

Consultants' Report For September 2008

Lincoln Trail Libraries System
October 27, 2008

ISL Talking Books and Braille Service Facilitation	Jan Ison and Joe Sciacca continued the facilitation of the ILTBS Strategic Plan process with a meeting on September 17. The process is nearing completion, and the planning committee has already developed a Mission, Vision, Strategic Goals and draft Activities for the Talking Book Service.
WorldCat Local	Progress continued to be made by OCLC to develop and configure the 5 pilot CARLI I-Share Libraries' Voyager implementation. A demo of the project's progress was done on September 30 and OCLC has given the go-ahead for I-Share library staff to test the interface. There is still additional development work to be done in October but the I-Share libraries' interface is testable at this time. Also, WorldCat Direct (a home delivery service through OCLC) was launched by 9 of the WorldCat Local participants, including Champaign Public Library and Hoopston Public Library District. LTLS also installed E-ZProxy and will be configuring this product to provide remote patron authentication to the WorldCat Local electronic resources
Library Taxation Consulting	Joe Sciacca assisted the Oakwood Public Library with special taxes, truth-in-taxation requirements, and the budget process. The library is incorporating special taxes into the budget process for FY2009.
LTNet Password Security	During September, LTLS conducted a test of password security for LTNet user accounts. LTLS provides email accounts for member librarians and for LINC libraries to process email notices. The results of the test were good. Of over 500 user passwords tested only 6 failed our testing process. Account holders were notified to set more secure passwords. Passwords on LTNet user accounts expire every 90 days.
IREAD Resource Guides	In September, LTLS was notified that the Psi Iota Xi Sorority had donated funding to provide a copy of the IREAD Resource Guide to each LTLS public library. The guides will be distributed to LTLS public libraries in October.
LINC configuration	Pat Boze did on-site LINC initial configuration visits with the 6 new LINC library buildings. One of the 7 buildings that received an LSTA LLSAP grant, Oakland School District, has opted to decline the grant, citing budgetary issues.
Wilson Select Plus Results	In the weeks prior to the deadline for subscribing to the Wilson Select Group Purchase on September 15th, LTLS consultants contacted LTLS libraries that had not yet responded to encourage participation. A total of 40 LTLS member libraries -- 1 Academic, 1 Special, 3 Community College, 17 Public, and 18 School libraries -- will participate in the group purchase.
LTLS Introduces Pageflakes	On September 19, LTLS began use of its PageFlakes landing page at http://www.pageflakes.com/lincolntrail . The page provides one-stop access to the most recent postings of all LTLS blogs and calendar, making it easier to keep up with LTLS news.
Library Visits	Oakwood Public Library District, Bement High School, Watseka Public Library, Sheldon Public Library District, Monticello School District, Chrisman Public Library, DeLand-Weldon School District