

Nylink Status Line

Calendar of Events

**Weeding A-Z
(Or From 000-999)**
November 8, 2006
SUNYIT
Utica, New York

Nylink Information Showcase
November 14, 2006
Hotel Pennsylvania
New York, New York

**Nylink Closed
Thanksgiving**
November 23-24, 2006

**Nylink Closed
Winter Holiday**
December 25-26, 2006

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Upcoming Nylink Training Calendar for October-December, 2006

Visit our web site < <http://nylink.org> > for up-to-date information, course descriptions, directions and online registration. Classes are currently scheduled through December 2006.

October

Day	Class	Location	Time
12	Local Holdings Maintenance on the OCLC Connexion Browser	Buffalo	9:30a.m.-3p.m.
12	Metadata: Special Collections and Archives	Rochester	10a.m.-3p.m.
12	OCLC QuestionPoint: Essentials	NYC	10a.m.-4p.m.
13	How to Create and Manage Digital Collections Using CONTENTdm 4.1	Albany	10a.m.-4p.m.
16	Calling All Affiliates: Find Out What You're Missing at Nylink	Webinar	1-2p.m.
16	Excel Fundamentals for Beginners	Online workshop	4 week
16	Understanding PCs & Operating Systems	Online workshop	4 week
23	MARC Editing Software	Webinar	1-2:30p.m.
25	Local Holdings Maintenance on the OCLC Connexion Browser	Westchester	9:30a.m.-3p.m.
27	OCLC FirstSearch: Advanced & Expert Searching	NYC	10a.m.-4p.m.
30	Custom Holdings	Webinar	1-2:30p.m.

November

Day	Class	Location	Time
9	Local Holdings Maintenance on the OCLC Connexion Browser	NYC	10a.m.-4p.m.
9	OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics	Highland	10a.m.-4p.m.
10	How to Create and Manage Digital Collections Using CONTENTdm 4.1	Albany	10a.m.-4p.m.
13	Implementing Virtual Reference	Online workshop	4 week
13	Introduction to Data Mining for Libraries	Online workshop	4 week
13	Understanding Databases	Online workshop	4 week
15	Cataloging Sound and Video: CDs, MP3s and DVDs	Binghamton	10a.m.-3p.m.
15	Cataloging Web Sites	Westchester	10a.m.-3p.m.
17	OCLC FirstSearch: Advanced & Expert Searching	Potsdam	10a.m.-4p.m.
20-21	Searching OCLC in Connexion Browser	2-day Webinar	1-3p.m.
27	Planning Authority Control Projects	Webinar	1-2:30p.m.

December

Day	Class	Location	Time
4	Using WebDewey	Webinar	1-2:30p.m.
5	Local Holdings Maintenance on the OCLC Connexion Browser	Albany	9:30a.m.-3p.m.
5	OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics	NYC	10:30a.m.-4:30p.m.
6	Metadata: MARC and Dublin Core	NYC	11a.m.-4p.m.
8	How to Create and Manage Digital Collections Using CONTENTdm 4.1	Albany	10a.m.-4p.m.
11	Introducing OCLC ILLiad Software	Webinar	1-3p.m.
12	OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics	Albany	10a.m.-4p.m.

INFO BITS

OCLC Web Information Sessions

Is there an OCLC service that your library doesn't currently use, but you'd like to find out more about? Sign up for an OCLC web information session – they're free, and they're delivered live to your desktop via the web and conference call. Specialists from OCLC provide hour-long introductions to their services, and since the sessions are live, you can get your questions answered right away. Here's a list of upcoming OCLC webinars:

OCLC ILLiad | *Wednesday, October 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m., and Thursday, November 30, 3:00-4:00 p.m.*

OCLC ILLiad helps libraries that are high-volume users of the OCLC Resource Sharing service streamline their workflow, and improve response time and management – all from patron-initiated, paperless requests. This session is delivered by Tony Melvyn, OCLC's ILLiad specialist.

QuestionPoint | *Thursday, October 26, 3:00-4:00 p.m.*

QuestionPoint is OCLC's web-based cooperative virtual reference service, providing email and chat reference tools, with an option for your library to be part of a 24/7 chat collaborative that provides round-the-clock reference service.

To register for one or more of these sessions, please visit < <http://www.oclc.org/education/websessions/usa/> >.

Weeding A-Z (Or From 000-999)

Wednesday, November 8, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Weeding is an essential part of developing and maintaining your library collection. At this conference, experts from Pace University will teach you the principles and practices of weeding.

Through this course you will:

- Understand the economics and theory of weeding and apply to your library collection.
- Learn the vital role weeding plays in maintaining a healthy library collection.
- Understand how to develop a weeding program for your institution.
- Apply principles of properly disposing of weeded materials.

This conference will be held at SUNY IT, in Utica, NY. For more information or to register please go to < <http://nylink.org/conf/weeding06.htm> >.

Interfacing With Students

Classes are back in session, which has brought out students and their MP3 players. Inevitably one of these students will ask you to recommend some good music sites, so you may want to checkout Extreme Tech's Review of Free Music Recommendation Services < <http://www.extremetech.com/article2/0,1697,1967383,00.asp> >, and Dave Mattison's guide to classical music databases and web resources from the July issue of Searcher: < <http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/jul06/Mattison.shtml> >. You can find podcasts of interest to your users and you as well here: **Podcast Alley**, **Indiepodder.org**, **Podcast.net**, **Yahoo! Podcasts**. And find (legal) music here: **Music Download Services Compared!**, **eMusic**, **Bleep**, **Rhapsody**.

