

# *Executive Director's Report For December 2004*

*Jan Ison*

*Executive Director  
Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
January 24, 2005*

## **LINC Policy Council**

LINC Policy Council met on December 1, 2004. Pat Boze gave an update on what staff has been working on with Horizon since the last meeting. Reports were heard on CODI Conference, a meeting of the LINCpac Enhancement Committee, and meetings of the itype reduction committee. Discussion was held on the Horizon holds functionality and on results of the holds survey.

## **Retirement Receptions**

I attended a retirement reception for Sharon Davis, Circulation Manager at the Champaign Public Library, celebrating 27 years of service. I also attended retirement receptions at the Illinois State Library for Director Jean Wilkins, Consultant Barbara Alexander, and LSTA and E&A consultant Amy Kellerstrass.

## **OCLC Standing Joint Committee on Membership**

I participated in a conference call with members of the OCLC Standing Joint Committee on Membership. Discussion was held concerning Members Council transition delegates and membership and contribution protocols.

## **ILSDO**

The Illinois Library System Directors met at the DuPage Library System in early December. Topics were Legislative Advocacy Day, ILSDO Institute, follow-up on the President's Roundtable meeting, 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Illinois Library Systems, and interim leadership at the Illinois State Library. It was a one-day meeting and ended early as several of our colleagues became ill.

## **Interview With News-Gazette**

In December, Greg Kline interviewed me and other staff of LTLS regarding new services. The services discussed were My Librarian, the new LINC Pac, WebFeat, and LINCSearch Bookmarklet. As a result, LTLS was featured in the December 4, 2004 issue of the News-Gazette and also mentioned in the "Circuits" column.

## **Baker and Taylor**

LTLS staff met with Baker and Taylor personnel to discuss the ongoing discount program that LTLS facilitates for member libraries. In addition, we discussed Prompt Cat and were pleased that B&T is offering to eliminate the 25 cents per record sent to OCLC for LTLS member libraries. We also discussed several other products that LTLS libraries do not currently use and are examining the opportunities for use in the system.

## **Tsunami Relief Support**

The LTLS staff collected \$875 to send to Thailand for Tsunami Relief. Joe Sciacca was in Thailand during the disaster, and staff thought it would be good for Joe to be the conduit for getting funds directly to the Thai people. I am very proud of the support the staff provided for this fund and the quick way they pulled this project together.