

September 29 Update

We're moving along in creating a welcoming library space for families and providers at the new site of the Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse.

Our first priorities are (1) to be sure that the contents of the library reflect current research findings and best practice in the field of early intervention, and (2) to make the most popular materials (videos) available to requesters as quickly as possible.

As a first step, we have shelved all the videos and are already lending them to requesters from around the state who know what titles they want to borrow. We have also sorted the print materials so that older materials can be reviewed by subject experts in the next two weeks. The newer materials and all the videos and multimedia items are shelved now and available for browsing.

We have also become a member of Lincoln Trail Libraries System. As a member of the statewide regional library system, we will make our library's collection easily accessible from all public libraries in the state and online. The new online catalog is "under construction" and will be available soon. Watch for an update in this space!

The BIG NEWS is that we have set a date for an open house at the new library space on Thursday, November 5, 2009, from 2:00 to 4:00pm, at the Children's Research Center in Champaign. For maps and parking details, please see the announcement on the home page of the EI Clearinghouse Web site at <http://eiclearinghouse.org>.

If you are attending the Sharing a Vision Conference, we hope you will stop by the exhibits and introduce yourself. The EI Clearinghouse will be sharing exhibit space with the Illinois Early Learning project and the Illinois Early Childhood Asset Map project.

