

**LIBRAS ANNUAL REPORT  
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**LIBRAS SPRING PROGRAM**

The Spring Program was “Library Advocacy: What’s It All About?”, with James P. Neal, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University, the main speaker. Other speakers were Mike Ragen, Acting Director, Illinois State Library, and Veronda Pitchford, Director of Academic and Special Library Services, Metropolitan Library System. The program was originally planned by Ted Schwitzner, working with Veronda Pitchford of Metropolitan Library System, for Spring, 2005. For various reasons the program could not be presented at that time, so Larry Wild worked with Veronda Pitchford to present it in Spring, 2005.

Because the directors desired that the program be held in downtown Chicago and it was difficult to schedule a meeting room with both computer/PowerPoint capability and flexible seating at Columbia College, the program was held at the Metropolitan Library System headquarters. Because the program was co-sponsored by LIBRAS and Metropolitan Library System, attendees included people from Metropolitan Library System who were not members of LIBRAS. The LIBRAS institutions and other affiliations represented were as follows:

LIBRAS		NON-LIBRAS	
Benedictine University:	2	ACRL	1
Columbia College:	1	Chicago State University	1
Concordia University	1	IL College of Optometry	1
Elmhurst College	3	Loyola U Law Library	1
Kendall College	1	Metropolitan Lib. System	3
Lake Forest College	1	Newberry Library	1
North Central College	2	NILRC	1
North Park University	1	Roosevelt University	1
		Sector for Community Resources	1

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