

# Consultants' Report For July 2009

Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
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<b>Library A Week</b>	On July 22 LTLS launched a new project to promote the uniqueness of LTLS member libraries, called Library A Week. Each week a new library will be featured, with Carle Hospital Library being the first. Ogden Rose Library was featured on July 29. The profiles include an animated photo slideshow, and interesting facts about the library. The profiles appear in the About LTLS Member Libraries blog at <a href="http://lincolntrail.typepad.com/about_ltls_members/">http://lincolntrail.typepad.com/about_ltls_members/</a> .
<b>Broadband Stimulus</b>	The UC2B "Big Broadband" grant application being developed to build a fiber network across large parts of Champaign and Urbana, including the North Mattis area to LTLS, moved closer to completion and eventual submission in August. Organizers are seeking commitments for the required matching funds. If funded, LTLS would be able to participate in the project and take advantage of the substantial increased broadband access to be provided. The project will be funded through the federal broadband stimulus-funding program. Also, libraries are able to apply to establish Public Computing Centers either independently or as part of a statewide application being compiled by the Illinois State Library and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO).
<b>SUSI presentation</b>	On July 28 Jan Ison, Joe Sciacca, Pat Boze, Donna Schaal, and Michelle Ralston attended a web conference presented by the Illinois State Library on the SUSI project. The project is in the early planning stages and is an effort to create a single unified source of information (susI) for directory-type information on Illinois libraries.
<b>LINC Circulation</b>	New settings approved for LINC circulation are currently being implemented. Forms have been distributed to the LINC libraries and re-configurations are being done for the libraries. Pat Boze met with 4 library directors to discuss the new settings in detail.
<b>Ohio Statewide Resource Sharing Project</b>	Jan Ison and Pat Boze met with other state participants in the Ohio Statewide Resource Sharing project at ALA. Work continues on this open-source project and a contract is about to be completed by the new fiscal agent for the project.
<b>CARLI Forum on Digital Preservation</b>	Pat Boze and Donna Schaal attended the CARLI Forum on Digital Preservation and heard about new trends and collaborative efforts to preserve materials, as well as technological standards and issues that challenge those efforts.
<b>Overdrive Digital Bookmobile</b>	Pat Boze and Joe Sciacca visited the Overdrive Digital Bookmobile, which made a stop at Champaign Public Library on July 17. This large bookmobile has multiple areas designed to educate library users about downloadable media, the type of media that is available through the Overdrive/MyMediaMall web site and is a cooperative purchase of the LINC libraries.
<b>HandHeld Librarian Virtual Conference</b>	Pat Boze and Joe Sciacca attended the HandHeld Librarian Virtual Conference, sponsored by the Alliance Library System. A variety of speakers addressed the rising growth in mobile applications and its implications for libraries. It's important for libraries to be present in this communication environment, and many of the speakers spoke about new products and services they are developing to address this issue. It was also interesting to participate in a virtual conference, with two major keynote auditorium presentations, and multiple breakout sessions each hour. The conference lasted for 6 hours.
<b>Library Visits</b>	On-site visits: Homer Public Library, Willow Branch Township Library, Casey Township Library, West Union District Library, Paris Public Library, Champaign Public Library, Mahomet Public Library District, Sheldon Public Library, Carle Hospital Library, Ogden Rose Library