

# *Executive Director's Report*

## *For April 2005*

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- Advocacy Day** Approximately 300 library supporters from the State of Illinois attended the annual Advocacy Day in Springfield on April 13, 2005. About 25 people from the LTLS area attended, and contacts were made with all of our legislators. Legislators were told about the Illinois School Library Study and the importance of not eliminating school librarians when school budgets are cut.
- System Directors Meeting** On April 1, 2005 the Illinois Library System Directors met at Lincoln Trail Libraries System. Topics included final plans for Illinois Advocacy Day, plans for celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of library systems, the state of school libraries in Illinois, and future meetings of the President's Roundtable.
- FISH Workshop** Amy Weber and I presented the FISH Philosophy of Customer service to the ILA Reaching Forward Conference held at Rosemont, Illinois. The program was available for any attendee. We had over 90 people at the session and it was very positively received.
- Values Workshop** Joe Sciacca and I presented a half-day values workshop for the staff in-service at Danville Public Library. We were asked to present this as a result of staff attendance at the workshop that was presented as part of the LTLS Continuing Education program.
- Newman Township Library** Pat Boze and I participated in a discussion of "unserved" areas in the Newman/Shiloh School District area. The meeting was coordinated by Renee Henry, Librarian, at the Newman Township Library. Several area librarians were in attendance. The purpose was to determine possible expansion opportunities for Newman Township Library.
- Diversity Forum** The LSTA funded Diversity Forum was held on April 21 and 22. The program was coordinated by Kit Condill with assistance from Donna Schaal and Amy Weber. It was a very inspiring event with lots of good content. It was a wonderful way to further encourage libraries to provide library service to their diverse clientele.
- Dynix Personnel Visit** Bill Routt and Pam Arnold visited LTLS on April 24<sup>th</sup>. The purpose was a general discussion of issues related to Dynix and the future of the ILS product. I expressed concern about the direction of the company in announcing a new product specifically designed for academic libraries, especially as a consortia that represents all types of libraries.