



Michael C. Piper Resigns as Executive Director of the Indiana Cooperative Library Services Authority (INCOLSA), Effective July 31, 2009

The Academic Libraries of Indiana (ALI) Board of Directors has sent **Michael C. Piper**, Executive Director of INCOLSA, a letter to congratulate him on accepting his new position as Executive Director of the Prairie Area Library System (PALS), beginning September 1, 2009. Within the next few days, Michael will complete his fifth year with INCOLSA.

In the June 11, 2009 entry for the INCOLSA blog, Michael wrote, "As we near completion of INCOLSA's nonprofit conversion, and as we begin a new chapter for your statewide library cooperative, it is time for me to chart a different course."

The ALI Board's letter thanked Michael for his service to INCOLSA and to the State of Indiana. Among other mentions, they also thanked him for his assistance and support to ALI over the years that has helped it to growth and development as an organization.

The ALI Board wishes Michael prosperity and good fortune as he leaves Indiana to champion services for the libraries in the Prairie Area Library System.

PALS is a 378 multi-type library network [23 academic, 141 public, 180 school, 34 special] that spans 27 counties in northern Illinois and eastern Iowa. Illinois has nine such networks. They receive general operating funds through grants from the Illinois State Library. PALS is relatively new since it was formed in 2004.

You can find out more information about PALS by viewing www.palsnet.info/news-sharing/pals-news/pals-new-executive-director-announced.

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