

Consultants' Report For May 2006

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
June 19, 2006

Illinois OCLC Users' Group Meeting

Donna Schaal (currently on the IOUG Board), Pat Boze, and Jan Ison (Illinois OCLC Members Delegate), attended the annual IOUG Meeting on May 17 and 18, 2006. Topics covered were an Illinois State Library update, a CARLI update, the impact of digital technology on the future of librarianship, with several key presentations by OCLC on marketing, direct delivery, and remote circulation.

Grant Applications

Consultants completed FY2007 LSTA grant applications for continued funding for the PolyTalk and Diversity grants.

Cataloging Boot Camp

During the week of May 22-26, Vanessa Whippo attended Cataloging Boot Camp, an LSTA grant-funded project of the Lewis and Clark, Rolling Prairie, and Shawnee library systems. Twenty-five professional catalogers from libraries throughout the state were trained to use teaching materials developed to address copy cataloging competencies established by the Statewide Cataloging Standards Committee in 2004. Each participant will receive the 11 modules comprising these materials, with permission to use any or all of the materials for training within her/his own organization.

Meetings with Libraries

Pat Boze visited Shiloh School and met with the new librarian, Jacob Roskovensky, to discuss Illinois library systems and LINC automation. She visited Provena Covenant, Monticello School District, and West Union District Library to explain the process of becoming an OCLC governing member. She held two organizational meetings with the eight new LINC libraries. These meetings begin the process of configuration and automation for these new libraries that are joining LINC.

Statewide Delivery Meeting

Staff attended a statewide library delivery meeting, sponsored by the Illinois State Library, that was held to begin the process of examining delivery, as well as to discuss potential changes and improvements. This process will continue through the year.

LINC Local Holds

Pat Boze coordinated a LINC Local Holds committee meeting, followed by a LINC Policy Council meeting. LINC Policy Council approved a test period for implementing local holds, based on the item location and the pick up location. Any borrower will be able to request these "local holds" materials if they are willing to pickup the material at the library that owns the material. This test will be in place for 9 months.

Library Visits

Arcola Public Library District; Charleston CUSD #1, High School; Illinois Natural History Survey Library, Champaign; Mattoon CUSD #2, Junior High; Monticello CUSD #25, Washington School; Provena Covenant Medical Center Library, Urbana; Shiloh CUSD #1, Hume; West Union District Library