

Consultants' Report For September 2005

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
October 17, 2005

Cataloging Maintenance Center	The CMC received two files of approximately 800 unreconciled bibliographic records from the Prairie Area Library System (PALS) CMC.
Latino Fiesta	Sally Duchow and Donna Schaal participated in the Latino Partnership of Greater Champaign County's first Latino Fiesta held at the Urbana Civic Center on September 25. The fiesta was the first outreach effort from this partnership of businesses. The focus was to make Latino families aware of the services each business has for their community. The outreach effort was very successful as over 40 families attended.
School Library Per Capita Grant	The school per capita grant application is now available online. This grant includes a requirement to attend the Essential Elements workshop offered by the Illinois State Library. There are 17 LTLS public and school libraries that have yet to attend this required workshop. Notices have been sent out to these libraries.
Continuous Learning Subscription Service (CLaSS)	LTLS offered an incentive to get CLaSS subscriptions in early this year. Libraries subscribing by September 21, 2005 were entered in a drawing to receive \$50 off of their subscription cost. Central Citizens' Library District and Westville CUSD #2 were winners of the drawing. As of September 21, 42 agencies had subscribed, 10 of which had not previously subscribed. There are 19 agencies that subscribed last year and have not done so this year. LTLS will follow up with these agencies and also with those that have never subscribed or last subscribed in FY04.
Strategic Planning	The Strategic Planning Committee met to discuss the revision of the LTLS vision and mission statements. Using the material compiled, Amy Weber will draft mission and vision statements for review. The next meeting will be held on October 19, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.
International Leadership Institute	Pat Boze attended the Illinois State Library/Mortenson Center International Leadership Institute September 26-29. The institute brought together 15 Illinois librarians and 15 international librarians from Latin America, South America, Africa, India, Vietnam, and Japan. The 3-day session focused on library leadership, cross-cultural communication, and preservation/disaster planning. The IMLS grant for this project will fund other institutes of this kind in Nebraska, Arizona, and other states.
Media Mall	Media Mall was launched for Champaign Public Library and Lincoln Trail Libraries System by allowing patron access via LINCpac on September 19. Access for all other LINC libraries will be launched in early October.
LINC Directors Group	At the September LINC Directors Group meeting, an FY2005 LINC Report was distributed. Directors also contributed their ideas to a list of tasks for FY2006.
LINC Milestones	Ogden Rose Public Library came online on September 6. Ashkum Elementary (Central Community School District) came online on September 30.
Library Visits	Champaign Public Library; Ogden Rose Public Library (2); Central CUSD #4, Clifton, John L. Nash Jr. High and Ashkum Elementary; Milford CCD #280, Milford Elementary-South