

Consultants' Report For September 2007

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
October 15, 2007

ILS Symposium	LTLS hosted the Symposium on the Future of Integrated Library Systems on September 13-15, 2007, and over 240 people attended. LTLS has received very positive evaluations, blog postings, and follow-up thank you notes. Staff have posted all PowerPoint presentations on the symposium Web site (http://www.lincolntrail.info/ilssymposium2007/intropage.html). The audio files will be converted to MP3 format and posted on the Symposium blog and RSS feed in October so that those who were not able to attend will be able to hear the presentations and view the slides. The Symposium blog with postings by Michelle Ralston summarizing each session and links to the audio files is at http://lincolntrail.typepad.com/ilssymposium .
"Walking the Talk" Videos	Donna Schaal, along with Susan O'Halloran, the Library Production Studio, and Alexis H. Sarkisian, created and produced the video version of Susan O'Halloran's "Walking the Talk" program. The videos can be found at http://www.librarydiversity.info/Inclusive.html . There are three video sessions, each having four segments: What is Inclusion?, Focus on Patrons, and Focus on Administration. Downloadable handouts are provided.
OCLC Pricing	Jan Ison, Pat Boze, and Ramona Rollins attended a meeting at the Illinois State Library to discuss issues related to OCLC pricing, how pricing for new members is being determined, and the impact this may have on LTLS and LLSAP member libraries.
WebJunction	LTLS staff met with representatives from Illinois WebJunction to hear about the upcoming release at ILA and to review and discuss content accessible through this multi-faceted resource for librarians in Illinois. The Illinois WebJunction web portal is at http://il.webjunction.org .
LINC Milestone	Mattoon Senior High came online on September 21.
PolyTalk	Joe Sciacca and Michelle Ralston presented information on PolyTalk at the Reaching Forward South Conference in Springfield and at the DuPage Library System. New library staff members and interpreters were signed up.
Online Book Clubs	Five hundred ninety-eight readers currently subscribe to one or more of the LTLS Online book clubs through DearReader.com. Subscribers receive a daily email with a chapter of the book for one week. Selections change each week. Our subscribers receive approximately 12,000 emails per month. LTLS clubs include the Original, Audio, Business, Teen, Good News, and Fiction Clubs. Users may sign up at http://www.lincolntrail.info/bookclubs.html .
New Hosted Web Domain	Joe Sciacca set up a new hosted web domain on the LTLS Web server, www.illinetoclc.info , for access to OCLC Billing information and the new E-Pay gateway. The site provides billing and invoice information to Illinois libraries and links to the new Illinois Funds online bill payment gateway, E-Pay.
WorldCat Local Searchbox	Installed a new customized searchbox for WorldCat Local on the LTLS home page. The new search widget gives users an advance look at the new search capabilities being developed as part of the LTLS LSTA Statewide Toolkit Grant for development of WorldCat Local.
Review of LSTA Grants	Pat Boze spent two days at the Illinois State Library as an LSTA grant reviewer. Committee members reviewed more than 90 grants and made recommendations for funding to ISL staff.
Library Visits	Arcola High School, Arcola Public Library, Bismarck-Henning Junior High, Bismarck-Henning High School, Lakecrest School, Mattoon High School, Milford Elementary