Message from Laura Casey, NOTSL Chairperson:

As libraries of all shapes and sizes have experienced budget cuts in the past year, technical services librarians have been challenged to find ways to "do more with less"! To do this we must re-evaluate everything from staffing patterns to what brand of tape we buy to maximize our workflow and minimize our costs.

The upcoming Fall 2003 NOTSL program, “Doing More With Less: Ideas for Improving Efficiency in Technical Services”, is designed to provide our members with new approaches to cost analysis and the evaluation of procedures and processes. Four different speakers will share their approaches to improving efficiency in their libraries.

Roger Miller will explain how his cataloging department worked together with public service staff to determine the cost of different cataloging levels for a large special collection. Carol Bowling will share her library’s experience of applying cost analysis tools to their Technical Services department. Susan Direnzo will describe how her library improved their acquisition processes to increase the efficiency of both the Technical Services and Collection Management departments. And Georgianne Balcas Doyle will explain how her department redesigned some processes in response to their work with an organizational design consultant.

Please see the enclosed program brochure for more information. We hope to see many of you at our Fall meeting on October 24.

Laura Casey
Apply for a 2003 NOTSL Scholarship by May 15

Each year NOTSL provides one or more scholarships, for a maximum total of $1,000, to persons currently working in a professional, paraprofessional or support position in a technical services area of an Ohio library.

The content of the proposed educational activity must relate to technical services: cataloging, acquisitions, serials, preservation or management. Typically funded activities can include costs for coursework, workshops, professional meetings or research not required by the applicant’s employer.

REMINDER:

Applications are available at http://www.notsl.org.

We’re Looking for a Few Good Links....

The NOTSL Web site page, “Web Resources”, is designed to list useful links for Technical Services Staff.

Please send your suggested links to Jill Williams at williaj2@oplin.lib.oh.us for possible inclusion on the Web site at:

http://www.notsl.org/NOTSLwebresources.htm

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