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Dates to Note

July 19-20, 2005

WiLSWorld Conference, Pyle Center, Madison

September 27, 2005

WiLS Annual ILL Meeting, Pyle Center, Madison

Just a reminder to mark Tuesday, September 27 on your calendar for WiLS annual ILL meeting in Madison at the Pyle Center. We are currently working on topics and speakers (it's not too late to give us suggestions). By the first of August we will send out a notice with the agenda. See you all in September!

It's not too late to register for the 2005 WiLSWorld conference occurring on July 19-20 at the Pyle Center in Madison. WiLSWorld is one of the premier library conferences dealing with the future of libraries and emerging technology.

On the first day the keynote speaker will be Joe James who founded the Internet Public Library. His current research is heavily focused on digital reference. Chip Nigles of OCLC will be the second day's keynote speaker. Chip has been heavily involved in recent OCLC innovations like QuestionPoint 24/7 reference service and Open WorldCat.

For resource sharing staff don't miss the session given by Anne Craig and Suzanne Schriar from the Illinois State Library. Their presentation will focus on the role that the Statewide Illinois Library Catalog (SILC) has played in strengthening resource sharing throughout Illinois.

For more detailed information including registering online, see www.wils.wisc.edu/events/wworld05.

Conferences

36th Annual Colorado ILL Conference

I was fortunate to attend the 36th annual Colorado ILL conference in Denver at the end of April. The theme this year was “Sharing Visions: Evolving to Meet the Future.” Here are a few thoughts on some of the programs:

The keynote was given by Joan Frye Williams who has been a speaker at WiLSWorld in the past. Her topic was “Preview of Coming Distractions” where she listed four future trends: 1) Convenience Trumps Quality – the library is seen as a last resort and ILL is the last last resort and the ultimate ILL website is Google, 2) I’d Rather Do It Myself – if people have to ask, they become embarrassed, 3) Productivity Still Matters – look at retail stores for productivity and copy them – e.g., RFIDs will be big in the future for libraries, and 4) Pressure on Content Resellers – preprint and e-print servers, blogs, file sharing, Public Library of Science and Global book shopping.

Another very interesting session was entitled the “Future of Resource Sharing.” The panelists pointed out that the current ILL paradigm – mediated resource sharing – is near its end. They didn’t have answers about the future but posed many questions about what librarians should be thinking about for the new model.

Carrie Russell, the copyright specialist for ALA’s Office for Information Technology Policy, gave an overview of copyright basics for librarians. And Cathy Kellum of OCLC gave an OCLC update – new information about the migration and an ILLiad update regarding new features in version 7.0.

You can see links to some of these programs at www.aclin.org/coloillconf It was an excellent conference which I highly recommend. Next year’s conference will be April 26-28 in Estes Park.

-Bob Shaw

For Your Information

Problems with Madison Serials Holdings in OCLC

Some of you have pointed out big discrepancies between the serials holdings information that you see in OCLC for UW-Madison campus libraries and the information for these same titles in the Madison online catalog (Madcat). Many titles appear to be ceased or cancelled in OCLC but are (correctly) identified as “currently received” in Madcat.

The reason for this discrepancy has to do with the fact that serials union listing holdings are entered into OCLC by a tapeload. Holdings are entered only for bound volumes and there is no indication of “open entry” possible. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the last tapeload was three years ago.

A good example of this is problem is:

Communication Quarterly – OCLC 02193441
OCLC lists this as: GZM v.24- v.48 1976-2000
Madcat lists this as v24- 1976-

Seeing this, you would probably assume that Madison ceased receiving in 2000 if you only looked at the OCLC record. There are tens of thousands of such titles. For now, we hope that you check the UW-Madison catalog madcat.library.wisc.edu for journal titles before you assume that the current years are not available.

In the future we hope to find a way to make the information in OCLC more accurate.

If you have comments or questions, please contact me william@wils.wisc.edu

-Mary Williamson

For Your Information

Reference Service News

The WiLS Reference Service will be updating our Reference Contact List soon, and we need your help. When you get your email asking for the latest information, please don't delete. Just let us know if you are still the contact, and if not, who is. We really appreciate your response.

Latest additions to print resources available to us (in no particular order):

The Oxford Companion to Philosophy
Historical Dictionary of Guinea
Black Women in America
Poverty in the United States: an Encyclopedia of History, Politics, and Policy
Statistical Handbook on the Social Safety Net
Encyclopedia of the Romantic Era 1760-1850
Africana The encyclopedia of the African and African American
Experience Vol. 1 2005
Aardvark-Catholic
Oxford Dictionary of Scientific Quotations
Moby Dick a Sourcebook
The Guardian Stylebook
Oxford Dictionary of Plays
New Routledge Dutch Dictionary
Oxford Dictionary of Modern Slang
U.S. Immigration and Migration Primary Sources
U.S. Immigration and Migration Biographies
U.S. Immigration and Migration Almanac

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ILL Staffing

Chloe Lauer, our ace referrals and union listing staff member, is expecting her first child shortly (I already know who will be getting a staff profile for the next issue). Chloe will be taking three months off once the baby is born. During that period Bob will be doing the referrals part of Chloe's job and Joy will be handling union listing questions.

-Bob Shaw

Sarah Marcus moves to NYC



In mid-May, we were sad to say farewell to Sarah Marcus, our National/International Lending Services Librarian. Sarah moved to New York City to fulfill her long-time dream of living in Manhattan. Sarah came to WILS several years ago as an undergraduate student, remained on staff through her graduate studies in library science, and was hired as our national and international lending librarian when she received her master's degree in 2003. Sarah was very valuable in our implementation of ILLiad and we will miss her many years of experience and expertise in interlibrary loan!

-Joy Pohlman

Staff Profile

Eric Robinson

Eric Robinson is WiLS' new ILL Services Librarian taking over the position vacated by Sarah Marcus who recently moved to New York City. Eric will have a number of responsibilities with WiLS: overseeing the GZM lending operation, supervising the scanning students, and dealing with problems requests. He will also be able to answer any questions WiLS member libraries have regarding GZY and Wiscat requests.

Eric is a native of Indiana and moved to Delevan while a teenager. Eric received his BS degree from UW-Madison with a major in History. His honor's thesis was "Thomas Moore and Utopian Societies". After receiving his undergraduate degree he worked in libraries on campus for a couple of years before entering library school. He received his master's in library science last December.

He is particularly interested in using technology to make libraries work better. His ultimate goal is library administration because he likes problem solving.

His outside interests include cooking and running. He has cooked professionally and at one point was writing a cookbook until his computer crashed, and



he had NO BACKUP! He also coaches long jump and triple jump at Deforest High School. Eric is married to Whitney, a custom jeweler in Cambridge, and the two of them are looking to buy a house in the country.

-Bob Shaw

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