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Libraries Offer Chapter-a-Day Online Book Clubs

Lincoln Trail Libraries System and local libraries are now offering Chapter-a-Day Online Book Clubs to library patrons in East Central Illinois. All library patrons in Lincoln Trail Libraries System can sign up for this free service on the LTLS web site (www.ltls.org/bookclubs.html), just by providing an e-mail address.

"We are excited about this new service because we think it will encourage reading and expand our patrons' reading options," said Jan Ison, LTLS Executive Director. "Patrons can sample materials from different genres and "try out" a book before checking it out or buying it."

Monday through Friday, book club members receive an e-mail with a portion of a chapter from a popular book. The daily e-mails take about five minutes to read. By the end of the week, patrons will have read one to three chapters, depending on chapter length. Club members who like a book and want to finish it may search the LINC Online Catalog to borrow it from a local library or they can purchase a copy. Members start receiving excerpts from a new book starting the following Monday.

There are six Online Book Clubs to choose from:

Original Book Club - offers a variety of books from fiction to non-fiction, self-help to inspirational

Audio Book Club - a daily dose of spoken word audio literature with titles selected from all types of books: fiction, mystery, nonfiction, self-help, business, children's, and more. It's an excellent way to explore the world of audiobooks featuring the works of world renowned authors and narrators.

Business Book Club - delivers the latest ideas in marketing, management, customer service, and e-commerce

Teen Book Club - features mysteries, comedies, true-life adventure, and even some science fiction.

Good News Book Club - offers books to be shared with the whole family. These books will make you laugh, cry, and really think about what is important in life.

Fiction Book Club - From Helen Fielding's novel *Cause Celeb* to John Grisham's *A Painted House*, selections include the best in fiction. Also featured are pre-publication releases of upcoming novels.

The Online Book Clubs are offered by Lincoln Trail and member libraries in cooperation with Chapter-a-Day. Book selections are provided with the permission of the authors and publishers. Lincoln Trail Libraries System and Chapter-a-Day respect the privacy of patrons and will not use e-mail addresses for any other purpose than the delivery of our Online Book Clubs.

Founded in 1966, Lincoln Trail Libraries System has headquarters in Champaign and is one of 12 regional library systems in the state of Illinois. The System serves 7 academic, 53 public, 46 school, and 17 special libraries in Champaign, Clark, Coles, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Iroquois, Piatt, and Vermilion counties. Lincoln Trail advocates, collaborates, and facilitates education and cooperation to empower information agencies to improve and expand access to and delivery of information resources.