

# ***Consultants' Report For July 2005***

*Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
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## **LINC Policy Council**

LINC Policy Council met on July 13 and reviewed the past year's accomplishments as well as an overview of what is planned for FY2006. Major activities for FY2006 include an upgrade to the Horizon software and the web catalog in August, implementation of the NSL/Overdrive project, and serving (if selected) as a beta test site for Horizon 8.0.

## **MyMediaMall**

Lincoln Trail staff spent several hours negotiating and finalizing a contract to join the North Suburban Library System's Overdrive/MyMediaMall project. This project will allow the libraries in LINC to provide downloadable audiobooks and e-book content to their library patrons.

## **Library Advocacy Card Project**

The Illinois Library Systems are working on a library advocacy card project, and librarians from all over LTLS have been asked to deliver or send the cards to their legislators by December 2005. This year's theme is "Explore Illinois Libraries...and Learn!" This theme is based on an exhibit of the same name created by the Illinois Library Association in celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **Georgetown Public Library Dedication**

LTLS staff attended the dedication of the Georgetown Public Library's new building. The building was a joint effort of the city, the library, and a senior citizens' group and is a combined library and senior center.

## **ILA Awards Committee**

Amy Weber served on the ILA Awards committee, and winners were announced in July. The committee has begun preparations for the awards ceremony at the ILA Conference in Peoria (October 11-14, 2005). Amy will serve on this committee again in FY 2006.

## **Cataloging Maintenance Center**

The LTLS CMC completed a letter that all three Illinois CMC's will send to libraries that participated in the Upfront Original Cataloging Pilot Project conducted during FY2005. The letter, to be sent on State Library letterhead, outlines costs of original cataloging, advantages of using CMCs, and who to contact and will be accompanied by a letter of support from ISL Director Anne Craig.

## **Library Visits**

Georgetown Public Library, Ogden Rose Public Library, Rantoul Public Library, Westville Public Library