

The TSS Update

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TSS Programs for WLA 2010

We are very happy to announce the TSS sponsored programs for this fall's WLA conference.

Testing RDA: How Will It Really Work?

with Steven J. Miller and Hur-Li Lee, UW-Milwaukee SOIS

Wed., Nov. 3, 2:00-3:15 pm

TSS Business meeting

Thurs., Nov. 4, 7:00-8:30 am

Cataloging In a Public Library System : Looking For Common Ground with Jane Richard, WiLS

Thurs., Nov. 4, 8:45-10:00 am

Dewey or Don't We?: BISAC v. Dewey with Rachel Fewell, Rangeview Library District (CO), Melissa Rice, Frankfort Public Library (IL), and one or more representatives from the research team of Dr. Hope Olson and Margaret Kipp, UW-Milwaukee SOIS, and Daniel Martínez Ávila, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

(co-sponsored with the READ section and WAPL and followed by *BISAC and Beyond*)

Thurs., Nov. 4, 2:00-3:15 pm

BISAC and Beyond : Adapting Retail Practices to a Library Setting with Andy Barnett, McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids

(co-sponsored with the READ section and WAPL and preceded by *Dewey or Don't We? : BISAC vs. Dewey*)

Thurs., Nov. 4, 4:00-5:15 pm

Social Tagging in the Library: User-Generated Content, Folksonomies, and the Library Catalog with Scott McFadden, University Libraries, Ball State University

Fri., Nov. 5, 8:45-10:00 am

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2010 WLA Conference

Just a reminder that this year's fall conference will be held at the Kalahari Waterpark Resort & Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells, from November 2-5. As you can see on page 1, we have a great range of programs from which to choose—not to mention waterslides in abundance. :-)

We will also have our annual TSS business meeting Thursday morning. I hope you can make it. We love to hear feedback and get ideas from the TSS membership. With the structure of WLA and its units in flux, this is a good time to get involved and help shape what you'd like to see our unit become.



2010 Elections

My name is Henry Thompson. I am the current Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the WLA Technical Services Section (TSS). It's time to start thinking about the 2010 WLA elections. The WLA Technical Services Section (TSS) is looking for nominations to fill the Vice Chair/Chair Elect position for next year.

Have you been looking for a chance to get more involved? Then this may be perfect for you.

The Vice Chair/Chair Elect is a 2-year position. First year duties as Vice Chair include attending the WLA leadership meeting in Madison, recruiting for future TSS positions, and assisting the Chair as needed. Duties for the second year as Chair include attending the WLA leadership meeting in Madison, producing the TSS newsletter, and organizing WLA conference programs. The WLA leadership meetings are very helpful in getting direction for what you need to do next, how to do it, and where you can turn for assistance. There is also typically one or two WLA Unit Advisory Committee meetings held each year in Madison (though the last UAC meeting was held as a webinar). Attendance is not mandatory, but they can be very useful for connecting with other sections, gathering ideas and support, and making your voice heard to the broader WLA leadership.

This position is a great opportunity to get involved. I have enjoyed my time so far as Vice Chair/Chair Elect, getting to know a great group of people. You do NOT need to be a long term member of WLA or the library community in general to run for office. If you are new to librarianship or Wisconsin, this is a great way to get more involved and connect with your colleagues. It is also the perfect chance to get more involved if you have been a member for a while but haven't taken that next step. The only requirement is that you are a WLA member.

Interested in serving? Please e-mail me at hthompson@library.wisc.edu or call me at 608-265-5988 to learn more. I look forward to hearing from you!



Spring WAAL conference

Many thanks to Dr. Hope Olson, UW-Milwaukee SOIS, for her presentation at this spring's WAAL conference in Milwaukee. It was another very fun, informative, and thought-provoking look at the world of classification in our everyday lives. There were over 30 people in attendance, and it received very good feedback.



Wisconsin Digital Archives at Eastern Shores

Many of you have heard of the Wisconsin Document Depository Program, but have you also heard of the Wisconsin Digital Archives? As more publications are “born digital,” meaning they only exist on the web, or otherwise only exist in electronic format, it was becoming more difficult for state agencies to comply with the law behind the depository program. Out of that need came the Wisconsin Digital Archives. Its primary goals are to “develop strategies for providing permanent electronic access to web content located on Wisconsin state agency websites and to identify a way state agencies can continue to fulfill their statutory obligation to participate in the Wisconsin Document Depository Program with electronic formats.”

The Digital Archives has been distributing fully cataloged records for electronic state documents since October 2005. An aspect unique to the Digital Archives is the availability of these records to all libraries, regardless of whether they are depository libraries. Eastern Shores no longer has a depository library, so we decided to take advantage of these records and the access to electronic government records they would make available through our online catalog.

Since mid-2009, Eastern Shores Library System has been working to retrospectively add all of the records made available through the digital archives. As of the May, 2010, there are 842 digital archives records in our EasiCat catalog. Some of the titles include A survey of organic farmers in Wisconsin; Rare mammal observations, 2003; Public library services best practices review; National school lunch program; and Got moo-la? Where to go for business assistance in Wisconsin. The access is free, so it seemed an easy way to make more quality material conveniently accessible to patrons. In addition, because of the way the archives is set up, access to content through the digital archive URL will remain regardless of what changes are made to the original URL, so we don't have to worry about dead links cluttering the catalog..

