



UPCOMING EVENTS IN LIBRARY LEARNING

Please be sure to check out all of the exciting events being hosted by LCLS in the coming weeks. To access this information, please check out the events calendar.

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NEW GATES GRANTS SEEK INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO USING COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

An initial study of ICMA members found some communities using their public libraries for compelling new projects, like providing services for teen and immigrant residents and supporting recycling and public safety. Over the next two years, with the help of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, ICMA (International City County Managers Association) intends to multiply those novel practices and demonstrate the value of public libraries in supporting sustainable communities.

In November 2008, local governments will be able to apply for an ICMA Public Library Innovation Grant. Grants will be 18 months in length, and will focus on using the public library to address community priorities and issues. During the project, ICMA will provide a total of \$500,000 in Public Library Innovation Grants to cities, towns, and counties. Individual grants will likely range from \$25,000 to \$75,000.

<http://icma.org/main/ns.asp?nsid=4109&hsid=1&scid=25>

MLA WEB CAST: SURVIVAL TIPS AND STORIES

Please consider attending the MLA Web cast, Survival Tips and Stories: Expanding the Library's Services in Times of Disaster (<http://www.librarylearning.info/events/?eventID=4566>) on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Rolling Prairie Library System in the training room.

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LIBRARYLEARNING (L2) TIPS

Forget the password to your L2 account? No problem. When you go to <http://www.librarylearning.info>, click on Sign In, then choose the "Forgot Your Password?" link. Just complete the quick form to have your password e-mailed to you.

RECYCLED PC FOLLOW UP SURVEY

The Illinois State Library is administering a 'follow up' survey to find out how many libraries are still interested in receiving the recycled PCs offered by the Office of the Secretary of State. So far several libraries have been able to participate in this program with much success. Unfortunately, at this time, the Illinois State Library does not have the resources available to facilitate delivery to the regional Library Systems.

Please contact [Rosalie Pecoraro](#) with any questions.

WHAT USERS WANT FROM WEB SITES SUBJECT OF STUDY

An interesting study, entitled "Finding Information: Factors that Improve the Online Environment," provides useful information to those organizations using websites to communicate with their users. Comparing the expectations of users to the opinions of web designers this study found some gaps.

<http://www.idea.org/find-information.html>

UPCOMING RUSA ONLINE COURSES

RUSA is offering online courses that can help librarians assist both their customers and their own careers. Business Reference 101 and The Reference Interview, two of RUSA's online professional development opportunities, provide solutions to the challenges of the economic downturn and the tightening job market.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/rusa/development/index.cfm>

MLNC AND NETLIBRARY'S SHARED EBOOK COLLECTIONS

Shared eBook collections allow members to pool their financial resources to obtain thousands of titles covering a broad range of subjects. NetLibrary shared eBook collections are for libraries that want to increase their holdings of authoritative frontlist titles in key subject areas and provide users with access to titles anywhere, any time.

Participation is a one-time cost for ongoing access to the content in each collection. Each collection includes full OCLC-MARC records. Libraries can sign up for any of the collections regardless of library type. Each collection is completely new, with no duplication of titles between the collections and no duplication of titles from previous collections.

<http://www.mlnc.org/electronic/netlibrary>

TRY-IT ILLINOIS 2008

Try-It! Illinois 2008, the ninth annual statewide database trial, sponsored by Secretary of State and State Librarian Jesse White and the Illinois State Library, offers the staffs and library users of the more than 4,000 ILLINET member libraries the opportunity to survey and evaluate a wide variety of electronic resources. Thanks to the partnerships between the Illinois State Library and the participating electronic resource vendors, there is no charge for accessing these databases during Try-It! Illinois.

Libraries are encouraged to share the Try-It! Illinois login and password with their library users, providing them the opportunity to use and recommend electronic resources for possible purchase at the local level. Try-It! Illinois users are also invited to suggest electronic resources for consideration in E-RICH, the Illinois State Library's electronic resource service. Note: Do not post the Try-It! Illinois login and password on the Internet, on Web sites, or in publicly archived e-newsletters.

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