

Executive Director's Report For December 2006

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Cataloging Advisory Group Meeting

The Cataloging Advisory Group met on December 4, 2006 to discuss LTLS cataloging standards. The group voted unanimously to recommend that the LINC Policy Council adopt the Statewide Cataloging Standards dated January 2004 as the underlying guidelines for LTLS cataloging standards.

FileMaker

A meeting was held with a prospective vendor regarding the planned rebuilding of the FileMaker LTDB database. An overview of LTDB was given along with the Web site online registration and Annual Profile Summary databases. The meeting ended with a series of needs to be filled by LTLS staff.

Statewide OPAC Grant

A conference call was held with OCLC on December 15, 2006 regarding the statewide OPAC grant project. Many issues were discussed including authentication of patrons, keeping enhanced OCLC cataloging records, and updating records in WorldCat. OCLC will send an agreement for the pilot project to LTLS for distribution to the participants. OCLC will also send a project quote with breakouts by different development components (LINC Resolver, etc.). The project will be launched in May and will include a base package of some FirstSearch databases.

ILSDO

The regular System Directors Meeting was held on December 7, 2006 at the Rolling Prairie Library System. One of the key discussions was about the cooperative projects that Systems are engaged in. Those include the "Statewide OPAC Grant," Plinkit and the Networked World. It was agreed that ILSDO would submit several program requests for ILA and would participate with ISL in the launching of WebJunction Illinois.

Delivery

I participated in a meeting of CARLI staff on the development of a RFP for a statewide delivery system for CARLI libraries and the Library Systems. CARLI is exploring the options for expanding direct delivery access for CARLI libraries and will be developing a proposal to determine the cost and options that are available to academic libraries in Illinois.

OCLC Members Council – Standing Joint Committee on Membership

I participated in a conference call to develop a recommendation to Members Council on changes in the Membership Contribution Protocol. The call resulted in a draft document which will be refined and forwarded to Members Council prior to the February meeting.