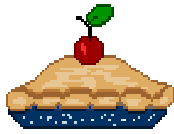


Cooperative Connection

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Save a slice of your time this fall!

Be sure to save room in your fall schedule to attend the workshop on copyright for libraries scheduled for September 18, 2003 at the Northeast Service Cooperative in Mountain Iron. This all day session will be presented by Ruth Dukelow, MSLS Catholic University of America 1979; JD (law degree) Duke University School of Law 1982; author of the book, *The Library Copyright Guide* (AECT 1992) and Associate Director, Michigan Library Consortium. The morning session of the workshop will include: Background of U.S. Copyright Law, Exclusive Rights Section 106, Exceptions to Exclusive Rights: Section 110 exception for public performances and TEACH Act, and Exceptions to Exclusive Rights: Section 107 Fair Use (first part.) The afternoon session will feature: Exceptions to Exclusive Rights: Section 107 Fair Use (continued), Exceptions to Exclusive Rights: Section 108 Libraries and Archives (photocopying, Interlibrary Loan, virtual reference), and Electronic Issues: Digitization, Email, and Web Pages. Plan now to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the copyright issues you need to know to do your job. Look for registration materials which will be distributed in August 2003. The cherry on the pie? There is no fee for this workshop presented as a service of North Country Library Cooperative.

Other Workshops scheduled for fall in our region:
October 17 --*Learning to Thrive in Changing Times* presented by Maureen Sullivan.
October 22-- *Virtual Reference* presented by MINITEX staff.

Libri Foundation Offers Children's Books to Rural Libraries

Deadline: July 15 and November 15, 2003

Established in 1989, the Libri Foundation helps rural libraries acquire new, quality, hardcover children's books they could not otherwise afford to buy. The foundation works with an applicant library's Friends of the Library or other local organization in order to encourage and reward local support of libraries. The Friends, or other local sponsors, can contribute from \$50 to \$350, which the foundation matches on a two-to-one ratio. A library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books through the foundation's Books for Children program. The local librarian selects the books the library will receive from the foundation's seven-hundred-title book list.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, a library should serve a population under ten thousand (usually under five thousand), have a very limited budget, be in a rural area, and have an active children's department. ("Rural" is usually considered to be at least thirty miles from a city with a population over forty thousand.)

Applications are accepted from independent libraries as well as libraries that are part of a county, regional, or cooperative library system. A library system may also apply if all the libraries in the system meet the requirements. Applications are accepted from school libraries only if they also serve as the public library. A branch library may apply if the community it is in meets the definition of rural. For complete eligibility details and information on requesting an application packet, see the Libri Foundation Web site. <http://www.librifoundation.org/>

MEMO Summer Leadership Retreat

Wednesday - Friday, July 16-18, 2003
Humanities Education Center
Minnesota Humanities Commission
987 East Ivy Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Register for this exciting professional development opportunity! In addition to helping plan the MEMO goals for the 2003-04 school year, you will be able to attend Dr. Gary Hartzell's day-long workshop on Building Your Personal Influence on July 17th. Information can be found at:

[Http://www.isd77.k12.mn.us/memo/SLR03.htm](http://www.isd77.k12.mn.us/memo/SLR03.htm)

Please indicate on your registration if you would like a room at the Humanities Center. A very limited number are available for people attending the board meetings and the workshop.

MEMO Fall conference information: Oct. 2 - 4, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Resort/Convention Center in Fargo. Registration form is included with this newsletter. Registrations are due by Sept. 18. See the MEMO web page for additional details:

<http://www.memoweb.org/htmlfiles/conference.html>

2001-2002 Judicial Branch Report Released

Kathleen A. Blatz, Chief Justice, announces the release of the Minnesota Judicial Branch 2001-2002 Biannual Report. In keeping with efforts to use resources wisely while we focus on our constitutional responsibility of resolving disputes, we have decided to issue our report in an on-line version only. It is available on the Internet at www.courts.state.mn.us/annualreport

We hope you find the report informative and easy-to-use. The report sets forth judicial branch initiatives that reflect the court system's strategic priorities: children and families; access to justice; better information systems to enhance effectiveness and accountability; and increased public trust and confidence in the judiciary. Our initiatives are

not only good for the people of our state - they have also received national recognition for being innovative and effective.

If you have questions about the report, or if you need further information about the State Judicial Branch, please contact our Court Information Office at (651) 297-5532.

Branch Out 2003: Grounded and Growing

Hands-on Book Repair, Courage is a Technology Skill, Internet Sites for Students, Civility in the Work Place, Time Management for Small Libraries, Finding Your Roots, Libraries and Literacy, Serving the Culturally Diverse, Gov Docs rock!!

These are just a sampling of the breakout sessions that will be offered at this summer's Branch Out Conference planned by and **for library paraprofessionals** occurring August 13th and 14th on the beautiful campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.

By now you should have received registration brochures in the mail. For more information and additional registration forms, go to our web site: <http://www.branchoutmn.org>

Attention: SCHOOL LIBRARIES - Register now to get the sessions you want and defer payment until after July 1st, the new fiscal year. Don't forget to register for the Capstone Press mini-library giveaway, a \$1500 value!

