

Executive Director's Report For September 2005

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- ILSDO Meeting** Illinois Library System Directors met at the Metropolitan Library System on September 6th and 7th. Topics of discussion and action included finalization of plans for the 40th anniversary celebration at ILA, the ILSDO statewide survey of members, advocacy plans, and an E-Resources survey of members. ILSDO also had discussion with Anne Craig, Tamiye Meehan, Chad Raymond, and Gretel Stock-Kupperman regarding statewide activities.
- OCLC Pricing Committee** In FY2005 the Illinois State Library launched a Group Services Contract with OCLC for specific products from OCLC. At that time a three-year pricing structure was put in place for ILLINET members. It was announced that a new pricing structure would be implemented for OCLC products following that first three-year period. I am on the committee looking at a new structure. We have been looking at lots of options with the goal to get a proposal to ISL and out to the membership in early calendar year 2006.
- Strategic Planning Committee** The LTLS Strategic Planning Committee met on September 12. The prime discussion at the meeting was the LTLS Mission and Vision. Concepts were developed by the committee and a draft of the proposed mission and vision will be developed by LTLS staff and sent to the committee for review.
- LSTA Grants** LTLS received notification that two LSTA grants were funded for FY 2006. Those are: Diversity and Cultural Competency in Rural Libraries: A Multi-System Initiative and The Illinois Library Interpreters Network (ILIN): Surmounting the Language Barrier in Illinois Libraries. During September staff began planning for the grants. The positions were advertised, a new logo and image were discussed, and plans were made to get participation at ILA. In addition the Bridge Grant was completed with the implementation of the diversity web site. The site is active at <http://www.librarydiversity.info>.
- Annual Report** The LTLS annual report narrative was submitted to the Illinois State Library. The audit was not completed as of the deadline. LTLS staff are waiting for a review copy of the audit prior to forwarding the draft to the Budget/Finance Committee for complete review. The audit will be sent to ISL as soon as it is available.
- OCLC Members Council Activities** There were two activities associated with Members Council during the month of September. I participated in two conference calls. One call was for the OCLC Standing Joint Committee on Membership. This committee is responsible to review membership contribution and to make recommendations to Members Council and the OCLC Board. The other call I participated in was planning for the upcoming Members Council meeting. I am chair of the Government, Consortia & Special Libraries Interest Group for this year.
- Library System Exhibit** The Illinois Library Systems are 40 years old; and to think about the past and prepare for the future, an exhibit about each library system was prepared for the ILA Conference. The purpose was to document the heritage and the major events for each library system and the Illinois State Library and to share the history with the members of ILA and ISLMA at their respective conferences.