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## **Library and Village Collaborate on Innovation Grant**

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### **Niles Public Library District and Village of Niles**

#### **Collaborate on ICMA Public Library Innovation Grant**

The Niles Public Library District and the Village of Niles are collaborating on a Public Library Innovation Grant made possible through the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

The ICMA Public Library Innovation Grant application that we are developing proposes a collaborative effort between the Library and the Village that brings an “extension branch” of the Niles Public Library District within the Niles Teen Center located at the Golf Mill Mall – The Niles Library Teen Center Branch Project.

“We are totally behind this project,” stated Niles Acting Mayor Robert Callero. “It is another innovation in our Teen Center that will increase the institutional aspects while also drawing in new members.”

“Through this project, the Village of Niles and the Niles Public Library could provide services to a greater number of teens including those living further away from the main library. This grant could also allow us to introduce library services to a new population of teens who have not made the public library a part of their lives—those more apt to visit a shopping center over a library building,” stated Barb Kruser, Supervisor of Adult and Young Adult Fiction Services at the Niles Public Library District.

Grant awards are announced February 2009.