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PROJECT NAME: NOVA, The Star of the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy:
Shining Light on our History

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CARLI Book Digitization Initiative Proposal

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Submitted by the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy Information Resource
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From 1987 through Spring 2007, the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) published a newsletter, which later became a magazine, entitled NOVA. The publication began during the institution's first academic year and continued until Spring of 2007, when IMSA's charter President, Stephanie Pace Marshall, retired. Over the years, the publication chronicled IMSA events, student and alumni activities and accomplishments, and the 5, 10, 15 and 20-year anniversaries of IMSA. This project proposes to digitize the NOVA and make IMSA's history available to the state of Illinois and the world through one of its star publications.

The materials to be digitized consist of three bound volumes of NOVA. The appendix lists the number of items.

The proposal fits within the theme, "Illinois Culture and Heritage," as IMSA was a pioneer in educating students talented in math and science in a residential setting. At the time of its inception, there were only three such schools in the nation and only IMSA in Illinois. IMSA is still the only such institution in Illinois funded primarily by the State of Illinois. In addition to the residential program, IMSA was charged with providing resources in STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to the rest of the State. The endeavors associated with this charge continue to this day as well.

Now that we're in our third decade, the CARLI Book Digitization Initiative represents a timely opportunity allowing us to share IMSA's unique heritage in the field of education with the citizens and lawmakers of Illinois and beyond.

