

Consultants' Report For June 2008

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
July 21, 2008

Central Citizens Library District Honors retirees

On June 25, 2008, Pat Boze, Joe Sciacca and Donna Schaal attended the retirement party for Wanda Thompson and Clara Schroeder both of Central Citizens' Library District. Attendees at the party included long-standing board members as well as many individuals from Wanda and Clara's families.

WorldCat Local

June was a busy meeting month for WorldCat Local. Jan Ison, Pat Boze, and Laurie Bartolini attended 1 meeting with ISL and OCLC staff, two meetings with CARLI and OCLC staff, several conference calls related to the project, and one presentation on the project (Pat at the LTLS School Library Day workshop). Also, LTLS was informed that a 3rd year WorldCat Local extension grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library.

Envisionware's e-commerce

Pat Boze coordinated a presentation of Envisionware's e-commerce and related products for staff from the LINC libraries. There is interest in moving forward with investigating this functionality of allowing credit card payments on LINCpac for fines and fees.

LINC Directors Group

A LINC Directors Group meeting was held where FY2009 Shared Costs were explained and LINC accomplishments were reviewed. A short demo of WorldCat Local was also given to the group.

Lincoln-Douglas Debates Exhibit

LTLS is one of 7 systems to host traveling exhibits commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates. During June, Joe Sciacca developed a schedule to rotate the exhibit among 10 participating libraries beginning from July 15 through April 2009. Participating libraries include public libraries in Bement, Champaign, Charleston, Paris, Danville, Paxton, Marshall, Watseka, West Union, and Eastern Illinois University.

American Library Association

Jan Ison, Joe Sciacca, Michelle Ralston, Vanessa Whippo, and Pat Boze attended the American Library Association's annual conference in Anaheim at the end of June.

Small Public Library Management Institute

Pat Boze, as a member of the planning committee, attended 3.5 days of the Small Public Library Management Institute held at the UIS campus. The 5 LTLS directors who attended the complete week-long Advanced session were Jackie Jamison, Camargo Township District Library, Sandra Wienke, Ogden Rose Library, Holly Thompson, Rantoul Public Library, Sally Newbury, Gilman-Danforth District Library, and Rick Balsamello, Westville Public Library District.

MyMediaMall Annual meeting

Donna Schaal attended the annual meeting for MyMediaMall. Different topics were discussed from next year's budget to changes in the service. The newest change will be the addition of mp3 files that will be able to meet the needs of iPod users. The meeting was attended by most of the libraries participating in the project.

Library Visits

Onarga Public Library District, University of Illinois @ Springfield, Sidney Community Library, Paris Carnegie Public Library, Asian Media Center