

Consultants' Report For December 2004

*Lincoln Trail Libraries System
January 24, 2005*

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| LINC Committees | Pat Boze and Donna Schaal continued to meet with two different LINC committees in December. The LINCpac Enhancements Committee will recommend web catalog changes and enhancements to LINC Policy Council in January. The Itype Reduction Committee will also be making a recommendation to LINC Policy Council in January. |
| LINC Issues | Pat Boze visited Champaign Public Library and discussed issues related to notices and circulation reports with Mary Bissey and Laura Weis. |
| Wilkins Retirement Reception | Pat Boze, Jan Ison, and Joe Sciacca attended the retirement reception for Jean Wilkins at the Illinois State Library. Many wonderful tributes were made to Jean for her commitment and passionate support of libraries during her tenure at the Illinois State Library. |
| My Librarian | The group expanded chat and completed a testing period at the end of December. Shawnee and Prairie Area library systems, the Illinois State Library, and Eastern Illinois Community College Consortium will be joining LTLS for a testing period of cooperative coverage during the month of January. Amy Weber is working on scheduling set times for the larger group for February. The Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette interviewed LTLS staff for an article on My Librarian and other LTLS projects. |
| Diversity Grant | Staff have been working to arrange speakers, dates, and times for the various events to be held as part of the diversity grant project. Amy Weber and Kit Condill went to an outreach planning meeting of the Department of Latin American and Caribbean Studies. It was determined that their program is complimentary with the LTLS grant project, and we will be looking for opportunities to cooperate/collaborate. |
| Cataloging Maintenance Center | December was the first month of the Cataloging Maintenance Center (CMC) Original Cataloging Pilot Project, and ten items were received from two of the participating libraries. Two new libraries were found to replace the two that declined in November, making the full complement of ten libraries. The CMC received a much larger than usual volume of regular CMC items from participating library systems for enhanced and original cataloging; 642 items were cataloged. |
| ECIC Committee | Amy Weber attended the quarterly meeting of the East Central Illinois Consortium. This association of regional health librarians met for their regular meeting and discussed the possibility of including some brief education and training segments to their meetings. |
| Library Visits | Champaign Public Library; Giertz Education Center at Krannert Art Museum, Champaign |