**Section 3035.100 System Area and Per Capita Grants**

Application for Annual Per Capita and Area Grants to the library systems shall be made to the State Librarian prior to July 1 of each year and shall consist of the following:

a) An annually updated plan of service. The plan of service shall clearly indicate how the proposed expenditure of State funds in the ensuing fiscal year will be utilized for the provision of member services within the goals for Illinois library systems.

b) The estimated system budget for the ensuing fiscal year based on current year funding with a contingency plan for anticipated funding for the ensuing year.

c) Either of the following:

1) Certification that the library system has adopted the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights (1996) *that indicates material should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval* (American Library Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1300, Chicago IL 60601; https://www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill; the material incorporated by reference includes no later amendments or editions) [75 ILCS 10/3]; or

2) A written policy, adopted by the library system's board of directors, that indicates the library system will protect the intellectual freedom of the library user and shall prevent censorship of its library materials, ensuring that items are not withdrawn from its library collection merely because individuals or groups object to the material.

d) Certification that for grants made under this Section on or after January 1, 2024, and upon request of the State Librarian, the library system agrees to provide the Illinois State Library with any final decision for the reconsideration of library materials during the term of the grant award.

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