



Dear ILA Members and Friends:

The past year has been one of the most difficult and rewarding in recent memory for libraries in Illinois, as well as for most Americans. The events of last September threatened many aspects of American life, among them the freedom of information that libraries cherish and protect. As we confronted the tragedy and terror of September 11 with the resilience that followed, the value of libraries was underscored in countless ways.

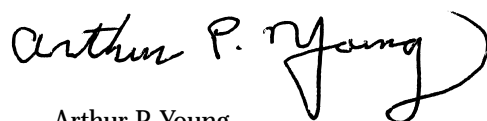
The overall political and economic climate marked this as a year for libraries to secure what they have, rather than seek new resources. The Illinois Library Association's Public Policy Committee foresaw the state's eventual budget problems as early as last fall, and crafted a message to legislators intended to keep libraries on their horizon. Through record participation at legislative days in Springfield and Washington, D.C., Illinois libraries made it clear to legislators that we are here to stay, in good times and bad.

Even though funding increases were not specified in this year's agenda, two major victories were achieved for libraries, one at the state level and one in the federal courts. Last-minute amendments to bills in the Illinois House and Senate proposed mandatory filtering requirements, and both bills were successfully deflected by well-organized ILA opposition. As a supporter of the American Library Association-led coalition that filed suit against the Children's Internet Protection Act, ILA welcomed the court's finding that the act was unconstitutionally broad. Further, ILA's fiscal health and operational effectiveness were enhanced by approval of a revision to the dues structure and an expenditure to upgrade our membership computer software system.

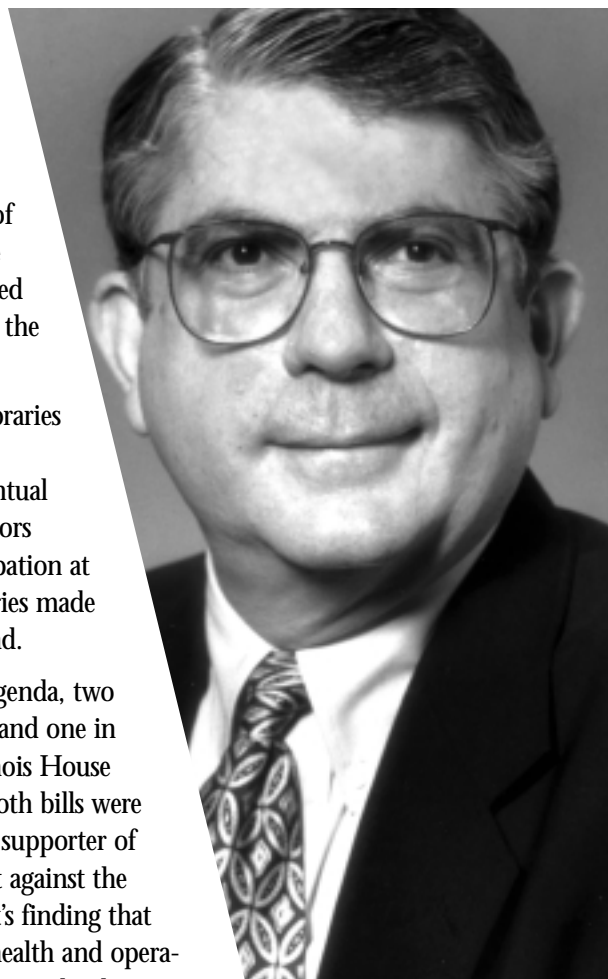
As I look back on my year as your president, it seems to me that our association draws its strength from the principles of our profession and the collective articulation of those principles by our membership. Our principles are reflected in everything from the publications we produce to the testimony we provide on key legislation and the stands we take on issues of public policy. They are articulated by all of us, separately and together, and through programs that range from encouraging summer reading to training library support staff.

Your library association is the third largest in the country, and in my opinion, the finest organization that I've ever been privileged to represent. As I return to my role as a member, I extend my thanks and appreciation for being in this position during a year that none of us will ever forget.

Sincerely,



Arthur P. Young
2001-2002 ILA President



The Illinois Library Association is the voice for Illinois libraries and the millions who depend on them. It provides leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library services in Illinois and for the library community in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all. The primary goals are:

Advocating for the Public Interest

Much of the work of the association takes place in the legislative arena, a combination of advocacy for legislation that will improve library services and a watchdog role in opposing bills that threaten the free flow of information.

