

# Consultants' Report For March 2005

Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
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## CMC Original Cataloging Pilot Project

During March, the CMC Original Cataloging Pilot Project received 25 items for original cataloging from assigned libraries in the Alliance Library System. Libraries participating in the pilot project may now send more than the original limit of 18 items if sent by mid-May 2005. In cooperation with the CMCs at PALS-Coal Valley and Louis and Clark Library System, we have written an exit survey that will be sent to each participating library at the beginning of May.

## Diversity Grant Activities

The second "I Am An American" presentation was held at the Onarga Public Library; the second offering of the diversity workshop "Creating and Maintaining an Inclusive Library" was held at Hoopeston Public Library. The first sessions of the Basic Library Spanish course were held at Mattoon Public Library, Watseka Public Library, and at LTLS. The second meeting of the Diversity Forum Planning Committee was held; a schedule for the Forum was drafted, and Satia Marshall Orange, Director of the ALA Office of Literacy and Outreach Services, has agreed to speak.

## Non-Profit and Government Career Fair

Amy Weber and Vanessa Whippo attended a career fair to promote library and information science as a career. They also discussed the kinds of positions in a library that are not tied to a library degree, such as marketing and communications, business manager, technical services, etc. The primary audience was undergraduate students, most of whom will soon be graduating.

## Illinois Youth Service Consultants Meeting

Amy Weber attended the quarterly meeting of the Illinois Youth Service Consultants. The meeting had three major focuses: getting school libraries to maintain their OCLC membership, promoting the Lance study of school libraries, and the IREAD survey and write up.

## "FISH" Workshop at UIUC

Jan Ison and Amy Weber presented the FISH Philosophy of Customer Service to 22 UIUC staff members. The group was really up-beat and evaluations were excellent.

## AskUs!Illinois Evaluation Committee

Amy Weber will serve on a statewide committee to assess the AskUs! virtual reference project. The chair of the committee is Lori Bell of Alliance Library System. The committee will complete the evaluation by June 1, 2005.

## LINC Policy Council

LINC Policy Council passed two important policies at its March meeting. The LINC libraries will now move to shared itypes. This will require extensive re-configuration of the Horizon software for each library. Also, a general policy on the look of LINCpac was approved. Changes to the web catalog are in the process of being made.

## Department of Corrections Libraries

Pat Boze met with Lana Wildman, statewide coordinator of the libraries of the Illinois Department of Corrections. There are several issues facing correctional facility libraries, including budget cuts and lack of access to outside resources such as the Internet and statewide databases.

## E-book Demonstration

Pat Boze coordinated a demonstration of an e-book/downloadable audiobook product at Lincoln Trail. Library staff who attended were very enthusiastic about the possibility of having a product like this for our library users.

## Library Visits

Champaign Public Library—Douglass Branch, Hoopeston Public Library District (3), Mattoon Public Library, Onarga Community Public Library District, Philo Public Library District, The Urbana Free Library, Watseka Public Library