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Registration Closes Friday for Minitex Public Library Node Meeting

Registration will close Friday for the Minitex Public Library Node Meeting, which will be held on Friday, August 14, 2009. This meeting is planned for staff members of Minnesota public libraries authorized by the Minnesota State Library to send interlibrary loan requests directly to the Minitex Office. It is geared towards front-line interlibrary loan staff. We will provide tips about using ZPORTAL and VDX together with updates on other areas of Minitex services that impact ILL. The meeting will be held at Hennepin County Library (Brookdale), 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy. Brooklyn Center, MN 55430. The day will start with a continental breakfast between 9-9:30 a.m. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and end no later than 3:30 PM. Lunch will be provided.

We encourage front-line interlibrary loan staff to attend. For suggestions on content or more information please contact Obinnaya Oji (o-oji@umn.edu or 612-624-4385).

To register, visit:

<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/conferences/publicNode2009.aspx>

NEWS FROM Minitex & OCLC

Remember: Save Your OCLC Product Code Detail Usage Report!

Available from the OCLC Product Services Web, the OCLC Product Code Detail Usage Report (formerly known as OPUS Report) contains statistics for the current and previous fiscal years, including every product code that each Minitex/OCLC library uses.

The report contains information for the two most recent fiscal years (July-June), but the previous month's report is overwritten each month. So, to archive your library's OCLC usage data for complete fiscal years '08 and '09, you need to print out or download the report that was released in July. The report will be overwritten around Aug. 9, and you will lose the FY08 data, so don't delay!

The report is available in a web-viewable format as well as in a tab-delimited downloadable format, so you can plug the data into a spreadsheet application and manipulate the statistics locally. To access the OCLC Product Code Detail Usage Report:

- Go to: <http://psw.oclc.org>
- Click on Records and Reports
- Under the category, "Reports and Statistics," click on the link "OCLC Product Code Detail Usage Report."
- Enter a valid OCLC authorization and password

If you need more information about accessing this report, contact the Minitex BATS unit (<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/bats/contact.aspx>) or visit our statistics webpage: <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/bats/products/stats>

WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway Available

OCLC has released the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway, a new service that helps libraries and other institutions maximize the visibility of unique primary source materials (such as digital photos, newspapers, letters and diaries) through WorldCat on the Web. It is available to all users of OCLC CONTENTdm Digital Collection Management Software at no additional charge.

The WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway offers libraries a self-service tool to upload metadata from their unique digital content to WorldCat, the world's largest online resource for finding items held in libraries. Once the metadata is in WorldCat, libraries' digital collections are more visible and discoverable by Web searchers through WorldCat.org, WorldCat Local (including the 'quick start' version), Google, Yahoo! and other popular search engines.

View the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway product page for more information:
<http://www.oclc.org/gateway>

(Sara Ring, Minitex/BATS)

Register for the 2nd Annual Upper Midwest CONTENTdm User Group Meeting!

The 2nd Annual Upper Midwest CONTENTdm User Group Meeting will be held at the Pyle Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Oct. 29-30. For registration, a preliminary agenda, hotel information and more, please go to:

http://www.wils.wisc.edu/events/MWcontdm_09.html

WILS, Minitex, and OCLC will sponsor the 2nd Annual Upper Midwest CONTENTdm User Group Meeting. There are over 40 institutions in the region (MN, SD, ND, WI) currently using CONTENTdm to build their digital collections. More than 80 people attended the first regional Upper Midwest user group meeting, which was held in St. Paul last year (<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/highlights/2008/contentDm>). This second meeting will continue to provide the opportunity for networking and sharing of CONTENTdm best practices among colleagues, as well as a CONTENTdm product update and a preconference.

Dates Set for Library Technology Conference 2010

Planning is underway for Library Technology Conference 2010, which will be sponsored by Macalester College and Minitex. The conference will be held at Macalester on March 17-18, 2010. Please mark your calendars!

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 (c-boon@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.

Aug. 5, Minitex Website Usability Testing, webinar
Aug. 10, "What's New in ELM," webinar
Aug. 10, "Dark Archives," Part 2, webinar
Aug. 13, "What's New in ELM," webinar
Aug. 13, "Dark Archives," Part 3, webinar
Aug. 14, Minitex Public Library Node Meeting, Hennepin County Library – Brookdale, Brooklyn Center, MN
Aug. 14, "What's New in ELM," webinar
Aug. 14, "Shaping Outcomes for Trainers," Minnesota History Center, St. Paul
Aug. 18, "What's New in ELM," webinar
Aug. 21, "What's New in ELM," webinar
Aug. 24, "What's New in ELM," webinar
Aug. 25, "Tools for Original Cataloging with Connexion," webinar
Aug. 26, "What's New in ELM," webinar
Aug. 28, "What's New in ELM," webinar
Sept. 7, Labor Day, Minitex Office Closed
Sept. 11, Minnesota Opportunities for Reference Excellence Workshop, Andersen Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Sept. 16, "ELM Databases for K-5," webinar
Sept. 17, "Connexion Browser Module 1, WorldCat, MARC, and Browser Basics," webinar
Sept. 17, "ELM Databases for Grades 6-8," webinar
Sept. 18, "Back in School: a Destiny Users Workshop," Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN
Sept. 19, "ELM Databases for Grades 9-12," webinar
Sept. 22, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 1," webinar
Sept. 22, "ELM Databases for Grades K-5," webinar
Sept. 23, "ELM Databases for Grades 6-8," webinar
Sept. 23-26, North Dakota Library Association 2009 Annual Conference, Dickinson, ND
Sept. 24, "ELM Databases for Grades 9-12," webinar
Sept. 28, "ELM Databases for Grades K-5," webinar
Sept. 29, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 2," webinar
Sept. 30, "ELM Databases for Grades 6-8," webinar
Sept. 30, "Connexion Browser Module 2, Basic Searching in Connexion Browser," webinar
Oct. 1-3, MEMO Fall 2009 Conference, Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN
Oct. 5, "ELM Databases for Grades 9-12," webinar

Oct. 6, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 3," webinar
Oct. 7, "ELM Databases for Grades 9-12," webinar
Oct. 7-9, 2009 SDLA Annual Conference, Aberdeen, SD
Oct. 14,-16, 2009 MLA Annual Conference, St. Cloud, SD
Oct. 21, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 1," webinar
Oct. 22, "Connexion Browser Module 3, Basic Editing and Record Processing,"
webinar
Oct. 26-27, Upper Midwest Ex Libris Users Group, Neighborhood House at Wellstone
House, St. Paul, MN
Oct. 28, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 2," webinar
Oct. 29-30, 2nd Annual Upper Midwest CONTENTdm User Group Meeting, Pyle
Center, Madison, WI