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Clayton Highum, director of libraries at Illinois Wesleyan University, has been elected vice president and president-elect of the Illinois Library Association in a mail vote of the membership.

He will take office as vice president in January, 1981, and become president for a one-year term in January, 1982.

Highum, who has held his Illinois Wesleyan position since 1972, was notified of his election by Robert Ensley of Springfield, chairman of the ILA Nominations/Elections Committee.

The Association membership numbers about 3,500 and consists of all types of libraries in Illinois. The current president of the group is Betty Simpson of the Mackinaw Township Library.

Highum is a past president of the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries. In 1979, he served as chief investigator for a study of the Illinois Library Materials Processing Center at Rockford and in 1966-67 he conducted a study on centralized processing for Illinois public libraries while he was serving as a research associate for the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library Science.

He served on the library staff at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Fla., from 1963 to 1966 was director of libraries at Parkland College, Champaign from 1967 to 1969 and was director of the undergraduate library at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale from 1969 until he came to Wesleyan.

He has a bachelor of arts degree from Mayville (N.D.) State College, a master of arts from St. Cloud (Minn.) State College and a master of library science degree from the University of Illinois. He also taught English and history in Mora, Minn., prior to doing graduate work.

Highum resides at 1321 E. Vernon Ave., Normal.