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Registration Is Open for Library Technology Conference 2009

The Library Technology Conference 2009 will be held on March 18-19 on the campus of Macalester College in St. Paul. Join more than 300 colleagues already registered for the 2009 Conference!

To register, go to:

<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/conferences/libTech2009.aspx>

The Library Technology Conference is intended to provide an opportunity for librarians from around the region and the country to discuss technologies that are affecting library services; to see examples of what libraries are doing with these technologies; and to provide a venue where participants can learn specific skills or knowledge that they can take back and adapt for use within their own libraries.

In addition to more than 40 sessions and hands-on workshops on a wide variety of technology-related topics impacting libraries, **Eric Lease Morgan** and **Stacey Greenwell** are our keynote speakers. Eric, a frequent contributor to ALA/LITA technology trends and Head of Digital Access and Information Architecture at University of Notre Dame, is well known as a leader on library technology issues. Stacey helped to plan and is now head of "The Hub" - the University of Kentucky's Information Commons - and will speak on how all types of libraries can incorporate 'information commons' concepts into their library and will share her experiences around planning technology/learning 'spaces' in libraries.

For more information, visit the conference web site at:
<http://www.macalester.edu/library/libtechconference/> (Mary Parker)

Breeding Will Provide Keynote at Minitex ILL Conference

Marshall Breeding will be the keynote speaker for the 18th annual Minitex Interlibrary Loan Conference on May 19 on the University of Minnesota's Continuing Education & Conference Center, St. Paul Campus. Breeding, who is Director for Innovative Technologies and Research at Vanderbilt University Libraries, is a frequent speaker and author on topics of network technologies and library automation. **Ray Wilson**, head of an Indianapolis firm specializing in organizational development and operational improvement, will provide a fast-paced session entitled, "Seven Quality Improvement Tools for Your Workplace." **Bill DeJohn** will conclude the day with a Minitex update. Registration and additional conference details will be distributed soon.

Trials of Proposed Statewide Resources Available to Libraries in MN, ND, and SD

The electronic resources listed at <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/exclude/rfp/> were submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the University of Minnesota on behalf of Minitex for licensing statewide access to electronic resources for Minnesota (i.e., ELM), North Dakota, and South Dakota. Although trial access to these resources will be available through at least April 3, 2009, the Minitex Electronic Information Resources (MEIR) Task Force needs your feedback no later than March 29. The current licenses end on June 30, 2009. Your participation will impact the selection of our statewide resources.

Information about trial access, names of products, and links to vendor/product information are available. A link to our feedback form can be found at the bottom of each vendor section. While vendors may have submitted resource "packages" for consideration, please be aware that contracts may be awarded for individual products or for complete packages as offered.

School media centers and libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota may open this trial access to users. (Mary Parker)

OCLC's Expert Community Experiment

Catalogers: Check out this website that describes OCLC's Expert Community Experiment:

<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/worldcat/catalog/quality/expert/default.htm>

From now until mid-August, OCLC is allowing cataloging members with full-level authorizations to make more changes and upgrades to WorldCat master records than was previously possible.

The website, and its links to the Guidelines and Frequently Asked Questions, spells out everything you need to know to start making corrections that you were unable (not authorized) to do before. (Virginia Dudley)

Minitex Policy Advisory Council Discusses Budget, MnKnows

The Minitex Policy Advisory Council discussed issues including possible budget scenarios for the coming biennium, the MnKnows portal, plans for the MnLINK Gateway & ELM, upcoming changes in the governance of OCLC, and other topics during its quarterly meeting March 6. Noting that budget specifics won't be known until later in the current legislative session, Bill DeJohn outlined various budget scenarios, noting that the March 3 state budget forecast has added more information than we had previously. Governor Pawlenty is expected to issue updated budget recommendations within the month.

Council members viewed a demonstration of the MnKnows portal, which will provide one-stop access to the MnLINK Gateway, ELM, Minnesota Reflections, AskMN, and the Research Project Calculator. The portal is expected to be ready for use by the public later this month.

