A message from Sharon L. Rienerth, NOTSL Chairperson:

This year’s spring program is titled: “Digital Bones: Electronic resources in the year of the dog” We’ll have presentations dealing with selecting, purchasing, processing and cataloging these puppies. We also have planned a panel discussion looking into troubleshooting and a wrap up with Cuyahoga County Public Library’s Greg Weller discussing the future of these materials and how catalogers can make or break their usefulness.

Electronic resources are becoming more common in our libraries and our lives. Downloading music, books, and movies is second nature to an entire generation, and we need to know how and what to purchase and how to present it in the catalog to keep this generation using the library. Join us this June 9 to hear all about what’s out there, what’s coming next, and how those of us in Technical Services can make these materials available and usable for our customers.

Also, this is election time for NOTSL board and committee positions, so please be there to vote early and vote often.

NOTSL Appreciation Awards

If you are attending the next NOTSL meeting, watch for the Appreciation Awards.

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

To help your budget stretch further, we will draw the names of two people attending the Spring meeting. Each of these persons will be awarded free attendance at one of NOTSL’s next two programs.

This is our way of saying “Thanks for coming!”

NOTSL Spring Meeting:

“Digital Bones: Electronic Resources in the Year of the Dog”

“No bad dogs: Teaching new formats old tricks”
Acquisitions – Patrick Steele
Cataloging - Georgianne Doyle
Processing - Patricia Dobrovic

“Who let the dogs out? Troubleshooting electronic resources in the Year of the Dog”
Deberah England – Wright State University
Eve Davis - EBSCO
Frank Bove – University of Akron

“Digital bones in the Year of the Dog”
Greg Weller

Learn why cataloging is more important than ever and how it can emerge from the backroom to the forefront.
NOTSL Scholarships

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 coursework in librarianship.

The 2006 winners were:

- **Karen R. Schneiderman**  
  Part-time Cataloger, Baker & Hostetler — $500 scholarship  
  *Educational Activity*: Offset tuition costs for Cataloging 2 course at Kent State University.

- **Ashley M. Simcox**  
  Student assistant, Technical Services Dep’t, University of Akron Law Library—$400 scholarship  
  *Educational Activity*: Attend a preservation workshop

- **Sheryl Gannon**  
  Acquisitions Coordinator, Heidelberg College—$225 scholarship  
  *Educational activity*: Attend the Ohio Library Support Staff Institute.

Applications can be printed from the NOTSL website at www.notsl.org. The deadline for 2007 awards will be December 2006. Check the website for application details.

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Technical Services 2006: Charting a Course

Sheila Inter led Technical Services Librarians on a course to “Launch Technical Services into a new and as yet unknown future” at the Retreat held at Mohican, April 25-26, 2006.

Technical Services is the center of many of the new developments in libraries and this conference and its many wonderful and knowledgeable speakers inspired and informed those present about the challenges ahead.

It was an opportunity to learn, share and consider our work away from the everyday distractions. The relaxing surroundings and inspiring speakers were a great combination. If you missed it, be sure to ask someone about the after dinner speaker, Manuel Urrizola, and his “Ode to OLC”.

The next retreat will be in two years — plan on attending!