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To: CARLI Directors and Contacts
From: Elizabeth Clarage, Director of Collections Services, CARLI
Re: CARLI Grant Process

Please disseminate this information to the appropriate staff.

The grant proposal process for the Consortium of Academic & Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) for FY07 is beginning. These grants were previously sponsored by the Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program. Grant proposals may take various forms, including collection partnerships, research projects related to collection management and assessment, cooperative website development, or digitization projects. For collection partnership grants, the CARLI Collections Working Group suggests a minimum per participating institution of \$2,000. The number of grants awarded varies upon the proposals received and the available funding. Proposals must be submitted by March 22, 2006.

Several of the consortium's controlling principles, as articulated in the "Plan for Collaborative Collections Management among Illinois Libraries," inform the grant competition. This document is located at: <http://www.niulib.niu.edu/ccm/ccmpln.html>. I encourage you to keep these principles in mind as you prepare your grant proposal:

- Universal Benefit: demonstrable benefit to a broad constituency.
- Open Physical Access: resources acquired or created with grant funds must be reasonably available to the primary constituents of all libraries in the consortium.
- Local Sufficiency: grant projects are not meant to replace the need for locally sufficient collections.
- Selective Participation, Universal Input: although not all members are expected to participate actively in all projects, each member library will have an opportunity to respond to project ideas.
- Multiple Funding Modes: including consortial, external, and local funding.
- Creative Pilots: the consortium encourages the development of creative pilot projects that directly address the needs of library users.

Please be aware that grants for cataloging items already available within the state will not be given the highest priority.

CARLI does not allow indirect costs to be charged or added to the grants that it distributes.

All libraries of the consortium are encouraged to become part of a collaborative group of two or more CARLI libraries to develop and submit a proposal. If you have questions about the CARLI open grant competition, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-753-9168 (voice) or by e-mail at clarage@niu.edu.