

Executive Director's Report

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Cataloging Center Review	In October we began to focus on review of the LTLS Cataloging Center Operations. Donna Schaal visited with all the Center staff to review workflow procedures. I also visited with each staff member. As a result of this, LTLS has contracted with the Cataloging Maintenance Center to provide original cataloging for LTLS, and all staff efforts are to be focused on eliminating the backlog of copy cataloging by the end of December.
ILA	I attended ILA in early October. On the 4 th I was one of three presenters at the ILA DiversityTEA. I discussed our grant programs of Diversity and PolyTalk. The program was well received.
ILSDO Workshops	On October 11 and 12, I attended workshops sponsored by ILSDO. The program on October 11 was a presentation by Terri Meulcher of the state Attorney General's Office. She gave an outstanding presentation on the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On the 12 th I attended a workshop on Buzz Marketing. The purpose of both of these sessions was to be sure that all System consulting staff had the same information in order to do their jobs.
Humanitarian Award	LTLS was the proud recipient of the Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Award for the PolyTalk Library Interpreters Network project. The award honors individuals and organizations for significant contributions to international understanding, cooperation, friendship, and development in the areas of hospitality, humanitarian relief, and research and education.
Kansas Presentation	On the 19 th of October I did the keynote presentation at the Northeast Kansas Library System's Annual Meeting. The title for the presentation was "Still Sexy @ Forty?" Kansas and Illinois library systems are both 40 years old and I examined the opportunities for continuing cooperation after 40 years of service.
OCLC Members Council	On October 28-31 I attended OCLC Members Council. The theme for the meeting was "The Expanding Cooperative: the Value Proposition?" The keynote was given by MacPherson from the British Columbia Institute for Co-operative Studies. His presentation set the stage for a lot of discussion about the future of OCLC cooperation and what it will look like. My article on the LTLS Web site examines some of his discussion (http://www.ltls.org/features/2006-11cooperation.html). On Tuesday OCLC Management held a celebration of life for Fred Kilgour. It was most inspirational. Please see my blog about Fred Kilgour (http://lincolntrail.typepad.com/working_together/2006/11/frederick_g_kil.html).
System President's and Directors Meeting	On October 24 th Allen Lanham (representing President Quisenberry) and I attended the fall meeting of SP&D. One of the key discussions was from the SOS Budget Office. There is a lot of concern about the requirements for the REAL ID act and how the office will implement this. Funding of the act is of concern, and it is unknown how this might affect all of the SOS office and libraries in particular.