



The Indiana State Library Announces New Statewide Delivery Service to Replace WHEELS

The Indiana State Library recently announced that they had awarded **Pillow Express Logistics, Inc.** a four-year contract to provide delivery of resource sharing materials statewide for Indiana's libraries. The service becomes effective on Monday, June 25, 2007.

All Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) members participate in the delivery service, many with five-day per week delivery. Statewide, about 450 libraries participate in the service.

The Indiana State Library will continue to pay for one stop deliver per week per library district, school district, college or university, or state institution, absorbing the cost for delivery except for \$75. A library that wants more frequent delivery can have it by paying an additional fee.

View http://digital.statelib.lib.in.us/db/infoexpress_instructions.asp to see a chart that shows costs for adding additional days of delivery per week. The chart can be understood as follows: the first day per week for delivery is \$75. For each *additional day of delivery per week*, the requesting library must pay \$425. This means that a library can have five-day per week delivery per week for the year by paying an **additional** \$1,775. This is calculated as follows: $\$1,775 = (4 \times \$425) + \$75$, which is $\$1,700 + \75 .

Because of favorable financial terms negotiated with this contract, the cost for additional days of delivery is about a 38% savings over the cost with the previous contract. This savings should allow libraries with less than five-day per week delivery to increase the frequency of their service to improve their resource sharing capability for their students and faculty.

Libraries are encouraged to renew their statewide library delivery services before June 20, 2007 to avoid any interruption in service. This can be accomplished by visiting <http://infoexpress.in.gov>, ("Create an Account" tab) or contacting the Indiana State Library Development Office, (317) 232-3697.

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