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Katrina Perez
President
Special Libraries Association
Illinois Chapter
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Dear Katrina:

I was pleased to learn recently that the Special Libraries Association is celebrating its 100th anniversary this coming July. As State Librarian, I am honored to extend my congratulations to you and all of the members of the SLA Illinois Chapter as you mark this special occasion.

The more than 600 information professionals working in law, medical, corporate and other special libraries in Illinois are fulfilling a very important need. You work for a unique clientele that is counting on your talents and expertise to remain viable during these difficult economic times. With technology changing rapidly and the demand for information growing, your skills in presenting accurate, detailed information to your organizations are more important than ever. Our special libraries are truly different from other libraries. Your global reach is very impressive considering there are SLA chapters in 80 countries.

I know I speak for everyone in the Illinois library community when I say how proud we are of our special librarians, and we applaud you for your hard work, dedication and commitment to excellence. Have a wonderful centennial celebration, and best wishes for continued success in all of your endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jesse White".

Jesse White
Secretary of State and
State Librarian