

# Inform Quarterly

*A Newsletter from the Illinois State Library's Reference Section*

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## From the Reference Desk

In addition to noting a few new reference titles and electronic resources, this issue of *Inform Quarterly* highlights two other services the State Library has to offer through its Reference Section. One is its Standards Collection and the other is the availability of eBooks. We hope you find these and all our resources helpful with your informational needs.

I encourage you to tell your co-workers about the State Library's INFORM service. Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to hearing from you.

To make requests for materials or find answers to your questions, please contact:

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*We look forward to  
hearing from you!*

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## Standards Collection

“Standards” are a vital part of any organization. They provide a uniform understanding of quantity, weight, extent, value or quality for a particular product, service or function.

The Illinois State Library’s Standards Collection is one of the largest in the state. Each year the library receives numerous requests for standards from state agency employees and the general public.

The library has many of the American National Standards Institute’s (ANSI) approved standards, as well as standards from specific organizations, including the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). NFPA standards not only deal with fire equipment and fire prevention, but also electrical, building and safety codes. Bound versions of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standards provide standards for materials, products, systems and services, which serve as the basis for manufacturing, procurement and regulatory activities, as well as standards for other organizations.

In its role as a federal depository, the State Library has access to Department of Defense standards in both print and electronic formats. Library staff is currently monitoring the Homeland Security Standards Panel established by ANSI earlier this year. The panel will be working on standards for homeland security and emergency preparedness. As these standards are approved, the State Library’s Reference Section will work to keep them up-to-date and available to state employees and the general public.

If your agency or department is looking for a standards document that the State Library does not have, the Reference Section will try to procure it for you.

## New titles in the Reference Section

**Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment**, David Levinson, editor. Thousand Oaks, CA : Sage Publications, c2002. 346.03 ENCY.

**The Encyclopedia of Learning Disabilities**, Carol Turkington, Joseph Harris. New York: Facts On File, 2002. 616.85 TURK

**Using the Agricultural, Environmental, and Food Literature**, edited by Barbara S. Hutchinson, Antoinette Paris Greider. New York: Marcel Dekker, c2002. 630.7 USIN.

## Electronic Resources

Following are a few of the electronic resources available through in the Reference Section of the State Library:

### CCH U.S. Master Tax Guide Plus

Provides thousands of federal source documents covering everything from Internal Revenue Codes, IRS Regulations and tax court opinions to revenue rulings and procedures, U.S. tax cases and more.

### LexisNexis Statistical

Allows easy access to statistics produced by state and federal governments, major international intergovernmental organizations, professional and trade organizations, commercial publishers, independent research organizations and universities.

### Clinical Pharmacology

Contains current, clinically relevant drug monographs for all U.S. prescription drugs, hard-to-find herbal and nutritional supplements, over-the-counter products and new and investigational drugs. Drugs may be searched by their generic or brand names.

The resource consists of Drug Monographs and Patient Education Records. Drug Monographs include description, mechanism of action and pharmacokinetics. Patient Education Records contain such information as what a medication is used for, what a health care professional should know before prescribing the medication, how the medication should be taken, what a patient should do if a dose is missed, what other medications can interact, what the side effects are and where to store the medication. Patient Education Records is available in English or Spanish.

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