

Executive Director's Report For December 2005

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Danville Public Library Planning Committee

On December 12, Pat Boze and I met with Barb Nolan and Mike Boedicker at Danville Public Library to discuss the approach for planning meetings with their community. The library has asked LTLS to help facilitate the planning meetings. A meeting schedule was set, as well as the focus for each meeting.

System Directors and Presidents Planning

Metropolitan Library System Director Alice Calabrese, ISL Director Anne Craig, and I participated in a conference call to discuss the next System Presidents and Directors Meeting. The State Library is working on a new Strategic Plan and we all thought that SP&D would be a good venue for getting input from System Board Presidents. Alice and I suggested that system board presidents be given questions to ask the board in order to gather input for the State Library.

Gates Rural Sustainability Grant

Amanda McKay and I participated in a conference call on the Rural Sustainability Grant. LTLS is the fiscal agent for the grant. The project will focus on issues, challenges, and strategies for sustaining public access computing in libraries. Public Libraries throughout Illinois will be participating in training beginning in early March, and the grant will be reimbursing for travel for the project. All of us wanted to be sure that we had procedures in place to make this an easy process.

Gaming in Libraries Symposium

On December 5 and 6 I participated in a workshop sponsored by the Metropolitan Library System on "Gaming in Libraries." The two-day event brought together librarians, researchers, and educators to learn about and discuss the potential of and the issues related to the video-gaming generation and the use of gaming in academic, public, and school libraries. The conference focused on the learning aspect of gaming and how libraries utilize it. I found this an entirely new perspective on library service and believe that LTLS should work with libraries to get involved in this type of programming.

ILSDO Conference Call with ISL

Anne Craig and ILSDO are meeting via conference call on a monthly basis. The December call focused on the Rural Sustainability Grant, FY 2007 budget, Illinois Library Day – March 1, and other general updates and cooperative activities. This initiative by Anne is very welcome, and it is helping us all be more collaborative in our projects.

Other Meetings

There were numerous other projects and meetings including a meeting with Spinlight to discuss the design for the PolyTalk Web site, OCLC Members Council Joint Membership Committee, LTLS Membership Committee, and internal planning and implementation meetings.