane
Galesburg, Illinois 61401

Dear Mrs. Downs:

The Board of Directors of the Decatur Public Library would like to express its consensus with respect to proposed legislation as outlined in the Newsletter of the ILDA.

1. The Board would support the bill to be introduced by Representative Anderson to ameliorate the problem caused by the six-year limitation on system board membership. Inasmuch as rotation of board membership would not allow any member to participate in a system board for longer than the current limit, the effect on this Library would be minimal.
2. The other Anderson bill to increase support from .15% to .24% over a three year period would not affect this Library inasmuch as we are already in the advanced level of support. But again, the Library Board recognizes the needs of other libraries and would be supportive of the bill.
3. With respect to the ILA bill supporting full funding for bills raising the equalization formula and providing per capita grants to libraries which are members of systems, the Library Board is fully supportive. In fact, the per capita grant program is the only legislative program that is likely to have a positive effect on libraries such as the Decatur Public Library. It is the hope of this Library Board that the ILDA will drop its opposition to this important piece of legislation in the interest of promoting all legislation that will answer the needs of all libraries in the State of Illinois.

Sincerely yours,

Carol Batterham

Carol Batterham, Secretary
Board of Library Directors