

Executive Director's Report For April 2006

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System Presidents and Directors Meeting

Nina and I attended the System President and Directors meeting in Springfield on April 4th. This was the first meeting since Anne Craig became the Director. It was a good interactive meeting. Among the presenters was the Secretary of State's Budget Office staff discussing some of the issues regarding budgets in the SOS office.

Danville Public Library Planning

The final meeting of the Danville Public Library Planning committee was held on April 18th. Joe Sciacca and I facilitated the discussion. The group agreed on the Strategic Directions and Goals. We were delighted to be a part of that planning process.

Diversity Forum

On April 24th I attended the LTLS sponsored Diversity Forum on Effingham. The highlight of the program was the keynote presentation by Rajmohan Gandhi (Director of Global Crossroads at the University of Illinois). Dr. Gandhi is the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi. The presentation was very inspirational.

Strategic Planning Committee

The committee met on April 26th to review and revise a draft of the strategic plan. There was agreement on the Mission, Vision, Values, Guiding Principles and the Strategic Directions. This is a very dedicated committee with a lot of great ideas.

Vacation

I was on vacation for several days during April. The vacation was really about moving from one part of Champaign-Urbana to another. It was relief to have the move finished after 22 years in one place.