



Moving Forward

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Much has changed at our office in the past month. We have parted ways with colleagues old and new, and have had to suspend some services our members depend on. Like all things in life, change is a constant we accept and adapt to. Our dedicated [staff](#) continue to provide the following services:

- Delivery
- Tech support (including our new fee-based service)
- GateNet continuing education
- GateNet database support

How can we help? Resources for our members:

- We have updated our [contact list](#) with additional resources to assist you with library administrative questions.
- The LCLS helpdesk, [HUHY](#) (Help Us Help You) has expanded categories to get your query to the right staff member.

Southern IL library system merger conversations:

- LCLS member representatives participated in a meeting [June 22, 2010](#), held at Kaskaskia College Center in Vandalia, IL
- Member representatives from Lincoln Trail Libraries System, Rolling Prairie Library System and Shawnee Library System participated as well
- Second meeting scheduled for July 14, 2010, time and place TBD

The process of creating something new out of (seemingly) independent library systems is exciting and challenging. The directive from the Illinois State Library is that at the end of this fiscal year (FY2011) we will have significantly fewer library systems in our state. As we move forward, I am encouraged by the opportunity to create an organization that provides more and better services to our members and their patrons. While at times it may seem this is a situation beyond our control, let us consider it a gift.

Viktor E. Frankel (Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist) wrote:

Between stimulus and response there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and our freedom. (*Man's search for meaning, 1946*)

The members of the Lewis & Clark Library System have an opportunity to create the library system of tomorrow. I look forward to taking this journey with you.

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