

Executive Director's Report

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Reception for Anne Craig

On February 9th LTLS hosted a reception for Anne Craig. Anne was appointed Director of the Illinois State Library last May and many librarians and trustees had not had a chance to meet her. It was a great networking day with more than 60 librarians and trustees in attendance. Everyone who attended was so happy to have an opportunity to not only meet Anne but also to talk with colleagues.

OCLC Members Council

The February OCLC Members Council was held February 12 – 14 in Dublin, Ohio. The primary focus of the meeting was to discuss technology's role in providing expanded services to the Global Cooperative and extending partnerships. As usual it was a very busy meeting with many reports and a lot of time for discussion. I am on the Joint Membership Task Force and the committee held a hearing on a proposed new algorithm for seating Members Council members. I also chair the Government, Consortia and State Library Discussion Group. The council voted to have a meeting outside of Dublin in 2007 with the likely location Canada. The entire minutes for the meeting can be found at <http://www.oclc.org/memberscouncil/meetings/>.

Technology Committee Meeting

The Technology Committee of the Board met prior to the February Board meeting. The committee reviewed a draft revision to the Technology Plan. In addition the committee learned about RFID and discussed policy issues related to adding new services to LINC.

Danville Public Library Planning

The second planning meeting for Danville Public Library was held February 28th. Joe Sciacca and I are facilitating the planning process. It was another great meeting. The community participants are very engaged in the process and are providing some sound ideas and advice to the library. The focus of the meeting was identifying community needs in order to meet previously defined community vision. In addition the committee began to suggest activities for the library to meet the needs.

Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

The LTLS Strategic Planning Committee met on February 22nd. The committee identified needs to meet the mission and vision. Once those were identified the committee identified the things that LTLS is well suited to address and those that are not appropriate to address. The LTLS staff will provide a draft strategic direction document based on all the work of the committee.

Diversity Workshop

The Illinois Library Systems identified diversity as a major issue for all systems to address during calendar year 2006. System members in a survey last fall identified this issue. A planning "retreat" was held on February 23rd at Parkland College. About 60 system consultants, directors and members of the library community came together to learn about the issues. Presenters were Vandella Brown, ISL; Tracie Hall, ALA; and Satia Orange, ALA. The groups did some brainstorming on possible roles for library systems. It was a positive day and a good beginning to move the discussion forward.

Planning Meeting- Southern Systems

The four southern systems, Lewis and Clark, Shawnee, Rolling Prairie and Lincoln Trail, held a planning meeting on February 22nd. The primary purpose was to discuss potential projects for the Technology Tool Kit grant program. In addition the group discussed areas of collaboration and agreed to future meetings. One key area of potential collaboration is delivery.