Key activities in 2001-2002 included:

- defeating filtering legislation for the fifth time. This year, two bills were proposed simultaneously seven days after a budget impasse sent the legislature into extra session. Our successful lobbying effort included information for key legislators, drafting testimony, scheduling the best witnesses, negotiating and amending one of the bills, and requesting that ILA membership contact their elected officials;
- defeating proposed adoption of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA);
- sustaining Illinois State Library core grant programs in an era of significant budgetary reductions;
- holding over three bills regarding prosecution of persons for delivering information over the Internet on gangs, cannabis, and soliciting minors, because of concerns the association raised;
- working with other local government associations to prevent the extension of the open meetings notice requirement from 48 to 72 hours;
- raising concerns regarding computer technician pornography reporting legislation that resulted in no bill;
- working cooperatively with a variety of associations and governmental entities for continued funding of the Illinois Century Network (ICN);
- making an additional contribution of \$2,000 to the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Legal Fund;
- co-sponsoring 2002 Illinois Library Advocacy Day with 352 library supporters attending. The event was sponsored by the Illinois Library Association, Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA), Illinois State Library, and Illinois Library Systems Directors Organization (ILSDO); and
- sponsoring the largest state delegation (68 delegates out of 450 total attendance, or 15 percent from Illinois) attending the 2002 National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.

Promoting Professional Excellence

Recognizing excellence and creating programs and publications that help Illinois libraries become the best they can be are part of the Illinois Library Association's commitment to supporting library services for the 21st century. The association's activities span the state both geographically and electronically, addressing all types of libraries and library personnel.

The year-round calendar of continuing events for ILA members ranged from trustee forums to youth services workshops and culminated with the highly successful 2001 ILA Annual Conference, held October 17-20 in Springfield. The association continued to honor excellence within the profession, and the association's award-winning publications reached new levels of distinction.

The single most noteworthy accomplishment was the extraordinarily successful IREAD program for 2002. The 2002 IREAD campaign, featuring the artwork of Kate Duke, was the most financially successful in ILA's history (\$210,508 in sales versus the previous high of \$206,638, with a net prior to functional allocation of salaries, taxes, and benefits of \$38,175 versus a previous high of \$22,764). It also set new levels of participation across the state and the globe, with the participation of the United States Air Force and showcased an improved CD-ROM, a diversified product line, and continual improvements in the order fulfillment process. Congratulations to the 2002 IREAD Committee!

Preparing for the Future

In order to address our priorities, ILA must use its resources wisely and maintain a flexible structure that promotes interests and broad participation by members and units.

The year's most significant achievement in this area was securing ongoing space for the association's offices. After being without a lease for the last three years, ILA received a new draft lease for its space in late 2001.

The original draft included a 100 percent increase in rental rates with an annual escalation clause. Successful renegotiations resulted in a revised 36-month lease with a 30 percent increase, free utilities, and improvements to the office space.

The ILA office has been in the Chicago Medical Society (CMS) building since 1987. The CMS is considering selling the building in the next three years, and the ILA Executive Board concluded the new lease will allow the association to plan accordingly.

ILA Fiscal Report

Year Ended June 30, 2002

INCOME

General Operations	\$25,226
Membership	\$250,540
Directory	\$27,784
Conference	\$212,273
Publications	\$19,580
IREAD	\$210,508
Public Policy	\$5,000
Awards	\$863
Workshops/Projects	\$45,734
Reaching Forward	\$88,972
Endowment Contributions	\$4,962
Total Income	\$891,442

EXPENSES

(before allocation of staff salaries, taxes, and benefits to functional areas)

General Operations	\$301,814
Membership	\$71,688
Conference	\$129,699
Board & Committee	\$6,317
Publications	\$5,222
IREAD	\$172,333
Public Policy	\$48,320
Awards	\$1,055
Workshops/Projects	\$47,781
Professional Development	\$992
Forums	\$466
Reaching Forward	\$85,662
Total Expenses	\$871,349

Income/Expenses	\$20,093
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$211,927
Total Net Assets at End of Year	\$232,020