Becky Ringwelski informed the Council of continuing work related to the future of the MnLINK Gateway. Staff is exploring whether a full Request for Proposal process will be needed to select the successor for the Gateway's supporting software when the current contracts expire June 30, 2010, or whether a single-source procedure will be appropriate. Mary Parker updated the Council on the Request for Proposal process that's underway for licensing statewide access to electronic resources for Minnesota (i.e., ELM), North Dakota, and South Dakota. The Minitex Electronic Information Resources (MEIR) Task Force is providing important participation in the RFP process. (Cecelia Boone)

2.0 Tools in 2.0 Minutes

What do you think of when you think of "2.0"? For some, the term may bring to mind time-wasting websites and misplaced library efforts. Others fully embrace 2.0

and spread themselves -- and their libraries -- successfully throughout the social web. Many of us are likely somewhere in the middle: interested in new tools, but not sure how to efficiently incorporate them into our professional duties.

Today, Minitex Reference Services would like to open up a new series of videos that speak to people who are in all of these scenarios: "2.0 Tools in 2.0 Minutes." Each video in the series profiles a 2.0 tool and highlights its value for you, the busy library professional, in almost no time flat. You'll find no 2.0 for the sake of 2.0 here, though; nothing bleeding edge just because it's bleeding edge. Instead, we'll only highlight tools that can help you do your everyday job more efficiently. We'll answer the question, how can 2.0 tools help me be more productive, not less?

The series begins with what we believe to be the most essential element of the 2.0 revolution and, arguably, the tool that can add the most productivity to your work day by bringing valuable information to you: RSS Feeds (<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/webinars/archived/RSS/RSS.html>). Then, we'll take a look at how Greasemonkey can help you customize and optimize specific websites (<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/webinars/archived/Greasemonkey/Greasemonkey.html>). And, we'll end with a tour of a tool that grants free access to office products like word processors, spreadsheets, and presentation software from anywhere with an Internet connection: Zoho (<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/webinars/archived/Zoho/Zoho.html>).

These videos are the first three in an ongoing series. To determine which tools we should cover next, we'd like to hear from you:

- What single 2.0 tool has been most effective in making your work more efficient?

Add a comment to the Minitex Reference Services Blog (<http://blogs.minitex.umn.edu/reference/>), or send an email to mtxref@umn.edu to submit your favorite. It may have the dubious honor of becoming the next "2.0 Tools in 2.0 Minutes" video. (Matt Lee)

Lots of Training Opportunities!

The Minitex BATS and Reference Services units have scheduled many training sessions for this spring. The BATS unit's categories of training range from webinars on cataloging, ILL, and digitization topic to in-person workshops on general cataloging, OCLC Connexion, digitization, and metadata topics. Reference has scheduled sessions about the different ELM resources as well as other topics of interest to reference staff.

See the listings below in the "Upcoming Regional Library Conferences & Events" section. Or check out our training site at:

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/>

Upcoming Regional Library Conferences & Events

We would be happy to include information about more events of interest to library staff throughout the Minitex region. Please contact Cecelia Boone (cboon@umn.edu, 612-624-6353, 800-462-5348) with information about your event.

For more information about the following events, see the Minitex Calendar of Events at: <http://lists.minitex.umn.edu/forums/calendar.php>

For more information about more library-related events in the Minitex region, see the:

WebJunction Minnesota Calendar of Events at:
<http://evanced.info/minnesota/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Information about and registration forms for currently scheduled Minitex training sessions and webinars are available at the Minitex Training & Conferences webpage: <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/>

Remember, many of the Minitex webinars are recorded, so you can access them at any time. See <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/archived.asp> for more information.

March 12, "WiLS – Library Open Solutions Webinars," Spring 2009, webinar
March 12, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 3," webinar
March 12, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar
March 12, "Web Page Creators: Free and of Cost and Code," webinar
March 13, "WorldCat," webinar
March 16, Freedom of Information Day & Award Ceremony," Minneapolis Central Library
March 16, "ProQuest Newsstand Complete," webinar
March 17, "Brief Introduction to Authorities," webinar
March 18-19, Library Technology Conference, Macalester College, St. Paul
March 19, "WiLS – Library Open Solutions Webinars," Spring 2009, webinar
March 20, Sunshine Week 2009, "Opening Doors: Finding the Keys to Open Government," teleconference
March 20, University of Minnesota Holiday, Minitex Office closed
March 23, "Academic Search Premier Basics," webinar
March 24, "EBSCO's Business Source Premier Basics," webinar
March 25, "Gale K12 Resources and PowerSearch," webinar
March 25, Minnesota Library Day at the Legislature, St. Paul

