

# Consultants' Report For November 2004

Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
December 20, 2004

<b>CMC Original Cataloging Pilot Project</b>	Plans and procedures for the Cataloging Maintenance Center (CMC) Original Cataloging Pilot Project were finalized and contacts made with the 30 libraries identified as potential participants. LTLS is conducting this project in cooperation with Lewis and Clark Library System and Prairie Area Library System from December 2004 through May of 2005. Seven libraries assigned to the LTLS CMC have made firm commitments to participate. LTLS is in the process of contacting other libraries to make up our complement of 10 participants. Selected libraries have no current satisfactory source for original cataloging and expressed interest in receiving such services from the CMCs during a December 2003 State Library survey.
<b>Statewide Cataloging Standards Committee</b>	Vanessa Whippo and Maria Nowak attended the Statewide Cataloging Standards Committee meeting at the State Library on November 10. Work continued on identification and development of materials for use in training and testing of Illinois library staff who barcode library materials. LTLS contributed the materials Donna Schaal developed for her LINC Items training, and they were very well received. LTLS will also contribute materials for a testing module the Committee is developing.
<b>CODI (Customers of Dynix, Inc.) Conference</b>	Jan Ison and Pat Boze attended the CODI (Customers of Dynix, Inc.) Conference in Portland, Oregon from November 3-5. Some sessions included a sneak preview of the next version of the Horizon web catalog. This product is in beta test right now and should be available after the first of the year. Acquisitions, Cataloging, and Serials sessions, as well as new Horizon products like Electronic Resource Management and OpenURL, provided much new information. We met with Jack Blount, Dynix CEO, and senior management personnel to discuss outstanding issues. Pat participated in a panel discussion on communication and training challenges with other consortia that had recently migrated from Dynix to Horizon.
<b>New LINC Committees</b>	Pat Boze and Donna Schaal met with two different LINC committees in November. These committees are meeting at the request of LINC Policy Council. The LINC Pac Enhancements Committee is reviewing possible changes and enhancements to increase the functionality and usability of the web catalog. The Itype Reduction Committee has met twice to discuss ways to reduce the large number of itypes (circulating codes) on the Horizon system.
<b>Statewide Batchload Process</b>	LTLS staff sent 51,534 added holdings to The Mark of Quality as part of the statewide batchload process.
<b>LINC Milestone</b>	Clifton Public Library signed a contract to join LINC.
<b>My Librarian</b>	The libraries participating in the My Librarian virtual reference project met for an update meeting. Some concerns about the chat feature were voiced. A testing period will run from November 29 through December 13, at which point the schedule will be adjusted and reset. LTLS is also discussing cooperative coverage with Prairie Area and Shawnee library systems and the State Library.
<b>Educator's Knowledge Center</b>	Amy Weber visited NCSA's Technology Research, Education, and Commercialization Center (TRECC). TRECC has recently developed an education service called The Educator's Knowledge Center. This is a site ( <a href="http://www.trecc.org/ed-kc">www.trecc.org/ed-kc</a> ) that facilitates sharing among educators. One feature is virtual conference rooms. Amy will be setting up a demo for LTLS staff and hopes to get LTLS school librarians to take advantage of this new opportunity.
<b>School Per Capita Grants</b>	Forty-three of LTLS' 44 school member libraries applied for a School Library Per Capita Grant.
<b>Library Visits</b>	Allerton Public Library, Monticello; Goose Creek Township Carnegie Library, DeLand; High School of Saint Thomas More, Champaign; Oakwood Public Library District; St. Joseph CCSD #169; The Urbana Free Library