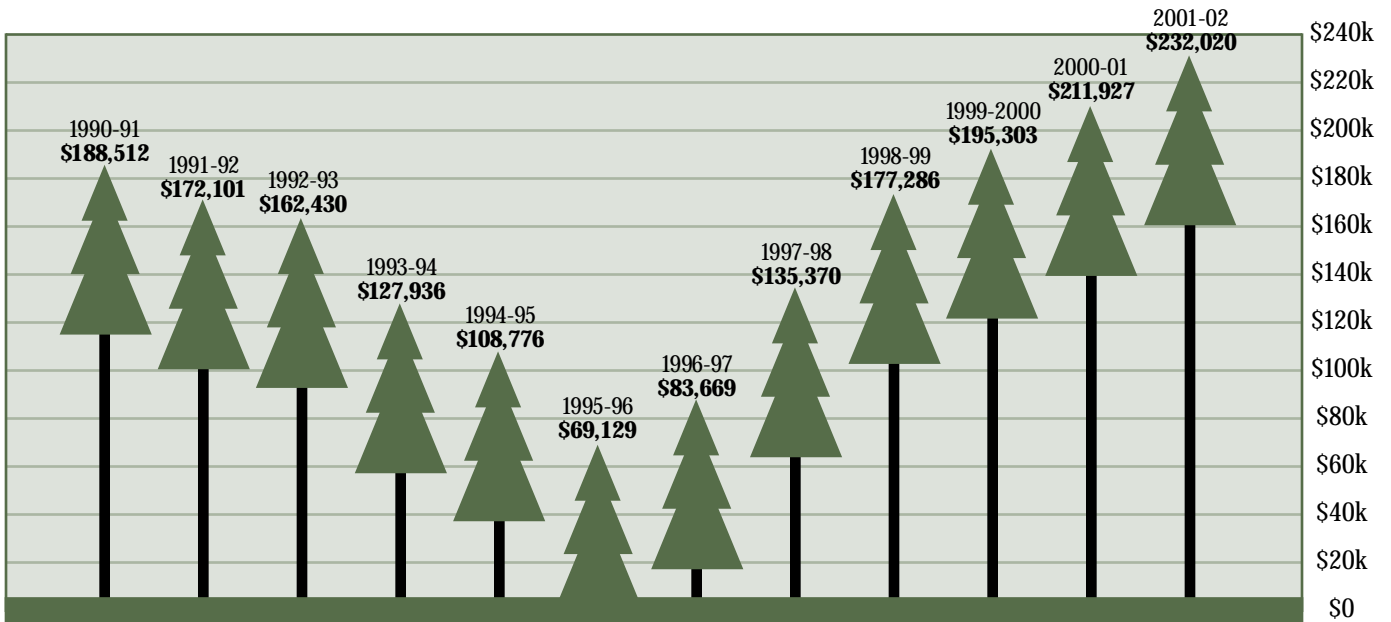
Net Assets are Comprised of:

Unrestricted Assets	\$205,865
Temporarily Restricted Assets	\$ 19,357

- Atkinson Memorial Award (\$3,589)
- Student Librarian Scholarship (\$10,979)
- deLafayette Reid Fund for Continuing Education (\$4,283)
- Robert R. McClarren Award Fund for Legislative Development (\$506)

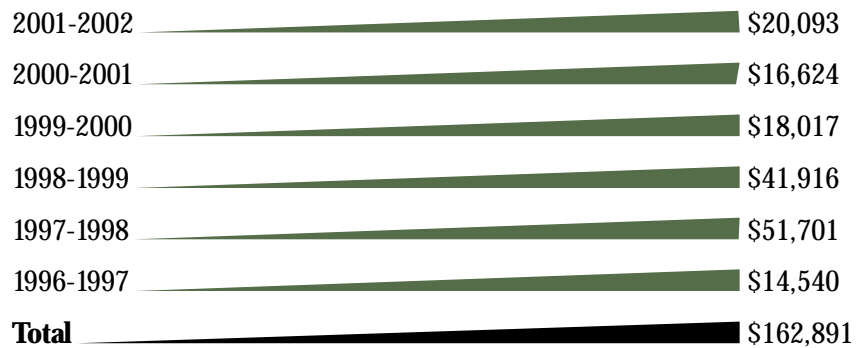
Permanently Restricted Assets	\$6,798
• Endowment Fund (\$6,798)	
Total Net Assets at End of Year	\$232,020

Historical Overview of Net Assets



Cumulative Surplus

After six years of expanding services, reduced staffing, and aggressive control costs, the association has ended the last five fiscal years with surpluses totalling \$162,891.



Membership

The Illinois Library Association represents all types of libraries — public, school, academic, and special libraries serving government, commerce, the armed services, hospitals, prisons, and other institutions. Its 3,000 members are primarily librarians and library staff, but also trustees, publishers, and other supporters.

Administration and Governance

The Illinois Library Association has three full-time staff members and two part-time employees. It is governed by a fifteen-member executive board, made up of elected officers. The association employs the services of Altheimer & Grey for legislative advocacy. ILA is a 501(c)(3) charitable and educational organization.

Forums

Government Documents Forum
Illinois Association of College & Research Libraries Forum
Librarians for Social Responsibility Forum
Library Trustee Forum
Public Library Forum
Reference Services Forum
Resources and Technical Services Forum
Youth Services Forum

Standing Committees

Awards Committee
Conference Program Committee
Cultural and Racial Diversity Committee
Finance Committee
Fundraising Committee
Intellectual Freedom Committee
IREAD Committee
Marketing Committee
Membership Committee
Nominating Committee
Public Policy Committee

Task Forces

ILA Best/Effective Practice Task Force
Preparation of Preprofessional Staff to Work with Youth Task Force

2001/2002 Executive Board

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“Our association
draws its strength
from the principles
of our profession
and the collective
articulation of those
principles by our
membership.

Our principles are
reflected in
everything from
the publications we
produce to the
testimony we provide
on key legislation
and the stands we
take on issues of
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