

# Consultants' Report For September 2009

Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
October 19, 2009

- WorldCat** With the extension of the WorldCat Local project through June 30, 2010, project staff is developing templates to allow OCLC to configure interfaces for libraries across the staff. Additional marketing and informational materials are also being developed.
- Electric & Gas Cooperative** In September, LTLS submitted our application to participate in the renewal of the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce Electricity Cooperative and in the first Gas Cooperative. Based on market conditions and pricing offers, we anticipate that the terms of the new contracts will be finalized and presented for signing during October or early November. LTLS has benefitted from participation in the Electricity Cooperative to date as market rates have risen above the fixed contract rate for cooperative members.
- Pecha Kucha** Joe Sciacca attended the first Champaign-Urbana Pecha Kucha night held in Urbana on September 11th. Pecha Kucha is a rapid-fire presentation style in which presenters must conform to a prescribed format. They are allowed 20 slides, and each slide is projected for 20 seconds. This focuses the content on the most essential points, eliminates rambling, enables more presentations to be heard, and makes for a very fun and lively overall meeting. This is an interesting concept that we may adapt for our use in the future. Two additional Pech Kucha nights will be held in the C-U area during the coming year.
- LINC Milestone** DeLand-Weldon School came online on 9/8. Goose Creek Township Library (DeLand) and the Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse Library signed contracts to join LINC.
- Per Capita Grant** Laura Barnes and Todd Rusk of the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, Donna Schaal and Joe Sciacca presented a workshop on the Public Library Per Capita Grant Application on September 14th, covering building maintenance ideas for "greening" the library, as well as aspects of the Per Capita Grant requirements and the TechAtlas Inventory. There were many follow-up questions leading up to the October 15th deadline as LTLS public libraries worked to complete all the requirements.
- Horizon** Pat Boze visited technical services staff at Urbana Free Library and discussed the possible use and test of the Horizon acquisitions module at that location.
- New Affiliates** Pat Boze visited two potential Affiliate Agencies - EIU's Tarble Arts Center and the Coles County Council on Aging - to review their applications and visit their facilities.
- N1H1 Workshop** Ramona Rollins and Donna Schaal attended a workshop on H1N1 from the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. The workshop discussed early warning signs as well as preventive measures and what you should do if you have this type of flu. LTLS will be hosting its own H1N1 workshop through the continuing education calendar.
- Library Visits** Monticello Middle School, DeLand-Weldon School, DeLand Public, Urbana Public, Tarble Arts Center, Coles County Council on Aging, Donovan High School, Arcola High School, Tolono Public Library, Martinsville Public Library, Champaign Public Library