



Illinois Documents

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Jesse White, Secretary of State and State Librarian

Upcoming EDI Depositor Training

Training sessions on electronic document depositing are scheduled for the morning of Monday, **February 26th** and the afternoon of Tuesday, **March 6th** in **Springfield** at the **Illinois State Library** 5th floor training room. Training is on a first-come, first-served basis. There is limited seating.

Who is taking care of this function for your agency? If you know of someone who should be trained to deposit state electronic documents, please refer them to <http://finditillinois.org> and **Online Learning** to find **CleO** and register for a training session. **If the person who currently makes deposits is changing, the new person who assumes the responsibility will need to be trained.**

A trainer will also come to your area for a group training session. If you are not in the Springfield area and need training, gather a group to train and please contact me to arrange a training date.

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"The power to withhold the facts of government is the power to destroy that government."

*U.S. House of Representatives
Committee Report on Freedom of
Information
(1976)*

Depositing in EDI Back issues

To comply with the Illinois Administrative Code, the Illinois State Library (ISL) has asked that all agencies send representatives for training in depositing electronic state publications. However, there has never been an expectation that agencies would have the staff time to go back and deposit electronic publications from previous years.

ISL is pleased to announce that library staff members have been assigned to create metadata and deposit earlier electronic documents as part of their work tasks.

As you browse the Electronic Documents Initiative (EDI) depository (<http://iledi.org>) you may find some of your agency's previous publications, along with those recently deposited by your staff. We at ISL view this

development as more evidence of the strong partnership that EDI represents.

Flash and Other Scripts Issues

Have you downloaded Flash software to view your Web site? Do some of your online files have an 'asp' or 'exe' extension?

If so, your Web site contains files with scripts, and is neither friendly to the visually impaired, compliant with federal guidelines nor likely to be readable in the future.

Electronic deposit of files containing scripts will be accepted, but no assurance of permanent public access is implied. ISL simply cannot assure continued readability of files with scripts as hardware, operating systems and software applications change.

See the May 2006 issue of this newsletter at <http://www.finditillinois.org/metadata/newsLetters/May2006Newsletter.pdf> for information on accessibility and federal guidelines.

Please consider providing alternative online access to any files on your Web site that have scripts in the computer code.

Electronic Documents Initiative Interface

The **Electronic Documents Initiative** (EDI) interface, which has a maximal accessibility rating, gives online access to the electronic publications that have been deposited so far at:

<http://iledi.org>

Click on "Issuing agency" in the left column to see the list of agencies that have at least one publication deposited in EDI. Note: The number of "document listings" is the number of titles, not the number of documents.

Click on "what's New" to see the latest deposits, or subscribe to an RSS feed on the new additions.

We Are Your Library

The **Illinois State Library** is the library for state government employees and elected officials. Please contact the Illinois State Library for assistance with your information needs.

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