March 26, "WiLS – Library Open Solutions Webinars," Spring 2009, webinar
 March 31, "Introduction to the Connexion Client," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 April 1, "What is Copy Cataloging and How Do I Do It," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 April 2, "Cataloging Using OCLC's Connexion Browser," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 April 2, "WiLS – Library Open Solutions Webinars," Spring 2009, webinar
 April 2, "Gale K12 Resources & PowerSearch," webinar
 April 3-4, "Spotlight on Books Conference," Ruttger's Sugar Lake Lodge Resort, Grand Rapids, MN
 April 3, "Diversity Beyond the Obvious," teleconference
 April 6, "EBooks & NetLibrary," webinar
 April 6, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar
 April 6, 8, 9, 27, 29, 30, "Reference in the Electronic Age," workshop, Wyoming, Mountain Iron, Detroit Lakes, Rochester, Mankato, Redwood Falls, and St. Cloud, MN
 April 7, "Cataloging Basics: Description," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 April 9, "WiLS – Library Open Solutions Webinars," Spring 2009, webinar
 April 9, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar
 April 10, "Academic Search Premier, Advanced," webinar
 April 13, "ProQuest Newsstand Complete," webinar
 April 14, "WorldCat," webinar
 April 16, "WiLS – Library Open Solutions Webinars," Spring 2009, webinar
 April 16, "Health Reference Basics," teleconference
 April 20, "EBSCO's Business Source Premier Basics," webinar
 April 21, "Introduction to the Connexion Client," Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD
 April 21, "Cataloging Basics: Access," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 April 22, "Introduction to the Connexion Client," Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
 April 22, "What is Copy Cataloging and How Do I Do It?" Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD
 April 23, "Cataloging Using OCLC's Connexion Browser," Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD
 April 23, "Web Page Creators: Free and of Cost and Code," webinar
 April 23, "What is Copy Cataloging and How Do I Do It," Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
 April 24, "Cataloging Using OCLC's Connexion Browser," Jamestown College, Jamestown, ND
 April 28, "Metadata Practices for Digital Collections," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 April 28, "EBooks & NetLibrary," webinar
 April 29, "Cataloging Basics: Subject Access," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
 April 30, "Metadata Practices for Digital Collections," State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck

May 1, ARLD Day, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chanhassen, MN
May 4, "Local Holdings Maintenance (Part 1)," webinar
May 4, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar
May 5, "Academic Search Premier Advanced," webinar
May 5, "Tools for Original Cataloging with Connexion," webinar
May 5, "Enhancing Quality Staff," Radisson Hotel Metrodome, Minneapolis
May 6, "Cataloging Basics: Description," Library, North Dakota State University, Fargo
May 7, "Cataloging Basics: Access," Library, North Dakota State University, Fargo
May 7, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar
May 8, "Authority Control," Library, North Dakota State University, Fargo
May 11, "Local Holdings Maintenance (Part 2)," webinar
May 13, "From Pixels to Projects: An Introduction," Andersen Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
May 14, "Developing Funding and Managing Digital Projects," webinar
May 18, "Local Holdings Maintenance (Part 3)," webinar
May 18, "Cataloging Basics; Subject Access," Library, North Dakota State University, Fargo
May 19, "Authority Control," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
May 19, 18th Annual Minitex Interlibrary Loan Conference, Continuing Education & Conference Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul
May 20, "Cataloging Basics: Description," Siouxland Libraries, Sioux Falls, SD
May 21, "Cataloging Basics: Access," Siouxland Libraries, Sioux Falls, SD
May 21, "Copyright for Digital Materials," webinar
May 26, "Imaging Quality Control and Digital Information," webinar
May 27, "From Pixels to Projects, An Introduction," State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck
June 9, "Metadata for Digital Projects," webinar