

# FY2005 LINC REPORT

JULY 1, 2004 – JUNE 30, 2005  
LINCOLN TRAIL LIBRARIES SYSTEM

## NEW HORIZON PRODUCTS

### FY2005 HIGHLIGHTS:

- ❖ NEW ONLINE LIBRARIES: ONARGA PUBLIC LIBRARY, ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL, AND CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
- ❖ NEW LINC MEMBERS: GIERTZ EDUCATION CENTER @ KRANNERT ART MUSEUM, OGDEN ROSE LIBRARY, AND CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF FY2005 SAW MANY RESOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE APRIL 2004 MIGRATION. AN UPGRADE TO HORIZON 7.3 AND LINC PAC 3.04 IN JULY 2005 HELPED WITH SEVERAL ISSUES WHILE STAFF RESOLVED OTHERS.

ONCE THESE PROBLEMS WERE RESOLVED, MUCH OF THE WORK FOR FY2005 INVOLVED PUTTING

NEW HORIZON PRODUCTS IN PLACE. THESE PRODUCTS INCLUDED:

- DEBT COLLECT – AUTOMATIC PATRON REFERRAL TO COLLECTION
- WEB REPORTER – A WEB-BASED STATISTICAL TOOL
- WEBFEAT – A CONSOLIDATED SEARCH PRODUCT
- REMOTE PATRON AUTHENTICATION – AUTHENTICATION BY PATRON BARCODE FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS.

## LINC POLICY COUNCIL

LINC POLICY COUNCIL SPENT MOST OF FY2005, EXAMINING EXISTING LINC POLICIES AND DETERMINING NEW ONES. THE MIGRATION TO HORIZON MADE SOME POLICIES OBSOLETE WHILE OTHERS WERE REWRITTEN FOR HORIZON.

MAJOR CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE LOOK OF LINC PAC BASED ON COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION.

ANOTHER MAJOR CHANGE INVOLVED THE MOVE TO SHARED I TYPES, REDUCING THE NUMBER FROM 850 TO LESS THAN 100 TO IMPROVE RESPONSE RATE.

LINC POLICY COUNCIL ALSO DISCUSSED LOCAL HOLDS, AN ISSUE THAT WILL BE REVISITED IN FY2006.

### FY2005 LINC POLICY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- SCOTT DRONE-SILVERS, CHAIR
- RICK DULANEY, VICE-CHAIR
- ALICE CISNA
- LYNN SCHMIT
- MARY BISSEY
- GLENNA WHITE
- ANNE NEWMAN
- JAN ISON
- BARB TURNER
- CYNTHIA HELMS
- FRED SCHLIPF

### FY2005 NUMBERS:

**4,097,658**  
CIRCULATION

**405,449** HOLDS

**728,048** BIBS

**1,667,740** PAC  
SEARCHES

**95** LINC LIBRARIES

## TRAINING REVISITED

TRAINING IN FY2005 FOCUSED ON RE-TRAINING STAFF OF LINC LIBRARIES WITH A REAL HORIZON DATABASE. MANY STAFF RETURNED FOR ENHANCED INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO THEIR LIBRARY. TRAINING WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON STATISTICAL REPORTS AVAILABLE THROUGH WEBREPORTER. MORE

THAN 45 LINC TRAINING EVENTS WERE HELD DURING THE YEAR.

NEW THIS YEAR WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF WEB-BASED TRAINING FOR SOME HORIZON CLASSES. THIS ALLOWS STAFF AT LIBRARIES TO PARTICIPATE IN TRAINING WITHOUT TRAVELLING.

## COMMUNICATIONS CHANGES

AN EFFORT TO CONTINUE COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVEMENT SAW MORE RELIANCE ON THE LTLS TECHNOLOGY WEB SITE ([HTTP://WWW.LINCOLNTRAIL.INFO/AUTOMATION.HTML](http://www.lincolntrail.info/automation.html)).

SOME OF WHAT IS AVAILABLE INCLUDES:

- A SEARCHABLE FAQ SITE, WITH OVER 200 QUESTIONS/ANSWERS
- AN ONLINE STATUS BLOG
- HORIZON DOCUMENTATION
- LINKS TO HORIZON SECURITY AND CONFIGURATION FORMS
- LINKS TO LINC UPDATE, A BIWEEKLY

PUBLICATION WITH NEWS FOR LINC LIBRARY STAFF

- LINC PAC & WEBFEAT MONTHLY SEARCH STATISTICS
- DOCUMENTS RELATED TO LINC POLICY COUNCIL AND LINC DIRECTORS GROUP MEETINGS
- LINC BYLAWS AND LINC POLICIES
- HORIZON WORKSTATION AND PERIPHERALS SPECIFICATIONS
- HORIZON COST INFORMATION FOR LINC LIBRARIES
- DIRECT LINKS TO WEBREPORTER AND OTHER RESOURCES.

## IMPLEMENTATION OF PROMPTCAT

THE LINCOLN TRAIL CATALOGING CENTER BECAME THE FIRST CONSORTIUM IN ILLINOIS TO IMPLEMENT PROMPTCAT FOR ITS LLSAP MEMBERS.

WORKING WITH BAKER & TAYLOR WE SET UP AN OCLC PROMPTCAT PROFILE THAT INCLUDES B&T ORDER CODES FROM THE LLSAP LIBRARIES.

LIBRARIES THAT ORDER FROM B&T NOW HAVE ELECTRONIC FILES OF MARC RECORDS PREPARED WHEN ITEMS ARE SHIPPED. THE LTLS CATALOGING CENTER IS NOTIFIED WHEN THESE FILES ARE READY AND DOWNLOADS THESE RECORDS INTO LINC, REDUCING CATALOGING TIME.