

Consultants' Report For May 2007

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
June 18, 2007

New LNet Server	LTLS migrated LNet services to a new server including the LTLS Web site and other Web sites hosted by LTLS, email server, forums, and mailing lists.
Non-Resident Services Planning	Joe Sciacca assisted a group of LTLS member libraries in Douglas and Edgar Counties reach agreements for issuing non-resident cards. The group agreed on a plan for issuing cards to residents in a large area near the existing libraries in Paris, Chrisman, Sidell, Newman, Kansas, and Villa Grove.
PolyTalk News	LTLS' PolyTalk Program was accepted as one of 14 exhibitors from around the country for the ALA Washington Office Library Day on the Hill to be held at the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington during the ALA Conference. The program highlights innovative library projects that benefit from federal library grant support. LTLS was also notified that we are one of 15 finalists for the 2007 Sirsi-Dynix Building Better Communities Award. The award winners will be announced at the ALA Conference.
LSTA Grant Applications	FY2008 LSTA Grant applications were submitted for continuation of the PolyTalk program, a project to work with the Chanute Air Field Museum for the digitization of a collection of images and materials relating to the Tuskegee Airmen, and second year funding for WorldCat Local Statewide OPAC Technology Toolkit project.
HB1727	LTLS continued to monitor developments in the General Assembly for HB1727, the bill to mandate filters on public internet computers in school and public libraries. The bill passed the House in a close vote; however, it was referred to the Senate Rules Committee and was not expected to come up for a vote in the Senate.
WorldCat Local Beta Site	LTLS staff coordinated two online demonstrations of the University of Washington's WorldCat Local beta site for preview by the Illinois WorldCat Local participants. The Illinois WorldCat Local sites are scheduled to be up and ready for testing in August.
IOUG Conference	Ramona Rollins, Donna Schaal, Jan Ison, and Pat Boze attended the annual IOUG conference in Chicago, where several sessions on OCLC services were presented.
LINC Circulation Policies Committee	The first meeting of the LINC Circulation Policies committee was held in May, and the format and content of the current policies were discussed. A second meeting is planned for June 7.
LINC Milestone	Newman Regional Library District came online on May 29.
Future of ILS Conference	Consultants worked on plans for the Future of the Integrated Library System Conference, which will be held in Champaign during September.
OCLC Governing Membership	Pat Boze made several on-site visits to schools and libraries to discuss issues related to OCLC governing membership.
Library Visits	Hoopeston School, Bishop O'Rourke Library, Jamaica School, Heritage School, Chrisman School, Chrisman Public, Crestwood School, Newman Regional Library