

Executive Director's Report For September 2006

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ILSDO at LTLS

The Illinois Library System Directors and Anne Craig met at LTLS on September 8th. Topics included statewide grants for the developing and testing of a "universal OPAC," developing and testing of an easy method for libraries to develop web sites, and assessing the overall network needs of libraries. Final plans were made for a Marketing Workshop for System Consultants and also for a discussion of the revision of the Open Meetings Act with a representative from the Attorney General's Office. A planning for the future was held on the 9th of September.

Chamber Pictures

LTLS Participated in an opportunity provided by the Champaign County Chamber to have pictures of Consultants taken. The pictures will be used for promotional opportunities as needed.

John "Bud" Velde Jr. Library Conservation Laboratory Dedication

On September 14th I attended the dedication of the Conservation Laboratory at the Oak Street Library Facility of the University of Illinois Library. This is a critical component of the Library's preservation efforts and was funded by both the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and a gift from the Velde estate.

Universal OPAC Meeting

LTLS hosted a meeting on September 20th for the steering committee of a statewide grant to examine the options for utilizing OCLC WorldCat as an OPAC for Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to determine if we could use Openly Infomatics as a resolver for Illinois LLSAP members, to understanding and agreement on must haves of "Day 1" content and requirements for an Illinois specific discovery (OPAC) tool and to determine a timeline.

FISH Philosophy

For the fifth time I facilitated a presentation of the FISH Philosophy of Customer Service for a group of 16 Mortenson visitors from Columbia, Russia, Chile, Nigeria, Japan, and Vietnam. The group was terrific and, as always, it was a great experience for me. Joe Sciacca assisted in the presentation and his ability to work with international visitors is a great asset to LTLS.

Meeting with ISL Staff

On September 11th and 22nd I met with Director Anne Craig, Greg McCormick, and Suzanne Schriar to discuss our Weed and Feed Grant and OCLC Billing. On the 11th we reviewed the outcome to date of the Weed and Feed grant and discussed the continued need for the project. On the 22nd we discussed our ongoing partnership with ILLINET OCLC as the billing agent.

Inspector General Visit

On September 29th Joanne Hohlman from the Inspector General's Office of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office visited LTLS. Holman has visited the Illinois State Library and every Library System except Chicago to provide a program audit of the services we provide. LTLS was the final System to be visited, and staff spent the entire day with her discussing the service programs of LTLS.