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Subject:	A Plea for Letters of Support – Talking Points DALNET / OWLS / Macomb Grant

This is an addendum to the message sent yesterday.   To repeat the DALNET Grant Committee is now in desperate need of letters of support.   We need just a few supportive sentences **on your institutional stationary** to show that there is broad support for multi-type library cooperation. Please put something on paper and send it along today.

Letters should be addressed to: The Library of Michigan
                                                                LSTA Team
                                                                P.O. Box 30007
                                                                717 W. Allegan Street
                                                                Lansing, Michigan 48909

However the letter should be sent or faxed to: Eileen Palmer
                                                                                            Library Network
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                                                                                            Southgate, Michigan 48195

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Letters must received by **Eileen Palmer, the Library Network by Tuesday, April 25, 2000.**
Because there is a holiday coming up please do not send the letters to Louise Bugg as previously advised in my earlier email.

The purpose of the grant is to provide library clients in southeastern Michigan with a unified set of resources and to empower them to access those resources where and when they need them in a timely manner.

To assist you in writing individual letters of support, there are talking points below to be used in your letter. Please use your own words and make you letter unique to your situation (i.e. how will your library and its patrons benefit from such a grant).   I know that the special libraries in DALNET may not see any great advantage, but, please think of all of our shared patrons and being able to offer one stop shopping at your library. It's a time saver in a busy, time-conscious society that is hell-bent on increased productivity.

Eileen Palmer must have all letters in hand no later than Tuesday, April 25, 2000

Letter of Support for OWLS / DALNET / Macomb Grant Talking Points

- Library patrons often need and request books and magazine articles not owned by their library. To fulfill such requests and in terms of general information access, there is a need for better urban, regional and statewide cooperation and networking among Michigan Libraries.
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- Z39.50 Internet technology is a solution with which libraries can network electronically to provide a seamless interface and an immediate information access capability.
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- As an individual consortium OWLS has a working model for Z39.50 Internet technology which it would like to enhance and capitalize upon.
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- DALNET and the Library Cooperative of Macomb wish to collaborate on a Z39.50 project with OWLS.
- The participating libraries in the three consortia wish to deliver information as quickly as possible.
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- Using Z39.50 technology with *epixtech* software, multi-type libraries in the southeastern Michigan region will be able to place requests to other libraries in the region through the World Wide Web.

- Public, academic and special libraries across seven counties can be expected to participate in this project.

- Using the **epixtech** software libraries in the southeastern Michigan region will be able to search library catalogs with a Z39.50 connection, offering a seamless interface to identify library holdings and to place a request for delivery. This software will manage ILL request administration and messaging between libraries.

- The benefit to our mutual patrons is cost effectiveness, time saved and productivity at home, at school and in the workplace.

- The goals of this project are consistent with the mission statements of the participating consortia and each of the individual libraries: i.e. to provide for educational and life long learning opportunities, to assist adult learners and to benefit society by making knowledge available for the improvement of the human condition.

- In today's society adult learners have multiple learning needs which require efficient access to information.

- Z39.50 technology can provide access efficiencies where productivity and cost effectiveness can be realized.

- The intent is to take this initiative a bit further than the original OWLS Z39.50 project. The goal is to connect three consortia and to offer interlibrary loan access to all participating libraries with automated patron empowerment. the impact should be one stop shopping for information, no telephoning and no traveling.

- The southeastern Michigan region is a major population and business center. The economic potential for a publicly accessible information system is huge. Both the users of the participating libraries as well as the library staff will benefit. The result will be a streamlined, online, ILL, requesting and responding process resulting in a quicker receipt of the material for the user.

- Z39.50 Internet technology with an interlibrary loan access component will make information more fluid – more accessible.

- This project is a model that can be extended throughout Michigan to connect the entire state; the project will create a major educational and economic infrastructure support.

- The state of Michigan will have an information hub.