

Consultants' Report For June 2009

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
July 20, 2009

- WorldCat Local** Champaign Public Library's 'test' of branch holdings display has finally been correctly configured and is now displaying in the Champaign WorldCat Local interface. The CARLI Voyager upgrade in June required major configuration changes but was successfully completed a few days after the upgrade. Staff continue to coordinate usability testing among the pilot libraries and are also assisting OCLC in its own end-user testing for academics in the pilot.
- ILDS Delivery Videoconferene** CARLI and the Illinois State Library hosted a statewide ILDS delivery videoconference to provide information on ILDS after its first year and to solicit feedback on possible issues that need to be resolved. System delivery staff, CARLI staff, and ISL staff participated.
- Webinars** Pat Boze participated in 3 webinars - Sirsi Dynix's Software as a Service presentation; OCLC's new MetaSearch consolidated searching functionality for WorldCat Local; and ATLAS, the Alliance Library System's new social networking-based digitization site that incorporates maps, podcasts, and digitized documents in a community-contributed environment.
- Small Public Library Management Institute** Pat Boze attended 3 days of the Small Public Library Management Institute in Springfield. Three LTLS member library staff attended the week-long Institute - Ryan Franklin, Mattoon Public Library; Connie Hitchins, CCLD, and Linda Mitchell, Hoopston Public Library District.
- Library A Week** Library A Week is a new project that features our member libraries. It will appear in the "About LTLS Members" blog. Every week LTLS consultants will be visiting a different library and interviewing staff for the feature. On Wednesdays a member library's profile will be posted to the blog. This is a great way for our libraries to learn about what is unique to each library, and what similarities they share.
- Disaster Recovery Workshop** Joe Sciacca and Bob Towner attended a 1-day fire recovery and disaster planning program presented by the Illinois Fire Services Institute (IFSI). The program included a burn simulation demonstrating the effect of heat and water damage on library print and non-print materials. Participants got hands-on experience on the salvage and recovery of burned and water-damaged materials. Development of a disaster plan using DPlan (<http://www.dplan.org>), an online tool to assist small and large libraries organize procedures and resources in advance of a disaster.
- IFSI Groundbreaking** Joe Sciacca attended the Illinois Fire Service Institute Groundbreaking Ceremony for their new building on June 19th. The new IFSI building will include a new library, expanded training and emergency operations space, and a Memorial Hall honoring Illinois firefighters killed in the line of duty. Construction was set to begin in June and will take about 1 year to complete. See our About LTLS Members blog post for story and photos (<http://tinyurl.com/nutfau>).
- LTLS on Facebook** During June, LTLS transitioned our existing Facebook page to a fan page. The new LTLS Facebook page can be found by searching for "Lincoln Trail Libraries System" on the Facebook search page. We have 44 fans already. LTLS also has a Twitter account, located at <http://www.twitter.com/lincolntrail>, which contains primarily short updates excerpted from the Quick Connections blog.
- Library Visits** On-site visits: Lakeview College of Nursing, Oakwood Public Library, Fisher High School, Champaign Public Library, Urbana Free Public Library, Paxton-Buckley-Loda High School, Watseka Public Library, Arthur Public Library, Provena Covenant