

Executive Director's Report For November 2007

Jan Ison

*Executive Director
Lincoln Trail Libraries System
December 17, 2007*

Lighting and Ceiling Tiles

Much work was done during November on the replacement lighting and ceiling tiles at the system. A draft Bid document was reviewed and an ad was placed in the News Gazette and the Edwardsville paper, which is used for state bids. The goal is to make a recommendation to choose a vendor in December and to start work in January with a completion date in February.

Champaign Public Library Board Meeting

At the invitation of Marsha Grove, Joe Sciacca and I made a presentation to the Champaign Board about WorldCat Local and Library Thing. These two products are additions to improve the online catalog experience.

System Directors Meeting

The Illinois Library System Directors met at the DuPage Library System in November. Topics included statewide delivery, future funding, cooperative projects, the Library Production Studio, and a continuation on planning for the future.

Statewide CE Calendar

On November 26, representatives from each multitype library system and the Illinois State Library met at LTLS to begin planning on a new statewide CE Calendar. The goal of this project is to have a statewide calendar of education events that are offered by Illinois Library Systems and the Illinois State Library. The meeting was focused on requirements for such a service product.

WorldCat Local

The staff and I participated in several conference calls regarding WorldCat Local. Discussion centered on adding new participants, update on the timeline for getting the Voyager, Innovative (Ill), and Unicorn sites up and the cost for the product following the pilot.

Soft Chalk

I participated in a web demo of Soft Chalk, which is an e-learning product that is used by universities, k12 school systems, and other institutions across the country. LTLS will test the free trial of the product after the first of the calendar year.