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University of Illinois Library Featured by Lincoln Trail Libraries System

Champaign – University of Illinois Library is Lincoln Trail Libraries System’s Library of the Week for October 7, 2009. Each week Lincoln Trail Libraries System features a member library to promote awareness about the variety of libraries and the services that are offered. Each Library a Week includes an interview with the librarian and a series of photographs of the library. One of the questions asked of each librarian is “what is unique about the library?” A new library is introduced every Wednesday in the “About our Members Blog” --

http://lincolntrail.typepad.com/about_ltls_members/2009/10/li.html

University of Illinois Library joined Lincoln Trail Libraries System in 1973. The library’s membership in the system allows shared access to the resources of 117 multi-type libraries throughout central Illinois. The University of Illinois Library is the largest public university library in North America. The University of Illinois has had a library from the very beginning of its existence in 1867. One of the first acts of business by the University trustees was to pass a budget for the University Regent to purchase books as well as a bookcase to hold them. The collection started with 644 books. The “library” was located in the Regent’s office, which was in the same building that provided classroom and dormitory space when classes first began in 1868.

According to LTLS Executive Director Jan Ison, “Library A Week increases public knowledge about the member libraries of the system and promotes collaboration between the system member libraries. By learning more about each other, we hope to help increase the understanding of what each library contributes to information seekers in the Lincoln Trail area.”

Founded in 1966, Lincoln Trail Libraries System has headquarters in Champaign and is one of 9 multitype library systems in the State of Illinois. The System serves 7 academic, 52 public, 42 school and 16 special libraries in Champaign, Coles, Clark, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt and Vermillion Counties.

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