

Consultants' Report For April 2005

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
May 23, 2005

Monticello Oral History Project	Maria Nowak is in the process of designing a template for the Monticello Oral History Project. She met with Jack Brighton at WILL to learn about the digitization process and some descriptive and access elements. She will begin listening to the CDs at WILL in order to do original cataloging of the recorded interviews.
Cataloging Practicum Student	Beth Larkee, a cataloging practicum student from GISLIS, will work 100 hours at the LTLS Cataloging Center during the summer semester. She will begin Monday, May 16, 2005. Three-fourths of her time will be spent on copy cataloging and one-fourth on a special project.
PromptCat	PromptCat paperwork has been completed and individual automated libraries have been notified as to what PromptCat (a joint OCLC-vendor product) will do for them. Individual accounts will be activated in May 2005. This is an important event, as PromptCat has never been implemented on a consortial basis. More than 80 individual accounts will be activated and, via the LTLS Cataloging Center, are expected to use PromptCat on a daily basis.
Diversity Grant	The final diversity workshops and Spanish classes were held. A two-day forum for librarians, "Diversity Forum 2005: Developing a Cooperative Vision for Services to Diverse Populations," was presented by LTLS at the Holiday Inn in Urbana on April 21-22, 2005. The many dimensions of diversity in East Central Illinois and how they impact library services were the subjects of the forum. Over 40 individuals enjoyed guest speakers and panelists invited to share their insights. The forum was funded by the Secretary of State's Office through an LSTA grant. Lincoln Trail participants included: Jan Ison, Joe Sciacca, Pat Boze, Amy Weber, Kit Condill, and Donna Schaal.
Advocacy Day	Twenty-five LTLS staff, librarians, and trustees attended Illinois Library Advocacy Day in Springfield on April 13, 2005. Participants met and discussed library issues with all of our area legislators. Approximately 300 people from around the state attended the event.
LINC/Dynix	Pat Boze coordinated several regional meetings to explain the reconfiguration process to LINC library directors as we move to shared itypes in Horizon. LTLS staff have begun making changes for libraries that have submitted their information. Pam Arnold and Bill Routt, Dynix representatives from Utah, met with LTLS staff to discuss issues and upcoming new products. LTLS volunteered to be a beta test site for Horizon 8.0 due out this fall/winter.
Unserviced areas in Edgar County	Jan Ison and Pat Boze attended an informational meeting at Newman Township Library to discuss expanding service to unserved areas in Edgar County.
Latin American Outreach Workshop	Amy Weber and Kit Condill attended a workshop presented by the U of I Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Information was presented on issues for Latin Americans who have recently migrated to the United States and also on collection development.
Book Market on the Square	Amy Weber attended the first planning meeting for the Book Market on the Square for fall 2006. She will follow up on a few questions for LTLS participation. LTLS will help with the web site and with the bookkeeping via the LTLS foundation.
Cataloging Maintenance Center	The LTLS CMC received 24 items for the Original Cataloging Pilot Project from assigned libraries in the Alliance Library System. The pilot project will run through May. The CMC plan of service for FY 2006 includes provision of upfront original cataloging at a 50% discount to interested Illinois LLSAP libraries that do not have another established source for original cataloging. 1,162 records were handled for regular CMC cataloging.
Library Visits	Danville Public Library, National Council of Teachers of English Library, Mattoon Public Library, Newman Township Library, Rantoul Public Library, Regional Office of Education for Champaign/Ford Counties, Watseka Public Library