

Grants Will Strengthen Library Technology

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White announced that he is awarding more than \$1.5 million in Educate & Automate grants to enable Illinois Libraries to purchase computers and other technology. White said, "Educate & Automate grants help meet the needs of library patrons by supplementing local library funds to improve public access to electronic information and upgrade technology.

Fifty-three grants totaling \$121,073 will be received by Lincoln Trail Libraries System and member libraries. Statewide, awards were made for the following purposes:

Provision of Internet access

\$81,046 to 44 libraries

Purchase and installation of new local area networks

\$536,798 to 50 libraries

Expansion or enhancement of existing local and wide area networks

\$280,120 to 43 libraries

Provision of assistive technology to patrons with disabilities-Fast Start funds

\$431,113 to 195 libraries

Purchase of basic equipment including phones, answering machines, printers-Fast Start funds

\$181,735 to 262 libraries

FY2000 Educate and Automate Awards to LTLS Libraries

A.Herr Smith & E.E.Smith Loda Township Library	\$ 145	Basic
Bismarck-Henning CUSD #1		
Bismarck-Henning High School	1,300	Basic
Bismarck-Henning High School	2,359	Assistive
Bismarck-Henning Junior High School	1,300	Basic
Bismarck-Henning Junior High School	2,244	Assistive
Bismarck-Henning Grade School	2,380	Assistive
Catlin CUSD #5		
Catlin Elementary School	1,910	Assistive
Catlin High School	2,359	Assistive
Champaign Public Library	2,220	Expansion
Champaign Public Library	5,477	New LAN
Clifton Public Library	1,270	Basic
Clifton Public Library	1,759	Internet
Danville Public Library	2,495	Assistive
Eastern Illinois University, Charleston	2,500	Assistive
Elwood Township Carnegie Library, Ridge Farm	200	Basic
Georgetown Public Library	355	Basic
Hoopeston Public Library District	2,500	Assistive
Illinois Fire Services Institute, Champaign	1,820	Internet
Illinois Fire Services Institute, Champaign	1,065	Basic
Jamaica CUSD #12, Sidell	2,035	Assistive
Kansas CUSD #3		
Kansas Elementary School	2,495	Assistive
Kansas High School	2,485	Assistive
Lincoln Trail Libraries System, Champaign	2,500	Assistive
Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3		
Lincoln Trail Elementary School	2,500	Assistive
Mahomet-Seymour High School	2,495	Assistive
Middletown Early Learning Center	2,495	Assistive
Sangamon Elementary School	2,495	Assistive
Mattoon Public Library	2,495	Assistive
Oakwood CUSD #76		
Diamond Grade School, Danville	2,500	Assistive
Newtown Middle School, Danville	2,500	Assistive
Oakwood Grade School	2,500	Assistive
Oakwood High School, Fithian	2,500	Assistive
Oakwood Public Library District	279	Basic
Paris Carnegie Public Library	1,475	Internet
Paxton Carnegie Library	14,483	New LAN
Paxton Carnegie Library	2,000	Internet
Paxton Carnegie Library	2,129	Assistive
Rossville-Alvin CUSD #7		
Rossville-Alvin Grade School	1,910	Assistive
Rossville-Alvin High School	2,359	Assistive
Thomasboro Grade School	2,495	Assistive
Urbana School District #116		
King Elementary School	2,500	Assistive
Leal Elementary School	1,803	Assistive
Prairie Elementary School	1,803	Assistive
Thomas Paine Elementary School	1,803	Assistive
Urbana Senior High School	700	Basic
Urbana Senior High School	2,500	Assistive
Urbana Middle School	2,500	Assistive
Wiley Elementary School	2,500	Assistive
Yankee Ridge Elementary School	1,803	Assistive
Westville CUSD #2		
Judith Giacomia Elementary	1,865	Assistive
McMillan Elementary School	1,865	Assistive
Westville High School	2,404	Assistive
Westville Junior High School	2,244	Assistive

Two new library directors, **Retta Harris, Clifton Public Library, and Lucy Webb, Provena United Samaritans Medical Center Library**, visited LTLS for a tour and orientation.

