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Illinois Issues magazine starts program with libraries

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Illinois Issues, the not-for-profit public affairs magazine published at the University of Illinois Springfield, has started a new program in cooperation with state legislators to provide the magazine and other publications to public libraries.

"Issues for Citizens," designed to promote public policy information and education through the public library system, began last month with 31 legislators providing Illinois Issues to 59 libraries across the state.

Among area legislators, Sen. Deanna Demuzio, D-Carlinville, is providing the magazine to the Carlinville Public Library.

"Illinois Issues, with its special focus on Illinois government and politics, and its close attention to current trends and legislative issues, definitely belongs in public libraries so that all citizens can be better informed about important issues that affect the lives of each and every one of us," Dana Heupel, Illinois Issues executive editor, said in a press release. He cited wind power in Illinois, an overview of the collapse of the economy and profiles of new legislative leaders as examples of recent topics.

Illinois Issues is continuing to enroll legislators and their libraries in the program. More information is available by calling 206-6094 or through the Web site <http://illinoisissues.uis.edu>.

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