

LIBRAS

Annual Report for 2008-2009

Submitted by Jennifer Paliatka, President

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Officers for 2008-2009

President	Jennifer Paliatka	Elmhurst College
Vice-President	Jack Fritts	Benedictine University
Treasurer	Marie Hay	Trinity International U
Secretary	Ken Orenic	Dominican University
Past President/Continuing Education Coordinator	Mark Vargas	St. Xavier University
Archivist	vacant	
Access Services SIG chair	Carol Warner	Judson College
Archives SIG chair	Kim Butler	North Central College
Ref/Collection Development SIG chair	Katie Maier O'Shea	North Park University
Emerging Technology	Caroline Seitmann	Dominican University
Technical Services SIG	Mark Kroll	Benedictine University
Nominating Committee members	Terry Cottrell	University of st. Francis
	Sally Anderson	North Park University
	Jan Chindlund	Columbia College

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Secretary:	April Levy	Columbia College
Past President/Continuing Education Coordinator:	Jennifer Paliatka	Elmhurst College

Highlights of Activities

- Continued focus on Strategic Planning Goal 2c which emphasizes using membership (local experts) for our programming. Special thanks to Larry, Wild, James, Cubit, Susan Swords Steffen, Iva Freeman, Jim Kusik, Mark Vargas, Terry Cottrell, Mary Carrington, for their presentations at various meetings this year. Subjects included LIBRAS 101, Resource Management, and the use of videos in student training.
- SIGS were reconfigured into 5 categories: Archives, Access Services, Reference/Collection development, Technical Services and Emerging Technology, in accordance with Strategic Plan 2a and 2b.
- Dissolved old, defunct listservs. Created new listservs to compliment new SIGS, in accordance with Strategic Plan 3b.
- Introduced idea of “Open Houses” to be hosted at various libraries as way for individuals to learn about member insitutions.
- Begin to introduce idea of LIBRAS wiki, in accordance with Strategic Plan 3b.
- Appointed new Communications director, Amy Weidner, Benedictine University.
- Renewed 3 year ISP service contract.
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- LIBRAS subsidized 32 members from 9 different libraries for various conferences, workshops and other continuing education events this yea, in accordance with Strategic Plan 1b and 1c.
- Implemented no policy changes.
- Melvin R George Award given to Sally Anderson, North Park University
- Meetings
 - one Transition meeting
 - Executive committee meetings
 - two Directors’ Meetings
 - one LIBRAS open meetings (Resource Management)
 - 4 SIG meetings

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Program Report

In addition to focused programs hosted by various SIGs and the annual directors' meeting at Kendall College, LIBRAS held two programs this year. The first program, offered in the fall, was titled LIBRAS 101, and was a panel presentation designed to introduce newer directors and staff members to the history and purposes of the consortium. The second program, "Resource Management in lean Times: How are Academic Libraries Coping?," is being presented during the Annual Meeting. A second program event - lunch and conversation with LIS students will follow the Annual Meeting.

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General Meetings Held

LIBRAS Directors met on November 6, 2008 at Benedictine University's Moser Center and on April 22, 2009 at Kendall College.

The Executive Committee met on June 19, 2008 at Elmhurst College and on August 11, 2008 at Elmhurst College.

The annual meeting will be held on May 14, 2007 at Dominican University.

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the above listed meetings will be posted on the LIBRAS website.

Reports from all meetings, officers and committees will be collected and placed in the LIBRAS Archives, located in the North Park University Archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Orenic, Secretary
May 12, 2009

LIBRAS Continuing Education Coordinator

Budget

Allocated	\$9,075.00
Expended or Encumbered for FU 09 activities	\$7,144.23
Encumbered for Summer 2009 (FY 10 budget)	\$1,910.00
Total Expended or Encumbered	\$9054.23
Balance	\$20.77

LIBRAS Professional Development Grant.

This grant program was initiated in 2004 to provide employees at LIBRAS libraries the opportunity to further their formal, professional education at the LTA, masters, or doctoral levels. Up to three awards of \$500.00 each may be awarded to applicants who meet the application criteria. The deadline for the application was August 15, 2008.

- No LIBRAS Professional Development Grant was awarded.

LIBRAS Research Grant Program.

The LIBRAS Research Grant program provides an opportunity for LIBRAS library members to perform research or publication efforts that might otherwise be difficult to fund. Each year, LIBRAS will grant up to \$575.00 to one applicant who meets the criteria for the grant. The deadline for application was August 15, 2008.

- Mary Carrington of Wheaton College received a Research Grant Award for “An Exploration of the Issues Related to Video Training of Student Workers in an Academic Library.” In accordance with LIBRAS Guidelines she was awarded \$575.00.

Continuing Education Activities.