Moyer Library in Gibson City offered a speed-reading class presented by the Parkland College Learning Lab, free CPR instruction, and an Internet class in March.

Along with an extensive collection of Melvin-Sibley and Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley year-books, the **Melvin Public Library** now has several issues of a former publication of Melvin-Sibley High School called "Venture" from the years 1960 to 1979. The publication contains contributions of students in the form of short stories, essays, and poems.

The **Piper City Public Library District** sponsored an educational "signing" class on Saturdays during January and February. Kristen Wallace presented the instructions on American sign language and gave certificates to 13 adults and children who completed the class.

The **Parkland College Library** has added

an online newsletter titled "Library News" to their web site. Visit <http://www.parkland.cc.il.us/library/newslet.htm> to learn about library services, what's new, and a "spotlight" on a particular staff member.



Bob Rennels (l.) and Kiki Albaugh (r.) are ready in the **Monticello High School Media Center** on February 24 for the first day of online circulation with LINC.

Champaign Public Library's program called "Barn Again! Celebrating an American Icon" was one of twenty-three public rela-

tions efforts highlighted by the Illinois State Library. The State Library selected the examples of good public relations from 626 projects described in FY2000 public library per capita grant applications. Champaign Public Library hosted a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition and produced a brochure featuring unique barns of Champaign County that included a map giving directions and locations of each barn on the list. The Champaign County Farm Bureau arranged two bus tours of the barns; participants could meet barn owners, go inside, and learn some of the history of the structures. A scale model of a round barn was loaned to the library. Library Director George Scheetz said, "I never saw so many seed corn caps in my life."

Champaign Public Library has a School Liaison Program, linking the library and grade K-8 classrooms. A Youth Services Librarian is assigned to a school or classroom and will put books on a school reserve shelf, teach students to use the computer catalog, visit the classroom with free storytelling and booktalks, and help in many other ways.

Submission of your library's news is always welcome. Contact Karen Wilkinson: fax 217-352-7153; e-mail kwilki@ltnet.ltls.org.

Grants to Help Illinois' Literacy Effort

Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White has recently awarded FY2000 Penny Severns Family Literacy Grants and FY2000 Adult New Reader Materials Grants. The

Oakwood Public Library District will receive \$3,369 and is one of 70 agencies across the state to receive a Penny Severns award. These grants will provide valuable educational experiences to low literate families during the three summer months that both adults and children are away from the formal school setting.

FY2000 Adult New Reader Materials Grants

of up to \$1,000 have been awarded to 152 libraries. These grants will help libraries improve access to low level reading materials for the adults in literacy programs across the state. The Arcola Public Library District, Champaign Public Library, Gilman Area District Library, and The Urbana Free Library will receive \$1,000. Charleston Carnegie Public Library will receive \$835 and the Hoopston Public Library District \$900.

LTLS Statistical Summary Year to Date End of Second Quarter FY2000

Automation/Technology

Total Circulation	1,445,729
Holds Placed - Online Libraries	78,717
Holds Placed - Remote Access	18,796
Bibliographic Records	586,232
Holdings Records	1,658,854
Patron Records	205,302

Bibliographic Access

Cataloging - New Materials	9,985
Cataloging - Retrospective	6,979

Consulting

Consulting and Staff Contacts	3,021
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Continuing Education Events	20
Continuing Education Attendance	327

Delivery

Delivery Stops	7,878
Delivery Miles	91,962

Interlibrary Loan

In-System Online Lending	80,636
Requests Received LTLS Facilitated Lend/Borrow	230

Internet

Visits to LTnet	79,306
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Reciprocal Access

Reciprocal Lending (by online libraries only)	193,147
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Reference

FirstSearch™ Searches	372,141
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Training

Training Events	44
Training Attendance	224

Adkins Appointed to LTLS Board of Directors

Carolyn Adkins, Librarian from Tuscola School District #301, has been appointed to serve as School Interest Director on the Lincoln Trail Libraries System Board of Directors for the remainder of the fiscal year. She replaces Carol Bomball who resigned in November 1999.



