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Dear Library Director:

A year from now, on April 1, 2020, the Constitutionally-mandated national Census will begin. The census is vital in determining the amount of federal funds states receive. Libraries are directly affected by the Census through population-based federal funding provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services grants to states under the Library Services and Technology Act, as well as the state's annual Public Library Per Capita and Equalization grant program.

In an effort to achieve full participation in the Census, I am urging you to allow all individuals to utilize public access computers, tablets or Wi-Fi to enter their census information. Financial implications to our state for libraries and other social services will be impacted negatively if there is not a complete and accurate account.

Thank you for encouraging full census participation. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the State Library at 217-558-1745.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg McCormick".

Greg McCormick, Director
Illinois State Library