

Consultants' Report For June 2005

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
July 18, 2005

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| ALA Annual Conference | Consultants attended the annual conference of the American Library Association held in Chicago. They attended a number of programs hosted by organizations such as OCLC and several panels including speakers representing Google, Wikipedia, and XRefer. Amy Weber and Donna Schaal presented a poster session on the LTLS Continuous Learning Subscription Service. Jan Ison and Pat Boze met with Dynix representatives at ALA to discuss the Dynix acquisition by SIRSI, the Horizon 8.0 product, and other issues. |
| ALA Conference Bus Trip | LTLS coordinated a bus trip to see the ALA annual conference exhibits in Chicago. Over seventy librarians from LTLS, as well as several other systems, took advantage of this opportunity. Several LTLS staff members accompanied the buses the day of the event to help coordinate and organize the departure and return. |
| ILA History Panels | Joe Sciacca and Pat Boze spent an afternoon with Allen Lanham at Eastern Illinois University proofreading the final Illinois Library Association panels to be featured at ALA Conference. The panels promote the history of libraries in Illinois. |
| Cataloging Maintenance Center | Staff of the three Illinois CMCs met in Springfield on June 29 for a FY2005 end-of-year meeting and to discuss publicity and procedures for Phase 2 of the upfront original cataloging being undertaken in FY2006. During Phase 2, original cataloging of English- and Romance-language materials in all formats will be offered on a partial cost-recovery basis to Illinois libraries who are LLSAP members or who have received state and/or federal grants for materials purchase that stipulate the materials must be cataloged in OCLC. |
| LINC Milestone | Clifton Public Library went online with LINC on June 30, 2005. |
| Diversity Grant Web Site | Amy Weber, Donna Schaal, Kit Condill, and Jan Ison met with SpinLight Studio to review the diversity web site that is being designed for the FY2005 LSTA grant geared to improve cultural competency in the rural libraries of East Central Illinois and, in turn, lay the foundation for improved services to minority populations in newly diversified communities. |
| FY2006 LSTA Grant Proposals | Amy Weber, Donna Schaal, and Kit Condill developed a "Libraries Leading the Way" grant proposal to enable LTLS to partner with Lewis and Clark, Shawnee, and Rolling Prairie library systems to expand "Diversity and Cultural Competencies in Rural Libraries" throughout Southern Illinois. LTLS staff also submitted the following proposals: Digital Imaging category - Illinois Systems: a 40-year Retrospective; Creative Use of Libraries category - The Illinois Library Interpreters Network (ILIN): Surmounting the Language Barrier in Illinois Libraries. Pat Boze wrote a Digital Imaging proposal on behalf of Rantoul Public Library called Illinois Aviation: Preservation of Early Illinois History. Amy Weber assisted Lian Ruan of the Illinois Fire Service Institute in preparing a Creative Use of Libraries grant proposal to support greater integration of the Fire Service Institute Library's services and resources into the education and training of Illinois' emergency workers. Successful grants will be announced in October. |
| Book Market at the Square | Amy Weber and Adrian Van Buskirk met with Kyle Emkes, a student intern at UIUC who is coordinating the second annual Book Market on the Square. LTLS will once again manage funds raised and expended as part of this program. |
| Library Visits | Champaign Public Library, Clifton Public Library, Danville Public Library, Eastern Illinois University Booth Library, Rantoul Public Library (2) |