

Consultants' Report For April 2008

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
May 27, 2008

FY 2009 LSTA Grant Applications	LTLS consultants submitted Letters of Intent and developed full proposals: Donna Schaal - Digital Gems, Pat Boze - future of the Integrated Library System, and Joe Sciacca working collaboratively with Shawnee Library System - a study of Broadband Bandwidth needs for Illinois libraries.
Statewide CE Project	Joe compiled and submitted LTLS data for agencies, buildings, and users for inclusion in the statewide CE database being developed by North Suburban Library System. The database will eventually include listings for CE events statewide.
Internet Filtering Bill Returns	In April, HB1727, "Internet Screening in Public Libraries," came back on the radar screen in the General Assembly. The bill passed the House during the last session and was still in the Senate Rules Committee when the session ended in May 2007. It resurfaced with the addition of a new sponsor and became a key bill to watch in the Senate during the current session. We focused attention on this bill during our Library Day visits to our Senators.
Illinois Library Day	Jan Ison, Board Member Allen Lanham, staff members, and representatives from Rantoul Public Library, Kansas Public Library, and Eastern Illinois University visited our Representatives and Senators for ILA Library Day. We were able to meet and discuss legislative issues with our legislators. It was a positive day with good opportunities for extended discussions with several legislators. The LTLS PolyTalk project had a tabletop exhibit, manned by Michelle Ralston, in the Capitol Rotunda as part of a library exhibition featuring innovative library initiatives from around the state.
Talking Books Strategic Plan	Jan, Pat, and Joe met with Sharon Ruda, head of the ISL Talking Book and Braille Service, to assist in facilitating the development of a strategic plan for the service.
IPLAR Goes Online	Donna and Joe attended a video training session presented by Ron Winner, ISL, on the newly developed online version of the IPLAR and Interlibrary Loan Traffic Report. Libraries will begin using the form to submit their reports in May.
Four Southern Systems Meetings	The ongoing meetings of the four southern library systems (LCLS, LTLS, RPLS, and ShLS) continued with the final two-day visit at LTLS on April 22-23. The meeting gave LTLS an opportunity to present a comprehensive overview of our programs and processes. There will be a follow-up meeting in May to identify areas for collaboration.
Computers in Libraries Conference	Donna attended the 2008 Computers in Libraries Conference in Arlington, VA on April 7-9, 2008. The conference covered a wide-range of technologies available to libraries and to the public. Speakers such as Marshall Breeding and the Librarian in Black, Sarah Houghton-Jan, were featured. The conference was geared to all computer skill levels and was very well organized.
LINC	Pat coordinated a LINC Circulation subcommittee meeting at Lakeview College of Nursing, made a presentation to the DeLand-Weldon School District on joining LINC, and worked with seven libraries submitting LSTA Automation Grants.
WorldCat Navigator Demonstration	A demonstration of OCLC's Consortial Borrowing product (WorldCat Navigator) was held at LTLS and was attended by staff, Suzanne Schriar from the State Library, and OCLC representatives.
Library Visits	DeLand-Weldon School, Mattoon Public Library, Lakeview College of Nursing