

# *Executive Director's Report For January 2006*

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## **ILSDO**

The System Directors met at LTLS on January 11 and 12. One of the key discussions during the meeting was our joint response to the survey that librarians and staff completed in the fall. The survey showed the changing demographics of service clientele to be an important issue for libraries and that systems were not considered as a resource for helping libraries cope with this change. ILSDO invited two staff members from ALA to be part of the discussion and to learn the extent of opportunities to help our members. In February ILSDO will hold a one-day conference on the topic for System consultants and invited library staff. The outcome will be a plan for Systems' role.

Another key discussion item was visits to each Library System by the Inspector General's Office of the Secretary of State. The SOS is reviewing all of his offices to determine practices. ISL has already been visited by the office. Systems will be visited for one day by a person from the office. Systems are sharing information about the visits. The first visit was to Lewis and Clark Library System in late January.

## **Library Visits**

Paula Kaufman and I visited the Tolono Public Library on January 6. Janet Cler shared information about the library and the priorities for service. Gerald Eaglin and I visited the Casey Westfield School District and the High School library. Deb Sherrick provided information about the library. The library houses the computer lab, and many classes use the library for research.

## **Interviews**

Pat Boze, Joe Sciacca, and I interviewed several candidates for the Business Manager position. We are pleased that Mary Dry started work at LTLS on February 6. Mary has a BA in Business and is one course shy of an MBA. Mary lives in Decatur.

## **Danville Public Library Planning Committee**

Joe Sciacca and I facilitated the first session of the planning process for Danville Public Library. The committee is representative of community interests. The outcome of the first meeting was identifying community needs. The next meeting will focus on what the library can do to respond to the needs.

## **Other Meetings**

LINC Policy Council met for their regular meeting. The Technology Committee met for the first time and discussed issues related to the committee's charge and identified areas for policy development. Pat, Joe, and I met with Lynn Schmit from Mahomet to discuss Local Holds. As a result of that meeting, Lynn called an invitational meeting to discuss the issue as it relates to cooperative service. Another meeting was held with Spinlight to discuss the PolyTalk web site.