Identity theft resources

With recent attention on the theft of sensitive information from a number of financial and credit reporting institutions and passage of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, identity theft has become a hot topic. The State Library suggests the following materials on identity theft. For assistance in accessing these resources or for more information on identity theft, stop by or call the Reference Desk.

- **Database Security: Finding out when your information has been compromised** - Hearing before the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security of the Committee on the Judiciary - Y 4 J 89/2:S.HRG.108-520
- **Preventing Identity Theft in Your Business: How to Protect Your Business, Customers, and Employees**, by Judith M. Collins - 658.4/COLL3
- **Identity Theft**, edited by Claudia L. Hayward - 364/IDEN
- **Preventing Identity Theft for Dummies**, by Michael J. Arata, Jr. - 364.163/ARAT
- **Identity Theft and Fraud**, Department of Justice, www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/idtheft.html
  Includes a link to “New Law Promotes Access to Free Credit Report,” which connects users to reporting companies and tells when specific geographic areas are eligible for the free reports.

Standards acquisitions

The State Library recently purchased a number of standards documents relating to emergency issues, including homeland security. Standards adopted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security provide manufacturers and homeland security professionals guidelines for performance standards, test methods and for safety and compliance.

The standards cover a variety of issues, including agriculture and food, transportation, water, public health, emergency services, banking and finance, energy, the chemical industry and hazardous materials. They may be used by state agencies, local governments and businesses in preparing for emergencies. These standards are designed by national and international associations, including the National Fire Protection Association, the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the International Organization for Standardization.
New Reference Materials

Cybercrime: A Reference Handbook, by Bernadette H. Schell and Clemens Martin, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC Clio, 2004 - REF. 364.16 / SCHE — With the ever-increasing potential for online crime, this resource provides valuable information on cybercrime, including its history, facts about cybercrime cases and agencies dedicated to preventing cybercrime. Also included are biographical sketches of notable “White Hat” hackers (people who legally use their skills to stretch a computer’s capabilities) and “Black Hat” hackers (people engaged in the more destructive or illegal aspects of computer cracking).

The Encyclopedia of Elder Care, edited by Mathy D. Mezey, Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2004 - REF. 362.198/ENCY — Developed for health care providers and others who care for older persons, the encyclopedia examines current issues important to the elderly, including driving, elder mistreatment, financial abuse and sundown syndrome — a sense of confusion that can overcome elderly people around dusk.

Public Opinion and Polling Around the World: A Historical Encyclopedia, edited by John G. Greer, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC Clio, 2004 - REF. 303.3/PUBL2 — This two-volume set explores opinion polls and their use in the United States and abroad. Part one addresses the role of public opinion in a democracy. Part two deals specifically with public opinion in the United States and includes 10 essays on attitudes prevalent during the elections of each era in U.S. history. It also includes several articles on current issues, such as abortion, civil rights, the death penalty, globalization, the Middle East, Social Security and trust in government, and a section on Key People, Institutions and Concepts. Part three explores public opinion from different nations around the world.

Summer reading at the State Library

Looking for some interesting summer reading material? Visit the Secretary of State’s Web site at www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments, then State Library) to search the Illinois State Library Online Catalog, with listings of Illinois’ 4,000 libraries. In addition, the New Acquisitions link allows you to browse an alphabetical listing of the latest materials in the State Library’s collection. Following are just a few titles you may want to put on your summer reading list:

• Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything, by Steven D. Levitt, William Morrow, c2005 — 330 LEVI 2
• Lincoln’s War: The Untold Story of America’s Greatest President as Commander in Chief, by Geoffrey Perret, Random House, c2004 — 973.7 PERR 2

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