

## The TSS Update

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### Announcing — Technical Services Speakers for WLA, 2009!!!

Appleton, Wisconsin... This will be location of our WLA 2009 convention. We have some excellent Technical Services programming for you this year. [Don't we always?] With RDA scheduled for release this fall, this is a convention you won't want to miss.

Our programs are as follows:

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#### Curious Nature of Order, or, How I Learned to Love Classification

with Hope A Olson from UW-Milwaukee.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

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#### Public library system technical services in the 21st century

with Jane Richard from WiLS.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

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#### FRBR and FRAD: The Foundations of a New Cataloging Code

with Marjorie E. Bloss, RDA project manager.

Thursday, October 22, 2009, 2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

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#### RDA, Resource Description and Access: A Cataloging Code for the 21st Century

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*For program descriptions, please continue to page two.*

May, 2009

### Library of Congress Study - Input Wanted from Catalogers and Technical Services Units in Wisconsin

Submitted by Ruth Fischer

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You might already know that the Library of Congress has decided to continue its investigation into the creation and distribution of bibliographic data in US and Canadian libraries --- with primary focus on the economics of current practices. LC has engaged R2 Consulting, LLC to lead the investigation. The research we are conducting and the eventual outcome of the project could have significant implications for libraries of all types. To keep people informed about the progress of our work, and to get input from catalogers and cataloging coordinators, we have constructed a social networking site at: <http://bibrecords.ning.com/>

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## Election Nominations, 2009

Hi! My name is Alison Ross. I'm the Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the WLA Technical Services Section (TSS). It's time to start thinking about elections, and this year we're looking for nominations for two TSS positions: Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Secretary.

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 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 are also typically one or two WLA Unit Advisory Committee meetings held each year in Madison. 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.

The Secretary is also a 2-year position. Duties include attending the TSS Business Meeting at the WLA Conference, taking notes and typing the minutes, and sending the minutes to the WLA office, so they can be added to the TSS page on the WLA website.

These are both great opportunities to get involved. I've certainly enjoyed my time so far, especially working with a great group of people. Plus you don't have to be a long term member of WLA or the library community in general. If you are new to librarianship or Wisconsin, this is a great way to get more involved and connect with your colleagues. It's 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.

Interesting in serving? Please e-mail me at [aross@esls.lib.wi.us](mailto:aross@esls.lib.wi.us) or call me at 920-208-4900 ext. 14 to learn more. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Program descriptions of WLA 2009.

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Curious Nature of Order, or, How I Learned to Love Classification with Hope A Olson.

Description: It's not just in libraries - it's everywhere - it's in your mind, your body, the weather, the economy; it's even in outer space. It tells you whether or not men still do less housework than women.

Non-library examples show us classification's enormous potential impact and LIS contributes principles that can improve how other fields organize, well, everything. Join us for the politics, the economics, and the curious nature of classification.

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FRBR and FRAD: The Foundations of a New Cataloging Code with Marjorie E. Bloss.

Description: Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) and Functional Requirements for Authority Data (FRAD) are the building blocks on which the new cataloging code, RDA, Resource Description and Access is built. These conceptual models describe a bibliographic world in which a work's relationships to its different physical formats, to translations, adaptations and interpretations, to the people or corporate bodies responsible for them, and to their subjects, interrelate. It is only now that technology has given us the appropriate tools that we can fully realize how to pull together these bibliographic relationships.

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Public library system technical services in the 21st century with Jane Richard.

Description: Public Library systems in Wisconsin operate/manage under environments unique to each locale, yet systems share many of the same

challenges: shrinking budgets, patron expectations for more electronic resources, the changing face of technical services; even keeping up with technology seems to be a full-time job. On top of it all, serious questions are being raised about the effectiveness of the ILS. In the spring 2009, WiLS staff surveyed Wisconsin public library systems to identify patterns and trends in their present tech services workflows.



**Jane Richard**

Join us in an overview of the findings, with discussions about the variations, such as centralized versus de-centralized cataloging, and how to manage authority control.

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RDA, Resource Description and Access: A Cataloging Code for the 21st Century with Marjorie E. Bloss.

Description: RDA, Resource Description and Access takes the ideas found in the conceptual bibliographic models FRBR and FRAD and develops cataloging applications based on them. While RDA is built on many of the principles found in AACR2, it goes beyond AACR2 in its ability to demonstrate a work's relationship to its editions, translations, adaptations, as well as to its authors and subjects. Come hear about the plans for this powerful tool and see a demonstration of what it will look like, and how it will assist librarians better serve their library users.

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### Library of Congress Study – Continued from Page 1

We have been promoting the site for several weeks now, but we are still seeking to increase the membership significantly. Public and school libraries in particular are underrepresented.

We are contacting you now with the hope that you will check out the site. If you participate in MARC record workflows of any kind, we'd like you to join. We want you to join our network so that they you aware of the project, so you can communicate your needs and interests, and so we can easily invite you to participate in our online survey next month. The survey closes on May 22, 2009. So again: <http://bibrecords.ning.com/>