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Prairie Area Library System Delivery News		

There is hardly anything more beautiful than a ride through the PALS area in the fall. However, when you are hurrying to deliver thousands of books to our member libraries in a timely manner it can be difficult to enjoy the scenery. We are again asking our member libraries to help our drivers out by remembering to label, package and sort their materials correctly. If you have new employees and or would like to review labeling and other time saving procedures visit our website at: http://www.palsnet.info/services/delivery/delivery_guide.asp

A couple of specific reminders – please remember to use a small piece of removable tape and tape the delivery label to the rubber band. We have a significant number of items where the label becomes separated from the item because it is not taped. Please only put a label under the plastic dust jacket of a DVD or CVD if the label is long enough so that it sticks out and can be easily removed. A label that is too small can be difficult to remove and can cause the dust jacket to tear.

The change in seasons also launches the beginning of the holidays and the cooler weather. If you haven't already given PALS your library schedule of holiday closings please send your information to Glen Wiegert at glenw@palsnet.info. This information will help us plan our routes and schedules appropriately. The cooler weather can also be a problem on the roads. If you know of any weather related problems in your library area, please contact your PALS delivery supervisor so she can alert the delivery drivers.

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New ILDS...

On Jan. 2, 2008 a new statewide Illinois Library Delivery Service (ILDS) will begin. ILDS will serve Illinois' nine regional library systems, the Chicago Public Library and 132 CARLI (the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois) member library locations. The number of CARLI libraries that are direct ILDS delivery locations will increase from 29 to 132. What is not changing is that the regional library systems (PALS included) will continue to provide intra-system delivery for all member libraries that are not ILDS delivery locations. You can find the detailed information about the new ILDS service at <http://www.illinoisdelivers.net/> . We will also keep everyone updated on changes as they are confirmed.

Book Count

Thanks to all the libraries that helped in the book count over the past few weeks. The numbers are very impressive and it is easy to say that business is booming!

Happy Thanksgiving to All our Members...