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## Library Associates Companies (LAC) Finalize Agreement with DuPage Library System (DLS) to Provide Staffing Services

*Unique Arrangement Lends Needed Support to Over 100 Multi-type Illinois Libraries*

**Los Angeles, CA – February 6, 2009:** Library Associates Companies (LAC) is pleased to announce that a final memorandum of agreement has been signed with DuPage Library System to provide top to bottom staffing services and support for its 132 members which include academic, public, school, and special libraries in 388 facilities in parts of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, and Will Counties.

"This joint venture provides a much needed service to libraries seeking qualified candidates for open positions and is another resource for individuals seeking employment in Illinois libraries," states Pamela Kramer, DLS Acting Executive Director. "It is a natural next step in DLS's continued effort to support and promote the library profession."

Among its many offerings, LAC provides international library personnel recruitment and placement services, which will benefit DLS in attracting top candidates to its institutions. LAC also provides end-to-end project services, such as the design, implementation, and staffing of the Tulane Recovery Center in post-Katrina New Orleans, Louisiana.

Elisa Topper will be the LAC site director working out of the DuPage Library System's headquarters. Topper has over 30 years of professional librarianship experience in special, public and university libraries. She has also worked with the American Library Association, and has served as Assistant Dean at the Graduate Library School at Dominican University. Most recently, she was the Director of the Dundee Public Library, Dundee, Illinois. Ms. Topper received her BA in American Studies from the University of South Florida, her MLS from Florida State University and a Master's degree from Loyola University of Chicago in Industrial Relations/Personnel.

"This is an exciting undertaking, and I am delighted to be part of it," states Topper. "As more institutions find it difficult to support and staff a dedicated human resources office, services like this will become increasingly critical for libraries. By sharing expertise and costs, all of DLS' members will benefit from faster job fill rates, with high caliber candidates, which ultimately means better customer service for their patrons."

### About Library Associates Companies

Library Associates Companies (LAC) provides recruiting, consulting and project management within the rapidly-evolving information industry. With over 200 employees, more than 55% of whom are information professionals, we provide a full range of services to a client base that ranges from billion-dollar government agencies to global law firms, from leaders in the technology and automotive industries to public, academic and special libraries.

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