

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](#).

DIRECTORS: UPDATE YOUR LIBRARY'S INFORMATION IN L2!

The Illinois State Library is asking all library directors to please log into L2 to update and certify your library's information. Library information data is collected through a Web form and includes: basic library demographic information, LLSAP/ILS, delivery schedule, hours, director information, staff member review and (for public libraries) library trustees.

Please click on the [Certify](#) link/icon on L2 from May 4 through May 29 to update and certify your library's L2 account information.

You must be signed in to L2 to access the Certify link. Don't have an L2 account? Click on Register to create your individual L2 account, and once your individual account is confirmed, you will be able to access the Certify icon on the L2 home page.

Later this summer, your library's L2 information will be used to populate the new ELI directory. So don't delay in updating and certifying your library's L2 information by May 29th.

WHAT'S NEW @ WJIL: FOCUS ON STAFF TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Libraries that operate as learning organizations commit to creating a culture that encourages and supports continuous staff learning. They understand the many forms this learning can take, from classes, to online or blended training, to on-the-job experiments, to deliberate sharing among colleagues. But a successful training program requires planning and strategy. Find out more about how you can plan, develop and maintain successful staff training and development programs. It's all in the latest "What's New @ WJIL."

<http://webjunctionworks.org/il/blog/index.php/2009/05/27/whats-new-wjil-focus-on-staff-training-and-development/>

ALA NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS CANDIDATES

The ALA 2010 Nominating Committee is soliciting nominees to run on the 2010 spring ballot for the offices of ALA President-elect, ALA Treasurer and Councilor-at-large.

The Nominating Committee will select two candidates to run for President-elect, two candidates for Treasurer, and no fewer than 50 candidates for the 33 at-large Council seats to be filled in the 2010 spring election.

Members who wish to make nominations should submit the following information: nominee name; present position; institution; address; telephone; fax; and e-mail address. Self-nominations are encouraged. Nominations and forms must be received no later than August 15, 2009.

To encourage diversity and leadership development, the Committee will refrain from nominating any current Councilors for election to another term. However, the Committee encourages all current Councilors who wish to continue their service to the Association to file as petition candidates. Petitions will be available from Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, Council Secretariat, ALA, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611, Email: lgregory@ala.org, or during the 2009 Annual Conference or 2010 Midwinter Meeting. Petitions require 25 signatures for names to be included on the 2010 ballot.

<http://https://cs.ala.org/potentialcandidates/>

REACHING FORWARD SOUTH CONFERENCE

The Reaching Forward South Conference is coming soon! It's being held at the Northfield Inn in Springfield, September 17-18, 2009. This year's theme is "Survivor: Welcome to Reality!" It has nothing to do with reality television, but everything to do with real life. Everyone's faced with some tough choices these days, struggling to work with staff shortages, budget cuts, and own challenges at home.

So what better time to get together with colleagues and peers in order to build each other up and attend sessions intended to teach us all how to deal better with whatever life throws at us! This year, there are sessions on serving the aging population, personal finances, effective displays and marketing, eBooks, libraries and homeschooling, and more.

The keynote on Friday is Patti Faughn, speaking on "Personality Styles, Trials, and a Few Smiles." Learn how to recognize the differences among people and how to work with those differences in our interpersonal relationships.

<http://www.reachingforwardsouth.org>

WELCOME TO ATLAS! USING SOCIAL MEDIA TO PROMOTE DIGITAL PHOTOS

Alliance Library System (ALS) and LearningTimes are pleased to announce an online conference to debut ATLAS, a new set of social media tools to promote history and digital photographs. The conference will be held online using Adobe Connect on Monday, June 29 from 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. There is no charge for this exciting conference.

ATLAS (Alliance's Trail to Learning-Casts and Syndicated Sites) is a new set of social media tools ALS is using to promote information and photographs about Illinois history. ATLAS features a podmap of Illinois where the user can click on a city or geographic area to see what information is available. One of the sites for Peoria contains a videocast, podcast, and text about Lydia Bradley, the founder of Bradley University. A user can enjoy the video and audio on a computer or download to a handheld device. The products will also be available on I-tunes and users can subscribe to the topics of interest to them. In addition to the podmap, there will be an online community around the podmap for users to contribute resources, comments, and experiences. Learning Times is also using this technology with the Smithsonian Museum and the National Air Force Museum.

For more information on the project, please contact Lori Bell at lbell@alliancelibrarysystem.com or 309-694-9200 ext. 2128.

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INTERESTING LINKS

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[Geek Chart Graphs Turns Web Activity Into a Pie Chart](#)

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Electronic Resources Librarian
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Edwardsville, IL

<http://www.lcls.org/2009/05/electronic-resources-librarian-siue/>

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Taylorville CUSD 3
Taylorville, IL

<http://www.lcls.org/2009/05/elementary-librarian-taylorville-cusd-3/>

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