

# Consultants' Report For August 2009

Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
September 28, 2009

## OCCL and WorldCat

A meeting was held with OCLC and WorldCat Local project staff to discuss the remaining grant activities. As a result of the meeting, the Illinois State Library granted a 6 month activity extension to LTLS, extending the project to June 30, 2010. The primary focus of the grant will be to configure as many WorldCat Local Quick Start interfaces as possible for Illinois libraries.

## ALA ASCLA Preconference Program

LTLS Consultant, Pat Boze, will be co-chairing organization of an ASCLA (ALA) Preconference program for June of 2010, on the subject of 'Innovations in Sharing: Rethinking Resource Sharing'.

## Electric & Gas Purchase Coop

In August, the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce announced the formation of a new cooperative for purchase of natural gas and renewal of the existing electric coop. As a member of the first electric coop, LTLS' electric rate is \$.068/Kwh compared to the current market rate of \$.108/Kwh. LTLS staff are evaluating renewal of membership in the electric coop and joining the new gas coop. The application is due in September.

## LINC Milestone

Monticello Middle School came online with LINC on August 24.

## Per Capita Grant

LTLS consultants assisted public libraries with the requirements of the Public Library Per Capita Grant application. Most common were questions on the TechAtlas inventory, the review of policies identified in applicable library law, and building maintenance plan.

## Central HS Open House

Jan Ison, Joe Sciacca and Michelle Ralston attended a working Open House at Champaign Central HS organized by new Librarian Corrine Hatch. Volunteers reorganized the library's collection and had a great time meeting area librarians and working together.

## Home Room

Donna Schaal began visiting school libraries to implement the new HomeRoom feature in LINC. HomeRoom allows schools to classify their students in a different manner than btype or bstat. The students can be divided up (as a school chooses) in such categories as grade, room number or teacher. Reports can be pulled by the HomeRoom code rather than the btype or bstat codes. The HomeRoom reports are more in-depth than other sections in WebReporter. This allows the school to monitor the items out, overdues or fines from their students giving them a better understanding of the school's circulation.

## Broadband Stimulus Funding

Joe Sciacca attended a webinar on the application process for stimulus funding under the BTOP (Broadband Technology Opportunities Program) program for infrastructure development. During August, LTLS also expressed our intent to participate in the UC2B Big Broadband (BTOP) project (developed by a partnership including the U of I, the cities of Champaign and Urbana, and a wide range of educational, governmental, and corporate agencies) to extend high-speed fiber connections to major parts of the C-U community including the LTLS building.

## Library Visits

On-site visits: Monticello Middle School, Early Intervention Clearinghouse, Arcola High School, Oakwood Public Library, Marshall High School, Marshall Public Library, Arcola Public Library, Monticello Middle School, and Deland-Weldon Schools