

# Consultants' Report For January 2006

Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
February 20, 2006

## PolyTalk

Lincoln Trail Libraries System has been awarded an LSTA grant by the Illinois State Library to establish a library interpreters network for Illinois libraries. PolyTalk is a statewide effort to provide telephone-based interpretation services to all Illinois libraries. Three articles about the project have been published in Illinois newspapers: one in the Decatur Herald and Review (search "PolyTalk" in the archives) and two in the Bloomington-Normal Pantagraph (<http://www.pantagraph.com/articles/2005/12/29/news/102229.txt> and <http://www.pantagraph.com/articles/2006/02/09/news/106120.txt>). Forty-two bilingual individuals have volunteered to provide interpretation services to the limited-English-proficient patrons of Illinois libraries. Currently, Project Coordinator Randi Weiss and Project Director Joe Sciacca are working to identify libraries with multilingual staff who can volunteer for PolyTalk.

## Diversity Grant

All continuing education events associated with the Diversity grant have been scheduled. These events include two poverty simulator programs, two all-day cultural competencies workshops, and a one-day forum. Registrations are currently being accepted for all events. The Diversity Web site is now available at <http://www.librarydiversity.info>. Resources available include downloadable bookmarks and flyers, web-based resources, and descriptions and registration for continuing education events associated with the Diversity grant.

## MyMediaMall PR

Lots of good public relations for MyMediaMall happened in January. Greg Kline, News-Gazette, wrote a story and the following week WAND-TV, Decatur, came and filmed a spot for their "Around Town" series.

## Process for Downloading New On-Order Records

Pat Boze worked with Baker & Taylor and Champaign Public Library to set up a process where new on-order records can be immediately downloaded into the Horizon acquisitions module. This will greatly reduce the amount of data entry that was done previously.

## LINC Milestones

St. Joseph Middle School (a brand new building) came online on January 3, 2006.

## Cataloging Maintenance Center

The CMC received its first business from an upfront original cataloging contractee, Galesburg Public Library. To date, Galesburg Public remains the only customer for this service.

## Library Visits

Piper City Public Library District; St. Joseph CCSD #169, St. Joseph Middle School Library