



## Membership Report March, 2014

- The Certification Process is almost complete. There are three remaining libraries that we would expect would certify before the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline. It is expected that we will lose several school districts and two special libraries. The complete listing will be presented at the April board meeting at which time libraries will be recommended for suspension.
- On March 11, I spoke with a group of prison librarians serving in state facilities at a meeting held at John A. Logan College. It was a fine opportunity to speak with them and hear their questions. Resource sharing continues to be a challenge for them. Most prison administrators are not interested in the risks involving lost materials. The best solution discussed was to borrow materials for use only in the prison library. I also learned that the IHLS website is blocked by their filters because of the word “Heartland.”
- I also attended the Public Library Association Conference held in Indianapolis, March 11-March 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a great venue for the Illinois library community and a fine occasion to meet colleagues. The majority of sessions that I attended had to do with organizational development and policy. The keynote session, given by Bryan Stevenson, founder of the Equal Justice Initiative and a general session presented by Amy Cuddy on the topic of body language were both very impressive. Another memorable presenter was Simon Sinek, who shared his thoughts on leadership and trust. All of these presenters have [TED](#) talks online and they would be well worth watching. I am most grateful for the opportunity to have been there!

---Submitted by Ellen Popit, IHLS Staff