

## INFO BITS

### Nylink Spring Conferences

Mark your calendar for these spring events.

#### CONSER's Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop

*Two sessions*

February 27-28, 2007, Nylink, Albany, New York *or*

March 14-15, 2007, Mid-Manhattan Library, NYC, New York

More details at <[http://nylink.org/conf/basic\\_cat07.htm](http://nylink.org/conf/basic_cat07.htm)>.

#### Fundraising Executive Training & Consulting Package

March 30, 2007, Westchester Community College,

Valhalla, New York

More details at <<http://nylink.org/conf/fund07.htm>>.

#### CONSER's Advanced Serials Cataloging Workshop

*Two sessions*

May 16-17, 2007, Nylink, Albany, New York *or*

May 23-24, 2007, Mid-Manhattan Library

More details at <[http://nylink.org/conf/adv\\_cat07.htm](http://nylink.org/conf/adv_cat07.htm)>.

And there will be more coming!

### Member Contact Update in January

To ensure accurate contact information, member update forms will be sent to directors at member institutions in early January. Thank you in advance for returning your forms with staff and institution updates. By having the most accurate information on-hand, Nylink can contact the appropriate individuals at your institution to share information about programs, services and product enhancements.

### 2007 Nylink Achievement Awards – Nominations Sought

Nylink is very pleased to announce the third annual Nylink Achievement Awards. The launch of this initiative in 2005 to recognize the achievements of member libraries was a great success and the award ceremony at both the 2005 and 2006 Nylink Annual Meeting was a highlight for both recipients and attending members.

All members are encouraged to submit nominations either for an institution or group of institutions for the Nylink Achievement Awards.

Full details of the awards' criteria and categories, and a nomination form, are on the Nylink web site at <<http://nylink.org/about/ncawards.htm>>.

Nominations are open until January 31, 2007.

### What's Up on the Web?

It's that time of year when "best of" lists abound, and in the category of web sites such a list can offer opportunities to discover resources we've missed, forgotten about, or just haven't looked at in a while. PCMAG.COM, the web site of PC Magazine, has compiled "Top Web Sites 2006" <<http://www.pcmag.com/category2/0,1874,7488,00.asp>>. Sites are organized under the categories of "101 Classic Web Sites," "Top 99 Undiscovered Web Sites," and "Top 10 Future Classic Web Sites." In the "Undiscovered" section, under the subcategory "Information, Search & Reference," the Charity Navigator web site <<http://www.charitynavigator.org/>> stood out as a timely resource for this season of giving.

Begun in 2001, Charity Navigator was developed to help people make informed decisions about supporting philanthropic organizations. Visitors to the site can obtain financial and other information for over 5,000 U.S.-based charities registered with the Internal Revenue Service. Charities are searchable by name, category/cause, location, size, CEO salary, rating, and more. The site also offers "Top Ten Lists," including "10 Charities in Deep Financial Trouble," and a "4-Star Charities" list based on the Charity Navigator's ranking system. A detailed donor FAQ <<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm/bay/content.view/catid/61/cpid/484.htm>> and a "Methodology" <<http://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm/bay/content.view/cpid/33.htm>> section provide users with ample information to determine the credibility of the site's contents (which are accessible free of charge).

In PCMAG.COM's "Top 10 Future Classic Web Sites" <<http://www.pcmag.com/article2/0,1895,2005637,00.asp>>, a noteworthy resource listed there is the Computer History Museum <<http://www.computerhistory.org/>>, which has both a physical presence in Mountain View, California, and a virtual existence via its web site. The site features online exhibits including "A Timeline of Computer History" covering the years 1939 through 1994, "Mastering the Game: A History of Computer Chess," and "This Day in History." Lots of photographs and detailed descriptions make this a fun and informative site.

In the "101 Classic Web Sites" section (under the subcategory "Information, Search & Reference"), it is heartening to see that three librarian-generated web sites are listed: The Internet Public Library <<http://www.ipl.org/>>, Librarians' Internet Index <<http://www.lii.org>>, and The Library of Congress <<http://www.loc.gov>>. Also highlighting the work of librarians is Marylaine Block in her Neat New Stuff picks <<http://marylaine.com/neatnew.html>> for the week of December 1 where she mentions Governing.com's Public Officials of the Year 2006 awards <<http://www.governing.com/poy/2006/intro.htm>> which include Mary Dempsey, commissioner of the Chicago Public Library system.

Best wishes for a 2007 filled with learning and discovery!

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