

Consultants' Report For January 2005

*Lincoln Trail Libraries System
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LINC Policy Council	LINC Policy Council met and received recommendations from two sub-committees, the IType Reduction Committee and the LINCpac Enhancements Committee. Both committees' recommendations were well received and will be presented at the LINC Directors Group meeting in February.
Lumpkin Foundation Grant	Pat Boze and Jan Ison met with a group of librarians from both Lincoln Trail and the Rolling Prairie Library System to discuss issues related to a large grant received from the Lumpkin Foundation. This \$90,000 grant will be used to purchase young adult materials.
ILSDO Institute	LTLS consultants attended the ILSDO Institute held at the Alliance Library System January 6-7. Although snowstorms prevented the main event on January 6, small group sessions were very helpful. On January 7, a presentation on entrepreneurialship for non-profits proved to be interesting and informative.
LINC Milestones	The High School of Saint Thomas More Library began circulating online on January 31. Pat Boze met with Clifton Public Library staff to begin the process of configuring this library to go online with LINC.
Cataloging Maintenance Center	The CMC Original Cataloging Pilot Project received 30 items for cataloging during January, up from 10 items in December, which was the first month of the project.
My Librarian	Amy Weber made a presentation to the Champaign Unit 4 school librarians about this cooperative virtual reference project. Most libraries began to experiment with chat, either by logging on for the first time or by logging on more hours. The My Librarian group is embarking on a full-blown beta test of chat reference through June 2005. The group conducted a beta test of cooperative coverage with the Illinois State Library, Prairie Area Library System, Shawnee Library System, and the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges consortium. The test ran through January 2005, and the group will either extend the testing period or formalize scheduling.
Regional Office of Education Program	Amy Weber and Beverly Obert of Rolling Prairie Library System provided several short workshops geared to school libraries as part of the Regional Office of Education CE day.
Diversity Grant	The Planning Committee for the Diversity Forum to be held April 21-22 had its first meeting followed by additional planning. Yolanda Cuesta, a multicultural consultant from California, was engaged as the keynote speaker for the Forum. Preparations were made for the first Diversity Workshop to be held in Mattoon on February 5. Kit Condill canvassed a number of libraries for diversity-related issues in their communities and met with librarians regarding Spanish-language programming and collection development, translation of library policies, and other issues. Applications for instructors for the Basic Library Spanish course were solicited.
Library Visits	Arcola Public Library District; Champaign Community Unit 4 Schools, Centennial High School; Champaign Public Library; Champaign Public Library—Douglass Branch; Clifton Public Library; High School of Saint Thomas More Library, Champaign; Hoopston Public Library District; Mahomet Public Library District; Marshall Public Library; Mattoon Public Library; Provena Covenant Medical Library Center, Urbana; Rantoul High School Library; Rantoul Public Library