LIBRAS has three categories of funding. Category A includes ALA in Chicago, ILA, ACRL, IACRL and LOEX. Category B are activities not sponsored by LIBRAS. Category C is for continuing education courses that do not count towards a degree. The deadlines were 1 October 2008, 1 February 2009, and 1 April 2009. The following persons received Category A, B, and C funding:

Name	Institution	Category	Event
Anderson, Sally	North Park	A	ALA
Breen, Matt	Columbia	A	ALA
Burt, Laura	North Park	A	ALA
Carrico, Ken	Benedictine	A	LOEX

Name	Institution	Category	Event
Cheek, Belinda	North Central	A	ACRL
Cottrell, Terrance L.	St. Francis	A	ACRL
Degreve, Luann	Benedictine	A	ALA
Henders, Rosemary	North Central	A	ACRL
Henders, Rosemary	North Central	A	LOEX
Hill, Jacob	Elmhurst	A	ACRL
Hill, Jacob	Elmhurst	A	ALA
Knapp, Linnea	St. Francis	A	ALA
Morrison, Gregory	Wheaton College	A	ACRL
Page, Elaine Fetyko	Elmhurst	A	ACRL
Paliatka, Jennifer	Elmhurst	A	ACRL
Paliatka, Jennifer	Elmhurst	A	ALA
Prather, Emily	North Central	A	ALA
Resmson, Regina	Benedictine	A	ALA
Rusinak, Maryanne	Concordia	A	ALA
Rusinak, Maryanne	Concordia	A	ILA
Sarva, Deborah	Benedictine	A	ALA
Steffen, Susan Swords	Elmhurst	A	ACRL
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Walker, Aimee	North Central	A	ACRL
Weidner, Amy	Benedictine	A	ALA
Wible Peterson, Alice	Benedictine	A	LOEX
Carrington, Mary	Wheaton College	B	Educause
Huttenlock, Terry	Wheaton College	B	Educause
Knapp, Linnea	St. Francis	B	MAC
Kusik, James	SXU	B	ERL
Wild, Larry C.	Judson	B	Ball State
Ford, Kevin	Columbia	C	

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Vargas, Continuing Education Coordinator

12 May 2009

Reference and Collection Management SIG

On Wednesday, December 17th, the Reference and Collection Management SIG held a database workshop co-hosted by Elmhurst College. A representative from Lexis-Nexis demonstrated features and in-depth search techniques of their new format. Gale Databases introduced the group to some of their new products, including new e-reference sources. Approximately two dozen people represented the following Libras institutions; Dominican University, Wheaton College, Aurora University, Lake Forest College, Kendall College, North Central University, Benedictine University, North Park University, and Elmhurst College.

-Katie Maier-O'Shea,
North Park University

LIBRAS Officer slate for 2009-2010 from nominating committee (Sally Anderson, Jan Chindlund; Terry Cottrell)

V.P./Programming

Kenneth Orenic

My name is Ken Orenic and I have been a Reference and Instruction Librarian at Dominican University's Crown Library since October, 2006. I currently serve as LIBRAS Secretary and Dominican's liaison to LIBRAS.

LIBRAS provides a valuable forum for members to share their expertise and build professional relationships with other academic librarians. If given the opportunity to serve as LIBRAS Vice-President I will work to ensure the continued delivery of quality professional development opportunities, strengthen and enhance communication between LIBRAS library staff and work to increase member involvement. Thank you.

Secretary

April P. Levy

April Levy is a Reference and Instruction Librarian at Columbia College Chicago Library. In addition to providing reference and instruction to the Columbia community, she coordinates scheduling and training for MLS practicum students. Previously, April served as Reference Coordinator and Instruction Librarian at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and as off-campus services librarian at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. She received her M.L.S. from Indiana University and her B.A. from Oberlin College.

Treasurer

Marie Hay

I have worked at Trinity International University as the Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian for five years. This past year I enjoyed assisting LIBRAS in advancing academic libraries by filling the position of Treasurer. I look forward to supporting the LIBRAS mission again for another term.

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Treasurer's Report for 2008 – 2009
(Through April 30, 2009)**

INCOME	BUDGET	YTD
Dues	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00
Interest		\$163.49
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,500.00	\$8,663.49

EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	BALANCE
Continuing Education	\$2,500.00	\$902.24	\$1,597.76
Research Grant	\$500.00	\$575.00	(\$75.00)
Conf.: LOEX, IACRL	\$6,000.00	\$3,604.23	\$2,395.77
Hospitality	\$700.00	\$216.81	\$483.19
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Programming	\$500.00	\$383.65	\$116.35
Public Relations	\$100.00	\$89.50	\$10.50
Communications Technology	\$100.00	\$221.18	(\$121.18)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,500.00	\$5,992.61	\$4,507.39

ASSETS	BALANCE
Cash in Checking	\$6,783.64
Cash in Savings	\$1,947.87
Certificate	\$10,487.78
TOTAL ASSETS	\$19,219.29

Thirteen individuals were awarded continuing education funds to attend the ALA Conference in Chicago in June 2009. Because of the late date \$2,465.00 that was budgeted for 2008-2009 will rollover to the 2009-2010 year.

The two lines LIBRAS overspent in were the Research Grant the Communications Technology. In previous years the Research Grant was awarded \$575 but in the approved budget of 2008-2009 it was underfunded. The Communications Technology had unexpected website fees and URL Hosting invoices that coincided in this fiscal year.

The \$2,000 transfer from reserve fund was never required for the fiscal year 2008-2009 and the decision to shift the certificate of deposit to a money market or other interest bearing account was never finalized. The maturity date of the Savings Certificate is November 24, 2009 so a final decision will be required of the board then.

Respectfully,

Marie Hay
Treasurer

