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Dear Leslie and Linda:

I write to you today with some good news about a one-time FY14 addition to the Illinois Heartland Library System's Area and Per Capita Grant.

You may know that the Public Library Per Capita and Equalization (PLPC/E) Grants and the Library System Area and Per Capita Grants share a single appropriation in the state's budget. In FY14, the appropriation was increased by almost \$3.8 million. That increase allowed the Secretary's Office to pay the PLPC/E Grants at the statutory maximum of \$1.25 per capita, including paying the Chicago Public Library's PLPC/E award at its statutory maximum of \$1.44 per capita.

Even after awards to 100% (635) of the eligible public libraries at the maximum amount, \$221,097 remains in the appropriation; this funding will be distributed to the three library systems under the System Area and Per Capita Grant program based on the statutory formula:

Chicago Public Library System	\$ 30,414.47
Illinois Heartland Library System	\$ 48,557.46
Reaching Across Illinois Library System	\$142,508.37

We respectfully suggest that the three library systems consider using this funding for the ebooks (IHLS and RAILS) and the PDA (CPL) projects if appropriate.

We request that each system board approve an amendment to its FY14 budget adding the additional funding and directing how it will be spent. Following that step, please submit a revised FY14 budget to the ISL.

While figures for FY15 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) are still to come following the budget process, we are all very pleased that the FY14 appropriation level gives our public libraries some much needed relief and gives the library systems a modest increase. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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