

CONNECT WITH BIBLIOSTAT CONNECT



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Bibliostat Connect is now available to Illinois libraries! Bibliostat Connect is the web-based, user-friendly program that enables users to manipulate data elements from the Illinois Public Library Annual Reports (IPLAR, 1996-) and the ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Statistics (2005-).

As Baker & Taylor products, the Bibliostat suite includes both Bibliostat *Connect* (data manipulation program) and Bibliostat *Collect* (data collection program). Bibliostat *Collect* is the program utilized to collect both the IPLAR and ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Statistical data. Data elements including, but not limited to, circulation, program attendance, registered borrowers, income, expenses, and others can be compared by library name, peer groups, and benchmarks. The data manipulation enables users to quickly create tables and graphs, view averages and percentiles, and organize the results into reports and presentations. Bibliostat Connect is an easy and effective tool to use in your advocacy, fundraising, and marketing efforts.

In addition to the Illinois data files (IPLAR and ILLINET Interlibrary Loan Statistics), other data files include the national public library data files for each state and data from the Public Library Association.

More information on Bibliostat Connect, its features, and its uses can be found at these Baker & Taylor links.

http://www.btol.com/pdfs/biblio_connect.pdf

http://www.btol.com/pdfs/biblio_connect_census.pdf

ACCESS

Bibliostat CONNECT can be accessed at <http://connect.informata.com>.

Your **login** will be your library's **ELI Control/Branch number**. This will be 7 digits total. For example, if your library's ELI control number is 12345, and your branch number is 00, then the login is 1234500. Do not include a space or an underscore.

Your **password** will be your **ELI password**.

Please note that the Illinois State Library provided this data to Bibliostat a few years ago. If you are unable to login with your current ELI data, contact any member of the ALS Consulting Team for assistance.

ASSISTANCE

"How Do I?" Tutorials and a complete Help document are available at <http://connect.informata.com/HowDoI.HTML>. Support is also available from 8 am to 6 pm Eastern time by calling 1-866-785-9935.

NOTES

- 1) The IPLAR data for FY08 is NOT included yet, but is expected to be available late Fall 2009.
- 2) Position analysis/salary comparison data by position is not available as a part of Connect. You will still need to contact the Illinois State Library if you need that data.
- 3) You will need to download the ActiveX controls, when prompted, the first time you use Connect on a PC. The safe download is necessary to view the graphs and data correctly.
- 4) Minimum system requirements necessitate an Internet connection, running Internet Explorer 6.0 or higher, and a monitor with 800x600 resolution with 256 colors (8 bit).
- 5) If you receive the a message asking if you want to "stop running this script," click no. Then, call the technical support hotline for assistance with making adjustments to your computer.
- 6) Remember that census info is from the 2000 census and was collected almost 10 years ago. Keep this in mind as you use the "age" data. Example: The 5-9 year olds reported in 2000 are now 14-18 years old!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any member of the ALS Consulting Team.