

Washington Library Association Technical Services Interest Group

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TSIG News and Events

TSIG in Pasco, April 1999. TSIG convened at 4.30 PM,
Thursday April 29. Approximately six persons
attended. Those present designated Ian Fairclough to
serve as coordinator.

WLA Board Retreat, Dumas Center, Federal Way, June
1999. As IG coordinator, Ian Fairclough attended the
retreat at the board's invitation and expense. Anne
Heller, IG member, was also present and kindly agreed
to serve as newsletter editor. A sum of money pro-
rated to the number of TSIG members plus \$100 was
allocated for the TSIG newsletter in the WLA budget.

WLA Annual Conference

WLA's "r/evolution 2000" conference takes place May
18-20. TSIG is sponsoring two programs on Friday.

"Coping with Real Change: WLN Libraries in an OCLC
Environment." 9:30-10:30 AM. A panel of technical
service librarians and vendors will discuss the
experience of migrating from WLN to OCLC. Topics to
be covered include InterLibrary Loan, workflow, notable
changes working with the two different utilities,
regional resource issues, and authority control in a
post-WLN environment. *Presenters: Anne Whitney &
Tom Crisp (OCLC & WLN); David Griffin, Sno_Isle
Regional Library; Steve Metcalf, Evergreen Library*

"Thin Client: The Smart Dumb Terminal" 2-3 PM. This
program (presented at the 1999 ALA Conference)
explores the use of networked computer devices ("thin
client") in lieu of PCs with a Windows NT automated
system. *Presenters: Anne Haley, Director, & David
Little, Information Technology Manager, Yakima Valley
Regional Library.*

OCLC/WLN News

By Rick Newell

The current OCLC/WLN online user training calendar
began in September 1999 and ends in April 2000.
Classes are provided in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, and
Washington. Four different one-day sessions are
featured: Searching the OCLC Online System; Beyond
the Basics ILL; Union Listing; Using CatME (Cataloging
MicroEnhancer). As of February 18, 84 libraries have
trained at seven sites for a total enrollment of 220.

Visit the OCLC/WLN Web site for class descriptions,
schedules and registration information:
www.wln.org/training.

You can help plan our next user training session. A
training survey will be mailed to member libraries
soon. When it arrives, please complete the survey and
return it as soon as possible.

News From Around The State

Heritage College, with its main campus in Toppenish
and branches in Omak, Moses Lake and Hawaii, is in
process of installing the Voyager integrated library
system as a member of the OPALL consortium based in
Mt. Angel, Ore. Barcoding the collection is complete,
and materials that students borrow now circulate on
the system.

Yakima Valley Regional Library migrated to the Polaris
system in 1998. Oct.-Dec. 1999 the Technical Services
department dispatched an 11,000-book backlog at a
cost of an extra \$1.20 per item. The audiovisual
material backlog is scheduled to be the next to go.

Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS) will host a
workshop Friday April 14 at the U. of Wash. campus in
Seattle, featuring a videotaped teleconference "Books
and Bytes: Balancing Formats in Today's Libraries" and
Carla Richardson (U. of Wash.) presenting on "We're
Not Dusty Anymore! Trends, Challenges, Opportunities
faced by Special Collections in the New Century." For
more information contact Richard M. Jost, Marian Gould
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INTERESTED? (OR NOT?!) PLEASE HELP!!

This newsletter is for ALL librarians in the state with an interest in technical services – the acquisition, cataloging, and physical processing of materials in all formats. Whether you work in a one-person-does-everything library or a TS department with a staff of 40, this newsletter is for you!

If you are not lucky enough to work in TS, but are reading this, please forward this newsletter to the staff most involved in TS in your system.

It would be great if everyone could participate in the Washington Library Association by joining as personal members and by attending the annual conference. Practically, this goal is unlikely to be fully achieved.

Nevertheless, the Association and the Interest Group have both the means and the intent to bring professional development to library staffers throughout the state. We can arrange for a qualified individual to teach a continuing education workshop – perhaps your library can host one. We can provide a network to resolve cataloging and other problems with a higher degree of accuracy. We hope you will take advantage of what is offered through the TSIG.

The goal of TSIG is to assist in providing the best access possible to the rich information and knowledge resources in our libraries. Please help by contributing your problems, questions and expertise.

Contact the coordinator or the newsletter editor with your thoughts. And thanks for reading!

MUSIC AND AUDIOVISUAL CATALOGING WORKSHOPS IN SEATTLE THIS FALL

For those of you who search for bibliographic records for music recordings, videocassettes, computer files, and the like: Do you ever wonder if you've chosen the appropriate record? Perhaps the appropriate record doesn't exist yet, but one suspiciously like it lurks temptingly on the screen – would you use it? Add your holdings? Or perhaps even take a deep breath and derive a new, original master record? If you've been in such a situation, then you know what a soul-searching, stomach-wrenching experience audiovisual cataloging can be. But take heart – you are not alone, and help and comfort are at hand!

Every two years, *Online Audiovisual Catalogers (OLAC)* sponsors a national conference, and this time we're coming to Seattle, meeting jointly with *Music OCLC Users Group (MOUG)* Oct. 12-15 at the Cavanaugh Hotel. The theme is "Music and Media at the Millennial Crossroads: Special Materials in Today's Libraries."

For full conference details consult the Web at:

<http://www.lib.washington.edu/msd/olac/default.htm>.

The hotel conference rate is \$135/night (single/quad) + tax (currently 15.6%). For reservations call 1-800-325-4000. Identify yourself as with Online Audiovisual Catalogers, Inc. (You may not have to pay at all -- OLAC offers a scholarship to a first-time attendee!)

OLAC also convenes during Annual and Midwinter ALA conference. MOUG holds a one-day annual meeting jointly with the Music Library Association.