For an introduction to the legal issues surrounding podcasting, you may want to checkout Creative Commons Podcasting Legal Guide < http://wiki.creativecommons.org/Podcasting_Legal_Guide >. Want an intro to podcasting and why you might be interested in it? Then check out the piece Amy Gahran wrote on her blog Contentious.com < <http://contentious.com/archives/2004/10/29/what-is-podcasting-and-why-should-you-care> >.

Another way to reach out to the student population might be to create a social network on sites like MySpace.com, Facebook.com, Multiply.com or one of the other social networking sites that keep popping up, and ask students to join your network. If you don't want to share your news with the world at large, just those you know, Multiply.com may be the network for you. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, has a list of notable social networking websites < http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_social_networking_websites >.

Several libraries are doing outreach to their students or communities with MySpace.com. Nylink member examples are Brooklyn College, CUNY < <http://www.myspace.com/brooklyncollegelibrary> > and SUNY Morrisville < <http://www.myspace.com/morrisvillecollegelibrary> >. Tied into this idea is using the blog feature on MySpace.com to keep students up-to-date about library happenings. SUNY Morrisville and Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, < <http://www.myspace.com/brackenlibrary> > are doing it now and do a great job pushing out information of interest to their students via this technology. To help give you some legal guidelines in the realm of blogging, check out the Electronic Frontier Foundation's Legal Guide for Bloggers < <http://www.eff.org/bloggers/lg/> >.

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Nylink Information Showcase

The 8th annual Nylink Information Showcase returns to The Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City on November 14. Many of the exhibitors that members have met over the years will return, and, as of this date, three new vendors will be present (Olive Software, MPS Technologies and Atlas Systems.). Also becoming a fixture: Nylink member Poster Sessions for the second year. As always, admission and refreshments are free, and there will be a very interesting selection of door prizes! For a complete list of exhibitors and to help us plan for refreshments and programs, please register at < <http://nylink.org/showcase/> >.

Catching Up With Innovative Internet Applications and Other Information for Busy Librarians

With new technology being created all the time, how do librarians keep up with it all? Well, there are some great web sites out there designed to help us with that. A few sites of general interest that come to mind are:

ResourceShelf < <http://www.resourceshelf.com/> > which is updated daily by an editorial team headed by Gary Price and Shirl Kennedy

Steven Bell's Keeping Up web site < <http://staff.philau.edu/bells/keepup/> >.

Innovative Internet Applications in Libraries < <http://www.wiltonlibrary.org/innovate.html> > by Kathy Leeds of Wilton Library

Neat New Stuff I Found This Week < <http://marylaine.com/neatnew.html> > by Marylaine Block, who also publishes *ExLibris: A Weekly E-zine for Librarians* < <http://marylaine.com/exlibris/> >.

Another good source for keeping up, thanks to our colleagues in the UK, is the BUBL LINK Catalogue of Internet Resources < <http://bubl.ac.uk/link/1/libraryinternetuse.htm> >, which is part of the BUBL Information Service < <http://bubl.ac.uk/> >. BUBL LINK is an Internet link collection for the library and higher education communities, run by the Centre for Digital Library Research at the University of Strathclyde. Its name was originally short for Bulletin Board for Libraries. BUBL describes itself as "Free User-Friendly Access to selected internet resources covering all subject areas, with a special focus on Library and Information Science."

Now for some web-based technology that you might find useful in helping you keep up with all those web sites I mentioned above: web page change detection services. Steven Bell's Keeping Up web site has a good overview of what web page change detection services are all about; you can find it here: < <http://staff.philau.edu/bells/keepup/detectit.htm> >. There are many good change detection services out there, and a good review of them was done by Marshall Kirkpatrick: < <http://marshallk.com/a-review-of-web-site-change-detection-services> >. Gary Price offers additional information at Search Engine Watch < <http://blog.searchenginewatch.com/blog/051228-172334> >. He also did a review of web site monitoring service Site24x7 on ResourceShelf < <http://www.resourceshelf.com/2006/08/26/free-monitor-any-site-or-page-and-receive-quick-notification-when-it-goes-offline-slows-down-and-more/> >.

In his Site24X7 review, Gary Price mentions AdventNet's Zoho free, browser-based suite of office services, which he calls "must see" web-based apps. Zoho Office Suite includes a word processing app, a presentation tool, and a spreadsheet alternative. Gary did a review of Zoho and it can be found here < <http://www.resourceshelf.com/2006/08/13/zohos-web-based-services-continue-to-improve-new-services-too/> >. From the little bit of playing I've done with the Zoho products I thought they were easy to use and would encourage you to check them out! A good review of ZohoProjects, their web-based project manager, by Marshall Kirkpatrick appeared on TechCrunch: < <http://www.techcrunch.com/2006/08/25/zohoprojects-challenges-basecamp-on-project-management/> >.

More helpful information for librarians and the users we serve that I came across on Vitaly Friedman's Personal Notebook is his list of nifty tools for drawing diagrams, charts and flow-charts, which can be found at: < <http://www.alvit.de/blog/article/nifty-tools-and-tutorials-for-creating-diagrams-charts-and-chart-flows> >. Along those lines, but geared more toward engineering and the sciences, Knovel offers sample interactive books, with tools like a unit converter and the Periodic Table of the Elements. You can learn more about them at < http://www.knovel.com/knovel2/free_tools.jsp >. Knovel also offers K-Essentials, which is permanent, ongoing access to 7 titles and tools; you do have to register to use K-Essentials. Find out more about Knovel's K-Essentials and register at < http://www.knovel.com/knovel2/free_content.jsp >.

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