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Lincoln Trail Libraries System employees to take part in new library technology institute

Champaign—Pat Boze and Donna Schaal have been selected to serve as mentor instructors in a prestigious new institute for Illinois library staff that is promising to be one of the most exciting Illinois library initiatives of 2010.

Ms. Boze and Ms. Schaal, who are employed as Consultants at Lincoln Trail Libraries System, will participate in ILEAD U (Illinois Libraries Explore, Apply and Discover), the 21st Century Technology Tools Institute for Illinois Library Staff. The institute will help library staff understand and respond to patron needs through the application of participatory technology tools. A Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program Grant awarded to the Illinois State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services makes ILEAD U possible.

“The Illinois State Library is proud of its strong commitment to continuing education, and providing librarians with the tools and resources necessary to address the ever changing needs of their patrons,” said Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White. “Nowhere is the need for continuing education more important than in the area of technology. Librarians need to constantly enhance their skills to keep up to date with the latest technology, and ILEAD U represents an exciting, innovative new program to build technology and leadership skills among Illinois librarians.”

The participants will implement web technologies that foster community participation and develop leadership, innovation and positive change. ILEAD U will encourage both the experimentation with and building of participatory Web services and programs.

Examples of participatory technology tools will include:

Blogging tools	Social networking (e.g., Facebook)
Digital audio/podcasting	Tagging (folksonomies)
Digital photography	Videoconferencing
Digital video	Virtual reference
Gaming	Virtual worlds (e.g., Second Life)
Instant messaging	Web conferencing
Photo sharing site (e.g., Flickr)	Wikis
RSS	

The ILEAD U schedule includes three in-person sessions to be held February 23-25, June 15-17 and October 26-28 at the University of Illinois Springfield.