Administrative Ready Reference for Public Libraries

The entire Administrative Ready Reference CD is now available on the Illinois State Library web site. Go to <http://www.library.sos.state.il.us>. Click on Illinois State Library. From the middle column, below Illinois State Library, Collections, Divisions, Programs, click on Reference Services. Then click on Administrative Ready Reference, the third link from the top under Reference and Information Services. The direct URL is <http://www.library.sos.state.il.us/isl/ref/readyref/index.htm>. This resource was developed through an Illinois State Library grant project and was recently distributed to library systems and public libraries in Illinois.

Attendees of the U. S. Department of Education Satellite Town Meeting "Powerful Middle Schools: Influencing Teaching and Learning for Young Adolescents" held at LTLS are: (front row l. to r.) Judy Pacey, Assistant Regional Superintendent of the Champaign-Ford County Regional Office of Education; Kathy Scherer, Champaign's Jefferson Middle School; Arlene Blank, Assistant Superintendent for Support Services of Champaign Schools; Deb Kasak, Association of Illinois Middle Schools. Also attend-

ing from Champaign's Jefferson Middle School (back row l. to r.) are Greg Novak, Librarian; Carol Stack, Principal; Nancy Moore, Curriculum Director; and Anita Crain. Kevin Kuppler, a seventh-grade teacher at Jefferson Middle School, was one of four featured guests on the national broadcast on February 15.



CODI Conference

Jan Ison, Pat Boze, and Rita Johnson attended the CODI (Customers of Dynix) Conference in Tampa, Florida, March 1-3. The conference was attended by over 500 people. Many educational sessions were held, covering topics such as managing wide area networks, pac products, new Dynix developments, cataloging, acquisitions, system administration, and remote patron authentication. Several of the sessions concentrated on the issues related to migrating from the Dynix system to the Horizon system. Epixtech had a demonstration room set up and staffed so that attendees could take time to examine the Horizon product line.

Ison and Boze presented a session on VIC, "The Virtual Illinois Catalog." There were several other sessions on the topic of virtual catalogs. It was interesting and informative to discover the various tools that libraries have used to address the broad issue of virtual catalogs.

Overlapping the CODI conference in Tampa was the Florida Educational Technology

Conference in Orlando. This conference provides an opportunity to examine educational technology as it is used in both K-12 and academic environments. Ison, Boze, and Johnson attended the exhibits prior to the opening of the CODI Conference.

Illinois Century Network

Two staff members from the Illinois Century Network and two staff members from the contracting agency working with the library systems on behalf of libraries getting connected to the Illinois Century Network met with LTLS in late February. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the next steps to connect LTLS member libraries to ICN and to identify issues and costs. An RFP has been issued by ICN to establish Regional Technology Centers. Joe Sciacca has been monitoring this project.

CCnet Task Force

A task force of CCnet members has been established to propose options for a single portal for access to Champaign County information. The undertaking will be a challenge, but there is a belief that it would be helpful for the community and those coming

into the community to get to a portal that would be a "jumping" off place for services, businesses, education, agriculture, tourism, economic development, and many other things about Champaign County.

Membership Committee

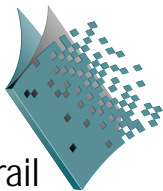
The Membership Committee met on March 16, 2000. Due to the timing of the Annual Profile Summary information request, the committee reviewed continued eligibility for a large number of libraries.

LINC Milestones

Monticello High School began circulating online on February 24, while Elwood Township Public Library began circulating on March 8. Catlin Public Library District began adding holdings on February 23.

Satellite/V-Tel Facilities Use

Three outside groups used LTLS distance technology for continuing education and business meetings: NILRC community college consortium; Conexus out-of-state rental for a meeting; and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District for a national workshop.



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