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### Targeting Autism: A National Forum on Serving Library Patrons on the Spectrum Application to Participate

#### Project Overview

*Targeting Autism: A National Forum on Serving Library Patrons on the Spectrum* is an Illinois State Library grant project funded by the National Leadership Grant (NLG) Program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). According to the latest statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), an estimated 1 in 68 children have been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) nationwide. These statistics evidence the need to increase access to support services, resources and ASD education and training.

As part of the *Targeting Autism...* grant project, the Illinois State Library will be hosting two working forums, to be held at the University of Illinois in Springfield on **March 4-5** and **September 3-4, 2015**. These forums will provide an opportunity for librarians to collaborate with a diverse group of stakeholders to identify ways that libraries can expand their role in serving the ASD community. The knowledge and momentum gained from the forum process and the relationships created among a wide variety of various stakeholder groups is intended to inform an action plan that will serve as a model for other states. This plan will provide the content for a 2016 IMLS NLG implementation proposal. The *Targeting Autism...* grant project is the first step toward designing a statewide plan to help all types of libraries work with various community organizations and individual stakeholders to more effectively accommodate the neuro-diverse communities that they serve.

**Complete the following application and release form in Adobe Reader and submit electronically as an email attachment to Suzanne Schriar at [sschriar@ilsos.net](mailto:sschriar@ilsos.net). Printed applications may be mailed to:**

Illinois State Library  
Gwendolyn Brooks Building  
Attn: Suzanne Schriar  
300 S. Second St.  
Springfield, IL 62701-1796

#### Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Library/Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Statement of Interest**

Please provide a brief explanation of why you are interested in attending the Targeting Autism forums. Include, if applicable, any experience you have had working with the ASD population. Also, please describe any personal relationships that you may have had with individuals impacted by ASD. Finally, please share any goals you have for participating in this project.

## Participant Requirements

The Targeting Autism Project represents the Illinois State Library's commitment to supporting the neuro-diverse communities that all libraries serve. Furthermore, the Illinois State Library recognizes that this important work can only be sustained through nurturing the development of collaborative relationships among libraries, all types of service providers and individuals who all share a stake in improving the quality of lives for Illinois residents.

So as to ensure the success of this initiative, we ask that all participants check the boxes below to show compliance with the following requirements:

- I agree to attend both forums, held at the University of Illinois, Springfield, IL, on **March 4-5, 2015** and **September 3-4, 2015**.
- I agree to become more knowledgeable about ASD in my community and share what I have learned at the September forum.
- Because communities are strengthened through multi-organizational collaborations, I agree to build ongoing partnerships with ASD stakeholders in my community.
- I agree to incorporate the knowledge gained at the forums in my organization's plan for improving support services for all those impacted by ASD in my community.
- I agree to notify the Illinois State Library immediately if I need to withdraw from participating in this project.

Lodging and meals will be covered for all participants. Illinois residents are responsible for paying their own transportation costs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation Materials, Photograph and Video Release Form for Person 18 Years of Age or Older**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This is a release for the Secretary of State/Illinois State Library (the "Releasees"), located at:

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300 South Second Street  
Springfield, IL 62701-1796

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