Conceal and Carry Legislation Impacts Libraries

CFL Assistant Commissioner Chas Anderson has suggested that the following document from the League of Minnesota Cities may be helpful for initial discussions in the library community about the Minnesota Personal Protection Act (Senate File 842, will be 2003 MN Session Law Chapter 28) and implications for Minnesota's libraries. League of Minnesota Cities, "Minnesota Citizens' Personal Protection Act of 2003 'Conceal-and-Carry Law' - What it Means for Cities."

This memo is available online (9 pages when printed) at:

<http://www.lmnc.org/pdfs/conceal.carry.memo.pdf> As you talk with your governing and advisory boards and staff, please feel free to compile your questions about the Act and forward them on to Library Development and Services Attn: Nancy Walton, E: nancy.walton@state.mn.us

Contentbank Online Exchange: The Hunt for Quality Content

Announcing Contentbank's (<http://www.contentbank.org>) newest Online Exchange -- The Hunt for Quality Content: Evaluating, Selecting, and Creating Online Content for Low-Income and Other Underserved Communities

When: May 13 < June 13, 2003

http://www.contentbank.org/onlineexchange/quality_content.asp?section_id=8

*Have you created or are you looking for guidelines to help you identify the most appropriate online resources for the individuals you serve--especially those of various cultures, with limited-literacy skills, limited-English skills, specific physical or cognitive disabilities, etc.?

*Are you looking for online tools to guide you in developing online health, housing, employment, local, and other relevant resources that are accessible to under served communities?

*Have you found informative research to guide your evaluation, selection, and development of online content?

We've heard from Contentbank users and community technology practitioners that they are looking for these types of resources. In response to this feedback, the topic for this Online Exchange is focused on the evaluation and creation of Internet content that meets the needs of low-income and under served families. We will gather, aggregate, and disseminate existing guidelines and other tools or methods for content creation, evaluation, and selection. We will also identify leaders in the content evaluation and usability communities and

provide a forum for them to share their best practices and challenges. Please take this opportunity to tell people about your good work and learn from the work of others.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Anyone can view the Online Exchange and download attached files. However, to post your own messages you must "join" (by clicking on "join" in the upper right-hand corner of the page). When you join you will be emailed a temporary password (usually within a couple of minutes) that you can use to access this and all future Online Exchanges.

WHAT IS THE ONLINE EXCHANGE?

We call our message board forum the Online Exchange. We host Exchanges on a regular basis. Each one focuses on a different topic that our users have told us is important to them. The Exchanges include experts working at the local and national level and give our users the opportunity to exchange resources, ideas, curricula, and more.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE RESOURCES AFTER June 13TH? The resources will remain on Contentbank indefinitely. In addition, we will post a summary of the Exchange and highlight the best resources in other areas of Contentbank.

WHAT IS CONTENTBANK?

Contentbank is a project of The Children's Partnership, <http://www.childrenspartnership.org>, a national nonprofit child advocacy organization, with generous support from the Markle Foundation and the AOL Time Warner Foundation.

Contentbank has three major goals:

*To identify what online content low-income users want, examples of what exists, and what still needs to be created;

*To make it easier for community-based organizations and the individuals they serve to create their own content; and

*To encourage the public and private sectors to develop usable content for low-income and under served Americans.

WHAT IS THE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP?

The Children's Partnership

(www.childrenspartnership.org) is a national, nonprofit organization that undertakes research, analysis, and advocacy to place the needs of America's nearly 70 million children and youth, particularly the under served, at the forefront of emerging policy debates. If you have any questions or technical difficulties, please contact Rachel Fireman at rfireman@childrenspartnership.org or at 718-923-1400 x244.

New Gale K-5 resource to be added to the ELM suite of resources Kids InfoBits!

On Friday, May 9, all Minnesota libraries, students, and residents will have access to yet another Gale resource through ELM! *Kids InfoBits*, a reference and periodical resource, gives children easy access to magazines, reference books, and newspaper articles that have been selected just for their age group. Aimed at grades K-5, *Kids InfoBits*, has taken the InfoTrac Kid's Edition and updated it to reflect the changes and innovations developed in Gale products. InfoTrac Kid's Edition and *Kids InfoBits* will both be offered via ELM thanks to the folks at Gale. All MINITEX ELM accounts will have *Kids InfoBits* on the common menu. You won't need to do anything to have it added. It will automatically appear as a link in the Gale menu of resources!

Some new features available in *Kids InfoBits* are:

- More than 80 full-text magazines
- New look to the interface
- New functionality
- Graphic icons
- Blackbirch Press' *The Kid's Almanac of Geography*
- The Blackbirch Kid's Visual Reference of the World
- Kidbits, 2nd Ed.

- Merriam-Webster Elementary Dictionary
- Blackbirch Encyclopedia of Science and Invention

Please note that Kids InfoBits is not available through the MnLINK Gateway due to a technical incompatibility (not Z39.50 compliant). Sorry for the inconvenience.

