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March 20-22, 2007 Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center, Utica
August 7-9, 2007, Pere Marquette Lodge, Grafton
November 6-8, 2007 Hickory Ridge Marriott Conference Hotel, Lisle

Synergy-- "...the whole is greater than the sum of its parts." Stephen Covey
"Synergy...will build a network for life." Becky Schreiber

Description

Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative 2007 is the statewide library community's proactive movement to recruit and nurture future Illinois library leaders. Objectives include self-assessment; discovering and developing personal values; identifying the local, state and global environment; fostering and expanding skills and tools for personal, professional and positional leadership; creating a cohort group; establishing mentoring relationships; and developing a vision of and beyond the field of librarianship.

Librarians selected to participate in *Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative 2007* will commit to a yearlong process, beginning with the first session at Starved Rock Lodge and Conference Center through intersession activities and ending with the session at the Hickory Ridge Marriott Conference Hotel. Each site has been chosen for its unique Illinois flavor and for the natural progression, geographically, personally, professionally, as *Synergy* and its participants travel across the state.

Sponsors

The Illinois State Library, the Illinois Library Association and their partners are sponsoring *Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative 2007*. Lodging and meals will be provided by the Illinois State Library. Travel costs will be the responsibility of the individual. There is no registration fee.

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Application Process

Synergy: The Illinois Library Leadership Initiative 2007 applicants are responsible for compiling and submitting their **complete** applications and ensuring they reach the Illinois State Library, Room 410, no later than **4:30 p.m., Thursday, November 30, 2006**. Please call Patricia Norris or Vandella Brown at 1-800-665-5576 Option #1 with any questions.

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