



NOTSL NEWS

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A message from Chris Thornton, NOTSL Chairperson:

Looking at the NOTSL Spring Program "Prime Human Resources" and the Fall Program "The Changing Technical Services Landscape" one can see that we've veered a bit from the usual Technical Services topics such as AACR2, L.C. Subject Headings, acquisition vendors, serials, etc. to focus on the bigger picture of Technical Service's role in library services. We felt it important that Technical Services staff be given an opportunity to become aware of and discuss some of these issues and trends. In the academic library world significant change seems to be already occurring judging from the number of combined cataloging/metadata positions that have been posted on discussion lists in the past couple of months. I'm sure that just as when I come back from a big conference with a head full of new ideas there's a stack of books waiting to be cataloged, NOTSL will soon return to the nitty-gritty of Technical Services.

In the current environment, it's fair to say that some Technical Services Departments may experience significant change and others very little. However, the key to keeping everything running smoothly is still the Technical Services staff. For the Spring Meeting we decide to focus on that most important resource.

I'm interested to hear what Russ Crabtree has to say regarding "Facts and Perception" in the workplace. Russ describes it this way. "Learning about perception helps us become more skilled in communicating our ideas. This increases the likelihood that we will understand others and be understood in return." In today's times, communicating our ideas, skills and contributions is more important than ever. I'm also interested to hear KSU's School of Library and Information Science Director, Dr. Richard Rubin's take on events. After all, library schools are responsible for turning out future Technical Services professional staff and have a significant influence on how students view library operations and the library job market.

This brings us to Brian Gray's presentation: "Using Web 2.0 Principles to Become Librarian 2.0". We will discover how libraries are using Web 2.0 tools, such as blogs, RSS feeds, wikis, social communities, podcasts, and various "mash-ups" -- definitely not your usual NOTSL Tech Services fare. The idea is to give library users increased ownership in their library interactions and to give library staff new ways to communicate with each other.

Finally, I must not fail to mention that the Spring Meeting is scheduled for a Thursday. I can't remember when NOTSL was not on a Friday. I think it's been a while. Spring seems to be the season for library conferences and events and finding a date that didn't conflict was a challenge. Anyway, I hope to see you all there.



NOTSL Appreciation Awards

NOTSL realizes that library budgets are tight for items like Continuing Education, and we appreciate that you choose to spend some of those dollars to attend our programs.

To say "Thanks for coming!" we will draw the names of two people attending the Spring meeting and each will be awarded free attendance at one of NOTSL's next two programs.

NOTSL Spring Meeting:

**"Prime Human Resources:
Making the Most of Technical Services Staff"**

Thursday, May 24, 2007

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Public Library
Administration Building Auditorium



NOTSL Scholarship Program

Each year the Northern Ohio Technical Services Librarians (NOTSL) awards scholarships to persons currently working in a professional, para-professional, or support position in a technical services area in an Ohio library, or to persons currently taking technical services related course work/training who plan a career in Technical Services.

The following people are the 2007 Winners of NOTSL Scholarships:

Celia Halkovich, Student **\$450 Scholarship**
Educational Activity: Offset Tuition costs at Kent State University school of Library and Information Science

Rita Johnson, Acquisitions Unit Coordinator, Wright State University Dunbar Library **\$350 Scholarship**
Educational Activity: Attend Innovative Users Group 15th Annual Conference in San Jose, CA

Barbara Strauss, Head, Technical Services, Cleveland State University Library **\$350 Scholarship**
Educational Activity: Attend the 12th National Conference of ACRL in Baltimore, MD

Jeremy A. White-Zeager, Head of Bibliographic Services, Ursuline College **\$350 Scholarship**
Educational Activity: Attend the 12th National Conference of ACRL in Baltimore, MD

Applications for 2008 Scholarships will be accepted this fall. Watch NOTSL's web site for announcement of the dates.

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