

# Consultants' Report For December 2006

Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
February 19, 2007

## Trustee Connections Newsletter Launched

A new LTLS publication, Trustee Connections, was launched in December. An electronic publication, Trustee Connections provides articles and information on a variety of topics for LTLS public library trustees. The first issue featured articles about upcoming trustee workshops, the 2007 trustee elections, and the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Connections is published as a blog and is available at [http://lincolntrail.typepad.info/trustee\\_connections](http://lincolntrail.typepad.info/trustee_connections).

## LINC Policy Council

A meeting of LINC Policy Council was held in December. Members approved a resolution to solicit more participation in the Local Holds test. As a result, Lake Land Community College, Cissna Park Community Library District, Hoopston Public Library District, Arthur Public Library District, Mattoon Public Library, St. Joseph Grade School, Champaign Central High School, and Moyer Library (Gibson City) are now testing local holds. They join two other libraries, Watseka Public and Paris Union High School, in the test that runs through January 30, 2007.

## Communications

Amanda McKay drafted blog publishing standards for the LTLS blogs and completed a house style sheet that is an expansion on current procedures. She created a MySpace profile for Lincoln Trail Libraries System to create another avenue of communication.

## Statewide OPAC Grant Project

Pat Boze and Jan Ison met with CARLI representatives Susan Singleton and Kris Hammerstrand to discuss the possibility of their consortium's participation in the Statewide OPAC grant project. A conference call with OCLC staff was held to discuss the progress of the project. OCLC plans to have a test product available by May 2007.

## LINC Milestone

Mattoon Senior High School began adding holdings to LINC on December 19, 2006.

## Virtual World

In preparation for potentially holding events in a virtual environment, Amanda McKay created an avatar in Second Life and will begin volunteering on InfoIsland. InfoIsland is the portion of the virtual world that hosts libraries and other learning centers.

## Library Visits

Arcola Public Library District, Arthur Public Library District, Mattoon Senior High School, Rantoul High School