

# Consultants' Report For August 2008

Lincoln Trail Libraries System  
September 15, 2008

<b>LSTA Grants</b>	LSTA grants were awarded to 7 LTLS library buildings (5 agencies) to join the LINC LLSAP. Those libraries receiving grants were: White Heath Elementary, Washington Elementary, and Monticello Middle School (all 3 in Monticello School District); DeLand-Weldon School Library; Sheldon Public Library; Chrisman Public Library; and Oakland School District.
<b>WorldCat Local</b>	Staff participated in two previews of the WorldCat interfaces being developed for the I-SI Libraries. This product is currently still in development but the product is being previewed in development so the I-Share libraries can comment and understand what is being accomplished. Phase 1 development is planned for completion by the end of September.
<b>LINC LLSAP</b>	Pat Boze was interviewed by South Central Library System (Madison) staff on the governance structure, technology, and operation of the LINC LLSAP as this consortium undertakes a major technology planning project.
<b>Battery Replacement</b>	Joe Sciacca and Rita Johnson coordinated preventive maintenance work on the UPS backup power supply for the computer room on August 9. New batteries were installed. The work was scheduled early on Saturday morning to minimize downtime for libraries. All servers in the computer room were brought down and back up between 6:00 and 8:30 am after the battery replacement was completed.
<b>Lincoln-Douglas Debates Exhibit</b>	Joe Sciacca and David Lottes developed a press release highlighting the Lincoln-Douglas exhibit rotating among a group of LTLS member libraries. The exhibit was on display in Bement and Champaign during August and will be in Charleston in September, which coincides with the actual date of one of the historic debates held in Charleston in September 1858. Thirteen LTLS libraries will host the exhibit through September 2009. Open dates are still available for June and July 2009.
<b>PolyTalk</b>	In the month of August, the PolyTalk ad appeared in Library Hotline, The Pioneer Press, The Naperville Sun, The Aurora Review, The Southern Illinoisan, The Decatur Herald, The Pantagraph and the Belleville News.
<b>Wilson Select Group Purchase</b>	The details of the Wilson Select group purchase offer were finalized and distributed to libraries on August 7, with a deadline of September 15 for joining the group purchase.
<b>Web Development</b>	Joe Sciacca researched options for a landing page to display RSS feeds from all LTLS blogs on a single page to make it easier to quickly scan all blogs for new posts. A new web subdomain (madhatter.lincolntrail.info) was configured for the continuing education registration server. The new RSS feeds for LibraryLearning (L2) statewide continuing education calendar were tested for potential inclusion on the LTLS website.
<b>Library Visits</b>	Helen Plum Library, Plano Public Library