



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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To Members of the Illinois General Assembly,

I am pleased to submit the Public Library Capital Needs Assessment Report for review by the 103rd General Assembly, as required by the Public Library Construction Act (30 ILCS 767/15-60). The comprehensive assessment was compiled by the Illinois State Library from survey responses submitted by 623 public libraries from across the state.

The responding public libraries report a need for nearly \$914 million of capital expenditures for new buildings, additions to existing buildings, and general repairs. This substantial amount clearly indicates a great need for building improvements to allow our public libraries to continue providing essential services to the people of Illinois. I hope this information will encourage the General Assembly to include public libraries in any future expansion of the state's capital infrastructure program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexi Giannoulis".

Alexi Giannoulis
Secretary of State and State Librarian