If you have questions, contact:

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Don Litner (don.litner@gale.com or 800-877-4253 x2096) Academic Rep

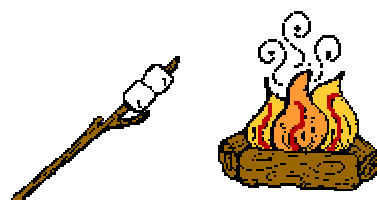
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Dealing with Challenges to Books and Other Library Materials

Libraries are often challenged by individuals and groups concerned about the availability of a wide variety of library materials to everyone. Addressing these challenges requires a balance of carefully crafted library policy, knowledge and understanding of intellectual freedom principles, and sensitivity to community needs and concerns. It also requires effective communication. The links on this web page will help you plan for and deal with such challenges. The information can help you educate library staff and trustees, inform the public and work with the media.

At this web address <http://www.ala.org> click on *Issues and advocacy*. When that page loads, click on *Intellectual Freedom/Censorship* for a list of helpful resources.



The Internet Scout continues to provide quality web site information useful to all types of libraries. A few samples from the most recent Scout Report--May 30, 2003 Vol. 9 No. 21

Uncle Sam's Reference Shelf: County and City Data Book

<http://www.census.gov/statab/www/ccdb.html>

Uncle Sam's Reference Shelf: County and City Data Book contains official population and housing data from the 2000 Census plus business and other data for all US counties, cities with 25,000 or more inhabitants, and places of 2,500 or more inhabitants. Information includes percent population change by state; counties with populations of one million or more; top 40 cities by population; state, county, and city area and population; population by age, race, and sex; relevant maps, and much more. The PDF files include easy-to-read tables and graphs making the information an easily-accessible source of the country's latest geographic data.

New-Model Scholarship: How Will it Survive? [pdf]

<http://www.clir.org/pubs/reports/pub114/pub114.pdf>

This important 55-page report originated out of meeting held in 2002 by the Council on Library and Information Resources that brought together scholars, librarians, archivists, publishers, and other concerned parties to discuss the preservation of digital scholarly resources. Authored by Abby Smith (March 2003), this timely work is informed by these discussions, and offers some initial appraisals of the challenges that libraries face as they attempt to ensure long-term access to the "new-model scholarship" that is predicated around access to various digital archives and projects. The paper primarily explores these new types of emerging scholarship, including those that are open-ended, experimental, software-intensive, and multimedia in nature. Continuing on how libraries might best take on the role of managing these scholarly resources, the work looks at several

potential modes of operation, such as the enterprise and community-based models. Thorough in its scope, this paper will be of great interest to those working on digital archive projects, and colleagues working in ancillary fields and organizations.

Lists of Bests

<http://www.listsofbests.com/>

Maintained by Bill Turner (a programmer for Yahoo), this irreverent site is a helpful and entertaining compilation of "best of" lists. Culled from a variety of sources, along with several lists created especially for the Web site, Turner got the idea for the site after deciding to attempt to read all the books on the Random House "Best 100 Books of the 20th Century." Currently, the site's lists are divided into the categories of books, movies, and music. The music section has some interesting lists, including "The Guardian's Alternative Top 100 Albums Ever," "Album of the Year" Grammy Award Winners, and Rolling Stone's "Readers' 100." The book section features close to twenty lists, including "The 100 Best Lesbian and Gay Novels," "Sports Illustrated's Top 100 Sports Books of All Time," and the Hugo Award Winners list. While every "best of" list tends to raise eyebrows, visitors will find this site a real delight and a source of real fodder for heated debates and discussions with colleagues and friends.

Cknow.com: Definitions/ Acronyms/ Abbreviations

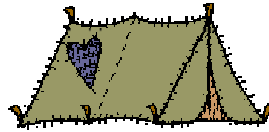
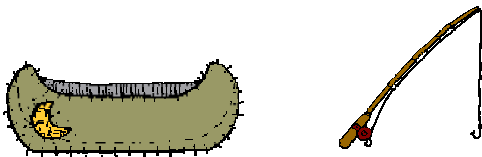
<http://www.cknow.com/ckinfo/>

With the exponential growth of computer technology there has been a veritable explosion of related terms, definitions, and acronyms associated with the multitude of computer products, software, and hardware. Fortunately for those persons looking for a guide to this -- at times -- arcane argot, the Computer Knowledge Web site has developed this handy database listing many of these acronyms, definitions, and abbreviations. Clicking on any letter of their database from A-Z will return a number of acronyms, complete with definitions,

and links to outside sites of note. The site also features links to a file extension database and listing of top country domains utilized by various nations around the world. Besides these basic functions the site also has a listing emoticons, which are ways of demonstrating an emotional state in plain text messages. Some of the more interesting examples include: 7:) (to represent Ronald Reagan) and P) (to represent a pirate).

From The Scout Report, Copyright Internet Scout Project 1994-2003.

<http://scout.wisc.edu/>



NEMIDS Delivery Changes

As of June 3, 2003, the Great River Regional Library and Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange, **GRR** and **GRR/ CMLE**, will not be using the NEMIDS delivery system.

If libraries have materials to return they will have to either route them through MINITEX (**MII**) or mail them.

Please do not sent material to these libraries via the courier (*Velocity Express*.)



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