

### **1.3 Description of Inter-System Cooperative Programs and Services**

LIMRiCC (the Library Insurance Management and Risk Control Combination) is an insurance cooperative that continues to add members to its programs. As of June 30, 2009, the membership of LIMRiCC is as follows: 63 libraries/systems in the Joint Self-Insurance Program (JSIP), 103 libraries in the Unemployment Compensation group Account (UCGA), 47 libraries in the Purchase of Health Insurance Program (PHIP) and 37 libraries in the System Libraries Insurance Cooperative (SLIC). Individual libraries and systems take part in this program and represent seven (DLS, LTLS, MLS, NSLS, PALS, RPLS, ShLS) of the library systems in Illinois. In PHIP the total number of employees utilizing coverage in some form went from 391 in July 2008 to 506 in July 2009.

Career Central is a cooperative job website that serves systems throughout the state who wish to list job openings for themselves and their member libraries.

Metropolitan Library System cooperates with the North Suburban Library System and the DuPage Library System to bring higher levels of educational programs to the staff of the libraries in the area.

Metropolitan Library System continues to contract with North Suburban Library System for access to the software to run our online electronic newsletter. A contractual agreement has been signed through FY2010.

Metropolitan Library System also participates in the statewide cooperative projects:

- Plinkit
- The Mapping Project
- L2 Statewide Calendar

Macy's Museum Pass program - Metropolitan Library System staff coordinated a grant application and receipt of a \$91,500 grant from Macy's. One-hundred fifty (150) public libraries in Metropolitan Library System, North Suburban Library System and DuPage Library System will participate in this program beginning September 2009. Seventeen (17) museums will offer four free family passes on a weekly basis to patrons of these libraries. The grant money will be spent on the website, marketing materials, and publicity. Macy's has also agreed to free advertising for this campaign.