

Consultants' Report For December 2005

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
February 20, 2006

School Library Per Capita Grant	The deadline for submitting the Illinois School Library Per Capita Grant signature page to the Illinois State Library was December 16. Forty-two of the 43 eligible public school libraries applied for this grant, and all submitted their signature page on time.
Piper City Board Meeting	Pat Boze attended the Piper City Library District board meeting and discussed issues related to personnel policies, job descriptions, board/director responsibilities, and personnel evaluation.
Prospective LINC Member	A presentation on joining LINC was made to the Paris Public Library Board. This included a description of the process, as well as cost information. The board is very interested in joining and voted favorably to join LINC, contingent upon raising local money to assist with startup costs.
Champaign Public Library Technology	Pat Boze attended a meeting at Champaign Public Library, along with two SirsiDynix sales representatives, to discuss RFID technology and self-check and other automation-related functionality that is being considered for the new building.
DocuTek Demonstration	Pat Boze coordinated a demonstration of DocuTek's E-Res system for two school librarians. This product allows school libraries to post reserve materials on a web site and limits access to class members, notifies them of new postings, and monitors use of the materials.
LTLS CMC	The LTLS Cataloging Maintenance Center began work on conversion of some 9,000 incomplete LINC bibliographic records to full-MARC OCLC records. Holdings of items attached to these records have not been set in OCLC, and this is being done manually.
Statewide Cataloging Standards Committee Meeting	Vanessa Whippo, Maria Nowak, and Kit Moore attended a regular meeting of the Statewide Cataloging Standards Committee. Kit received information about their Weed and Feed/Back to Books grant recipients and contacts for publicity about the cataloging services available to eligible libraries.
New Upfront Original Cataloging Service	Brochures describing the three Illinois CMCs' new upfront original cataloging service and fees were distributed to all library system directors, accompanied by a cover letter from Illinois Library System Director Anne Craig. CMCs create original bibliographic records for items not yet represented in WorldCat at no cost to Illinois libraries. With the new service, member libraries can contract with the CMCs for additional cataloging services.
Library Visits	Bement Public Library District; Champaign Community Unit 4 Schools, Franklin Middle School; Paris Public Library; Piper City Library District; St. Joseph-Ogden High School District #305