A message from Kevin Furniss, NOTSL Chairperson

Libraries are facing unprecedented demands to adapt to the digital environment. New and emerging tasks related to institutional repositories, non-MARC metadata, networked resources and new generations of users place additional pressure on staffs and workflows. How can libraries turn these new demands into opportunities?

Our Fall 2007 program takes a look at one aspect of the digital library, non-MARC metadata. If you’re new to the metadata world, where do you start? How do you apply it? What does it do for the library patron beyond the traditional catalog? Jody Perkins of Miami University Libraries will begin our program by providing an orientation to some of the metadata schemas currently being used and demonstrating how and when to apply them, and George Barnum of the U.S. Government Printing Office will show us how the GPO is using metadata to create and maintain its Flexible Digital Content System. Please join us on Monday, November 26th to learn about the wild and wonderful world of metadata. See you then!

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NOTSL Fall Meeting
Magical Mystical Metadata: More Than Just a Pretty Face
Monday, November 26th, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cuyahoga County Public Library
Administration Building Auditorium
2111 Snow Road Parma OH 44134

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 Fall meeting and each will be awarded free attendance at one of NOTSL’s next two programs.

Speakers for the NOTSL Fall program

Jody Perkins is a graduate of Kent State SLIS and is Metadata Librarian at Miami University. She has served as co-chair of the ALAO Technical Services Interest Group and currently serves on the OhioLINK DMSC DRC Metadata Strategies Task Force, the ALCTS/CCS CETRC Continuing Education Subcommittee and the ALCTS CRG CCS Continuing Education Committee. Her articles have appeared in TechKNOW, the Journal of Internet Cataloging, Against the Grain and Library Resources and Technical Services. She is a frequent presenter at local, regional and national conferences.

George Barnum is Content System Manager in the Office of Innovation and New Technology of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). He works with the team creating GPO’s Future Digital System (FDsys), with special emphasis on metadata issues and digital document preservation. At GPO, Barnum previously worked as principal writer and editor of “Managing the FDLP Electronic Collection,” the collection planning document that guides the creation of the FDLP/EC. Before joining GPO in 1997, Barnum was head of government documents at the Case Western Reserve University Library, and an adjunct faculty member in the SLIS at KSU, where he received his MLS.
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.

In addition to the annual scholarships for Technical Services, this year there is a scholarship specifically for cataloging-related activities, The Jane Myers Memorial Scholarship. The funds for this special scholarship are from donations from the Technical Services staff at Westlake Porter Public Library with an additional contribution from NOTSL. Applicants with an interest in cataloging are encouraged to apply for both the Jane Myers cataloging scholarship and the NOTSL scholarship.

Scholarships are awarded for activities that take place in the calendar year, from January to December of 2008. NOTSL is now accepting applications for scholarships to fund activities taking place anytime during 2008.

Send your scholarship requests now. The deadline for the 2008 award is December 8, 2007 and the recipients will receive the scholarship award notification in early January.

Applications are available at NOTSL the website:

http://www.notsl.org/NOTSLscholarship_requirements.htm
http://www.notsl.org/NOTSLscholarship_form.htm

A list of recent scholarship winners is also available on the NOTSL website at:

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

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