

# *Executive Director's Report For August 2009*

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## **Budget 2010**

August was the month that a lot of preliminary work was completed on the Budget for FY 2010. We received notification of the 16.5% Budget reduction in mid August. We had known that cuts were very likely but did not do a lot of planning until after the announcement. I began to gather data and listen and determine what LTLS could do within the guidelines set forth by the Illinois State Library. A solid concept had emerged by the end of the month and a proposal was developed for the Budget and Finance Committee.

## **OCLC Global Council Responsibilities**

As President of the 1<sup>st</sup> OCLC Global Council I have been participating in a lot of planning and conference calls. I believe that it is important that the first year be very rich with content and set a good direction for the following years. One of the most important aspects that I am embarking on is identifying and testing "tools" that can be used globally for productive meetings without the opportunity or need for face-to-face meetings. I get to test these tools for OCLC and with the idea that many will be good for LTLS in the future. One note - when having a Global Council Executive Committee meeting of 12 people we are meeting in 5 time zones from 7 am central to 10 pm Canberra, Australia. Pretty exciting and remarkable that OCLC has members from all over the globe that are willing to give time and effort to cooperation

## **WorldCat Local**

In reviewing the final year of WorldCat Local it became apparent that the best way to achieve our goal of a single user interface to the holdings and status of holdings in Illinois libraries was to be the catalyst for encouraging libraries to take advantage of OCLC's "free" service WorldCat Quick Start. It is "free" to Illinois Libraries due to the purchase of First Search by the Illinois State Library. ISL approved our plans and we met with OCLC staff to begin the implementation of this direction.

## **Central High School Library**

I had the opportunity to participate with many librarians and friends of Central High School Library in helping new librarian Corrine Hatch re-organize the library prior to the start of school. Corrine is excited to be back in the CU area and she quickly took the opportunity as a new librarian to engage a lot of people in helping with the library. Lots of fun was had and we got a lot accomplished also.

## **Vacation**

I took a brief 4-day vacation to Put-In-Bay, Ohio where my daughter was working for the summer and stopped in Bridgeman, Indiana for a couple of days with friends. It was good to get away briefly.