



# NOTSL NEWS

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## A message from Chris Thornton, NOTSL Chairperson:

A while back, sitting at home scrolling through the cable TV Guide looking for something to watch, the movie "In Good Company" with Dennis Quaid caught my eye. It turned out to be a mildly entertaining movie. About mid-way through the movie, Malcom McDowell, who plays Teddy K. Globecom, the CEO of the company that has just bought out Quaid's smaller firm gives a speech to his newly acquired employees on "synergy." Whenever McDowell would mention synergy he would cup his hands, lock the ends of his fingers together and tug. NOTSL meetings often remind me of this movie and of that scene in the movie. Even though the term "synergy" has been thrown around a lot in recent years by organizations that in the end didn't seem to have it, I think NOTSL really has it!

You might wonder just how different can Technical Services librarians be. Well from looking at the attendee's roster, I would have to say "pretty different." Besides the different specializations, cataloging, acquisitions, serials, preservation, etc. –different types of libraries are represented: Public, Academic, Special, and a couple others. To top it off, the specializations and cultures between these groups are quite different. So, for me, one of the strengths of NOTSL is it gives Library staff the opportunity to get out and hear about the good things others in Technical Services Departments are doing. Academic librarians can learn from public librarians and vice versa. Catalogers can learn from acquisitions librarians, and so on. This is a good! Sharing ideas and experiences is very good for libraries.

In planning a Fall Program, it would have been very difficult to ignore the discussion that took place over the past Summer in the Cataloging world and beyond. It seemed like every other email had someone's opinion about the library catalog and what it should or should not be. Recent decisions and comments by LC and others obviously touched a nerve with many Technical Services staff that might be impacted by potential changes in the way that Technical Services does business. With the group from Ohio State and Eric Lease Morgan we hope pick up on and continue that discussion. We hope that you will join in.



### NOTSL Appreciation Awards

If you are attending the next NOTSL meeting, watch for the 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 Fall meeting and each will be awarded free attendance at one of NOTSL's next two programs.

### **NOTSL Fall Meeting:**

**"The Changing Technical Services Landscape"**

Friday, December 1, 2006

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Public Library  
Administration Building Auditorium  
2111 Snow Road  
Parma, OH 44134



## NOTSL Accepting Scholarship Applications

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.

NOTSL is now accepting applications for Scholarships to be awarded for activities that take place in the calendar year January to December 2007.

Send your scholarship requests now. The deadline for the 2007 award is **December 8th** and the recipients will receive the scholarship award notification in early January.

Applications are available on the NOTSL website at:

[http://www.notsl.org/NOTSLscholarship\\_requirements.htm](http://www.notsl.org/NOTSLscholarship_requirements.htm)

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A list of recent scholarship winners is also available on the NOTSL website at [www.notsl.org](http://www.notsl.org).

For additional information, contact Sharon Riennerth, NOTSL Past Chair at: 216-749-9375 or [srienerth@cuyahogalibrary.org](mailto:srienerth@cuyahogalibrary.org)

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## Speakers for NOTSL Fall Program

**Eric Lease Morgan** is the Head of the Digital Access and Information Architecture Department at the University Libraries of Notre Dame. He considers himself a librarian first and a computer user second. His professional goal is to discover new ways to use computers to improve library and knowledge services. To these ends, he has created many information services using the popular (and even less popular) Internet and computing protocols. Applied research and development has included investigations in traditional library science, digital libraries, information retrieval, and human-computer interaction. Some of his more successful implementations have been the Mr. Serials Process, Index Morganagus, the Alex Catalogue of Electronic Texts, email.cgi, and MyLibrary@NCState.

Eric was also a librarian at the NCSU Libraries from 1991 to 2001. Prior to that he was a medical librarian at the Catawba-Wateree AHEC Library in Lancaster, SC for 3 years. He has a BA in Philosophy from Bethany College, Bethany, WV (1982), and an MIS from Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA (1987). In his spare time, he has been seen folding defective floppy disks into intricate origami flora and fauna.

**C. Rochelle (Rocki) Strader, Barbara Dunham and Melanie McGurr** are all from The Ohio State University Library. They will approach the ongoing recent discussion about the future of the catalog by starting with a discussion of what a catalog really is and what it actually does. They do not feel that the problems of users' access is based on the standardized descriptive content of bibliographic records, but advocate for improved methods of access.

Rocki Strader is Assistant Professor and Catalog Librarian at The Ohio State University Library; Barbara Dunham is Coordinator of the Western Language section at The Ohio State University Library; and Melanie McGurr is General Cataloger at The Ohio State University Library.

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