

# ***Consultants' Report For July 2007***

*Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
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## **System Area and Per Capita Grant Application**

On July 23, LTLS presented the system Area and Per Capita Grant application at the Illinois State Library. The presentation provides an opportunity to highlight key accomplishments and plans for the future and discuss issues with staff of the Illinois State Library.

## **Network Infrastructure**

LTLS staff met with Troy Brown, IT Manager for Shawnee Library System, to plan for implementation of a new network firewall and for the installation of new video conferencing equipment. This is an example of inter-system cooperation and sharing of staff expertise between LTLS and Shawnee Library System. Troy helped LTLS to design a plan for implementing the new firewall and for setting up a DMZ in the future. The plan is to schedule the network changes in August.

## **Diversity Forum**

Once again LTLS hosted a diversity forum in conjunction with its Diversity Grant. The forum was held in Springfield, IL and featured Susan O'Halloran and her "Walking the Talk" program. Over 40 people were in attendance for this all-day interactive workshop. The forum was videotaped to provide additional footage for the video project that is currently in production.

## **PolyTalk**

The new acrylic boxes arrived for the PolyTalk language kits. When the new language cards come back from the printer, the kits will be assembled. PolyTalk statistics: interpreters-76; languages-36; libraries-146; registered users-305.

## **Cataloging**

Cataloging statistics were compiled for the LTLS libraries that received a FY2007 Bridging the Gap Between Community and Collection grant. The final oral history in the Preserving Piatt County Voices from the Past series was completed and imported into LINC. Bib records for all 36 oral histories involved in the project are now in LINC.

## **WorldCat Local Project**

Pat Boze and Project Coordinator Laurie Bartolini received training on setting up the open-url component of the WorldCat Local project. The training was provided by Openly Informatics, OCLC.

## **LINC Policy Council**

LINC Policy Council approved an amendment to the existing holds policy, allowing local holds in LINC.

## **LINC Milestones**

The Asian Educational Media Services Library signed an agreement to join LINC. Philo Public Library District came online with LINC on July 7.

## **Lewis and Clark Library System Strategic Plan**

On July 17-18, Jan Ison and Joe Sciacca assisted the Lewis and Clark Library System in updating its Strategic Plan by facilitating input sessions for the LCLS Library Advisory Council and for System Staff.

## **Library Visits**

Asian Educational Media Services Library; Philo Public Library (2); Vermilion County Museum, Danville