

## **Membership Report February, 2014**

### **Changes in Membership**

It is anticipated that there will be an administrative change in the listing of Benedictine University. The main campus is located in Lisle, Illinois with a satellite campus in Springfield. The administration of the Lisle Campus has long held that it is a single agency. Through a collaborative effort with RAILS and ILS staff, it was determined that an administrative change could be made to remove the Springfield campus from the current listing as a separate IHLS member and change them to a branch of the administrative agency in Lisle. No action is required by the board.

### **Annual Certification of Membership**

Now in the second year, the certification process has gotten off to a great start. As of Thursday afternoon, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the numbers were as follows:

Academic Libraries: 35 libraries have certified, 7 remain.  
Public Libraries: 208 libraries have certified, 19 remain.  
School Districts: 217 school districts have certified, 34 remain.  
Special Libraries: 33 libraries have certified, 5 remain.

In total: 493 member agencies have certified as of 2/20/2014 with only 65 more to go.

11 libraries have submitted “unexpected” results that require follow-up at the system level. Five of these are school districts reporting on the possibility of consolidation. The remaining five have been contacted regarding their challenges. It is anticipated that there will be some suspensions recommended to the board following the closure of the certification window.

### **Opportunities:**

On March 11, 2014, I will have an opportunity to meet with prison librarians from our region at John A. Logan College. This is a unique and rare opportunity to discuss system services with this population and hear from them regarding the challenges they face!

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