

Executive Director's Report For September 2009

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OCLC Global Council Steering Committee

In mid September I chaired the OCLC Global Council Steering Committee meeting that was held in Dublin, Ohio. The purpose of the meeting was to have a planning session for the year. Discussion focused on OCLC values, communications, and pricing strategies for a worldwide cooperative. It was a productive meeting.

Reaching Forward South

On September 18 I was a speaker at Reaching Forward South which is an annual program for support staff. My topic was OCLC WorldCat Local and WorldCat Quick Start. There were about 30 – 45 people in the session and I was pleased with the response to these services.

System Directors Meeting

In early September the System Directors met in Mount Vernon, Illinois. The primary topic was budget reductions and developing a plan to get restitution of the funds. Anne Craig reported about Secretary White's discussion with the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee where he encouraged library supporters to talk with legislators about the funding reduction and to seek restitution.

Support Staff Certification Program

LTLS Consulting team worked diligently in developing a course in Foundations of Library Service to be presented for several weeks later this fall. LTLS is a pilot site for the certification course and it has been a challenge to find textbooks, develop content and find time to accomplish this important project.

Budget Cuts

Much of the time during the month was reviewing the LTLS budget to determine the best (if there is a best) way to address the budget cuts. A proposal was developed and reviewed with the Budget and Finance Committee and approved by the Board in October. Following that the staff forwarded the revised plan of service to the Illinois State Library

Annual Report

LTLS staff completed the Annual Report for FY2009. As in previous years this was a team effort and much credit goes to the staff for their assistance in getting this completed.