To Whom It May Concern:

The IDS Project is a mutually supportive resource-sharing cooperative within New York State whose members include public and private academic libraries, the New York Public Library, and the New York State Library. The Project is based on a strong sense of community among its members and a unified collection perspective. The major goal of the Project is to continually implement and objectively evaluate innovative resource-sharing strategies, policies and procedures that will optimize mutual access to the information resources of all IDS Project libraries.

Each summer the IDS Project conducts its annual review of the publishers' licenses used to support ALIAS, the Article License Information Availability Service, which allows ILLiad to perform unmediated article request processing for IDS libraries. The IDS Project relies on the contribution of time and talent of our member libraries' staffs to be successful.

Each volunteer takes responsibility for checking licenses for a number of publisher targets. The work involves searching publishers' websites for standard site licenses or ILL permission information, interpreting the information with regard to ILL, and then updating the licensing database. When no ILL permission information is found, volunteers contact publishers to determine if they have a relevant policy.

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