



## Resource Sharing Task Force 2006-2007 Report to the Members

### Reciprocal Borrowing Program

Seventy-two libraries participated in the reciprocal borrowing program this year. In this program, the home institution issues ALI borrowers' cards to their own students and faculty. Participating libraries agree to check materials out to those who present the borrower's card. The home institution assumes ILL-type responsibility for items not returned. New brochures and cards were designed and printed in September 2006 and are distributed on behalf of the Academic Libraries of Indiana by Arthur Hafner, Dean of University Libraries at Ball State.

### No Charge ILL Program

This year every ALI library participated in the "no charge" ILL program. In this program, ALI members agree to loan books and other returnable material, but not photocopies, to one another at no charge.

### Direct Request Pilot

Sixteen member libraries participated in this pilot last spring. The analysis of the data concluded that, with direct request enabled for patrons *and* five day per week courier delivery service in place for libraries, books could be delivered within five days!

	Number of Requests	Average Turn Around	Median Turn Around
Pilot Group	3337 (25%)	5 days	5 days
Indiana (not pilot)	2678 (20%)	6 days	6 days
Out of State	7220 (55%)	9 days	7 days

#### Pilot Group Distribution

Requests	Days	
27	1	0.8%
400	2	12.0%
591	3	17.7%
472	4	14.1%
862	5	25.8%
		70.5%

#### IN Not Pilot Distribution

Requests	Days	
59	1	2.2%
267	2	10.0%
336	3	12.5%
283	4	10.6%
405	5	15.1%
		50.4%

\*Based on ALI Pilot Group March and April 2006 loan (not copy) requests

\*Turn around time measured as request created to request received by borrower (available to end user)

### OCLC WorldCat Subscription, INCat, and the Ivy Tech Symbol Flip

Indiana libraries are enjoying a second year of unlimited WorldCat FirstSearch access and the Indiana State Library has approved the LSTA grant that ensures everyone's access for the upcoming year. The Indiana Catalog, INCat, limits the view to WorldCat holdings in Indiana libraries and provides filters by region of the state and by type of library. Unique holding symbols for the collections of the Ivy Tech regional campuses were added over the winter.

## **Indiana Resource Sharing Task Force**

INCOLSA invited the top three lending Academic and Public libraries, the chair of the ALI Resource Sharing Task Force, and representatives from the Indiana State Library, the Indiana Shared Library Catalog (ISLC), PALNI, the top lending medical library, and users of the I\*Ask service. ALI representatives included Janet Brewer (Anderson University), Christy Ann Groves (Ball State University), Robert Roethemeyer (Concordia Theological Seminary), Rita Rogers (Indiana University), Elaine Skopelja (IU Medical), and Suzanne Ward (Purdue University).

The task force began its task late last summer with a pile of statistics and some ideas. By mid-winter, the task force had summarized its work in a "Resource Sharing White Paper."

The final draft can be found at: [http://www.incolsa.net/services/white\\_paper\\_context.html](http://www.incolsa.net/services/white_paper_context.html)

We are hopeful that a number of libraries and library groups will read and discuss the paper, and take resource sharing to a new level in Indiana!

## **Upcoming Events to Take Resource Sharing to a New Level**

### *Training*

#### Direct Request

- OCLC Resource Sharing (Collette Mak)
  - June 5 Morning Session
  - June 6 Afternoon Session
- OCLC ILLiad (Collette Mak)
  - June 5 Afternoon Session
  - June 6 Morning Session

#### Electronic Delivery

- Odyssey (Stephanie Spires)
  - June 5 Afternoon Session
  - June 6 Morning Session

What IS Odyssey? Odyssey is document delivery software that supports the ability to scan materials and transmit them over the internet. Odyssey is used by nearly all the large ILL offices in Indiana as part of ILLiad. Atlas Systems, the folk that developed ILLiad, make Odyssey available as a no-charge download. Using Odyssey or other document delivery software makes the whole system work better because it allows the high volume lenders to streamline their workflow. Go to: <http://www.atlas-sys.com> for more information.

### *Sharing Best Practices*

- The idea is to bring together some of the best practices and innovations that are going on in the state.
- Bring together those that are innovating and those that want to improve.
- August 29
- Ball State University

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