Abby Swanton is the Document Depository Librarian at Resources for Libraries and Lifelong Learning (formerly known as the Reference and Loan Library) and contact person for the Digital Archives. She has noted she hopes other libraries across the state will also see the advantage of this access and add the records to their OPACs as well.

—Alison Ross, Eastern Shores Cataloging Librarian



RDA Publication Update

From the RDA-L mailing list, 04/28/10:

“Thank you for your input. The Co-Publishers for RDA have received considerable feedback about what you need to make implementation of RDA as smooth, rapid, and efficient as possible, whatever your type or size of institution and whatever country you're in. Based on what you've told us, we're introducing some additional options to the previously announced pricing and product.

- A solo-user license (one profile, one user) for the RDA Toolkit at \$195 (USD). This solo-user license is in addition to, and differs from, the previously announced site licenses. The solo-user license is for single-user environments where access to the RDA Toolkit is not shared with other individuals in the same institution. By contrast, the previously announced site license base price of \$325 (USD) is designed for multi-user environments where one concurrent user (with the option to add additional concurrent users) is shared with an unlimited number of individuals within the same institution. For more details on pricing, please visit the website www.rdatoolkit.org/pricing.
- A double-user offer for those who subscribe at any site license level to the RDA Toolkit before August 31, 2011. During the evaluation and initial implementation of RDA, when users are likely to need more frequent concurrent access, subscribers will receive double the purchased number of concurrent users of the RDA Toolkit at no additional charge for their first subscription period. (For example, buy a 2-user site license but get a 4-user license for no additional cost.)
- Full-text loose-leaf print versions of both Resource Description and Access (RDA) and RDA: Element Set View. While most users agree the preferred way to interact with RDA is online via the RDA Toolkit, the Co-Publishers will offer the full text of RDA in print (including an index) as well as online, to help ensure that RDA reaches the widest possible audience. In addition to these print items in English, the Co-Publishers will work with publishing partners to distribute translations of them to supplement translations offered in the RDA Toolkit online. Pricing and availability to be announced closer to the June RDA Toolkit launch date.

For general information about the open-access period (June through August 31, 2010), please visit www.rdatoolkit.org/openaccess.

Resource Description and Access (RDA) and the RDA Toolkit are published by the Co-Publishers for RDA (the American Library Association, the Canadian Library Association, and Facet Publishing, the publishing arm of CILIP: the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals). Kind regards,

Troy Linker,
Publisher, ALA Digital Reference,
American Library Association”

Program Descriptions for WLA 2010

Testing RDA: How Will It Really Work?

Resource Description and Access (RDA), the new cataloging code intended to replace AACR2, is undergoing official testing during Fall 2010 as the basis for national implementation decisions. The UW-Milwaukee School of Information Studies is among the official testers. This session explores the conceptual models underlying RDA, how the testing process is going to date, how the online RDA Toolkit works, and how to create RDA records in the MARC bibliographic format.

Cataloging in a Public Library System: Looking for Common Ground

Catalogers, how do you balance quality and quantity? How much editing do you do to bibliographic records? Do you wonder what is “good enough” cataloging? Do you wonder what your colleagues are doing? We'll look at the functions of MARC records for patrons, librarians, and computers. Then we'll discuss the cataloging variations among us, hopefully documenting a common standard for your workflow now, with an eye towards what might be in the next generation catalog.

Dewey or Don't We?: BISAC v. Dewey

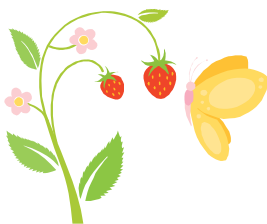
Please join a panel discussion with practitioners and researchers exploring what libraries may learn and use from BISAC classification and the “bookstore” model. This panel will consist of librarians from libraries that have implemented BISAC (Book Industry Standards & Communications) in place of the DDC (Dewey Decimal Classification) system and academic researchers who have explored the pros and cons of libraries moving more toward BISAC classification and a “bookstore” model. This program will be followed by “BISAC and Beyond : Adapting Retail Practices to a Library Setting” with Andy Barnett from McMillan Memorial Library in Wisconsin Rapids, which has taken a more middle ground approach and implemented BISAC in part of their collection along with making some other community focused changes.

BISAC and Beyond : Adapting Retail Practices to a Library Setting

Libraries are experimenting with all manner of retail practices, but what works, how does it work and how well does it work? What kind of retail environments are appropriate models? How much does the library change to fit the practice, instead of the other way around? McMillan Memorial Library examines its implementation of BISAC/genre displays, coffee and food service, Commons area and self-service options for lessons learned. This program will follow "Dewey or Don't We?: BISAC v. Dewey" which will offer an academic perspective and reports from libraries that have converted fully to BISAC.

Social Tagging in the Library: User-Generated Content, Folksonomies, and the Library Catalog

Social tagging – the application of non-hierarchical keywords to a resource – is gaining visibility through such popular applications as del.icio.us, Flickr, and citeulike. Can libraries incorporate this new user-generated approach into their missions, without sacrificing the benefits of controlled vocabulary and traditional catalog rules? This presentation examines the practices of several libraries, both academic and public, and explores ways in which social tagging can help libraries meet the needs of the current generations of users.



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