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National Library Week: April 10 – 16, 2005 by Noel Rutherford

“There’s something for everyone @your library.” That’s the theme for this year’s National Library Week, April 10-16. First sponsored by ALA in 1958, National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries—school, public, academic and special—participate.

When National Library Week was first proposed in the late 1950s, research showed that Americans were spending less on books and more on radios, televisions, and musical instruments. In 1954, a committee (The National Book Committee) was formed by the ALA and the American Book Publishers to address this decline in reading. Their proposal to create a week to celebrate libraries was intended to motivate and fuel people’s interest in reading, improve incomes and health, and develop strong and happy families.

Although we have been celebrating and promoting libraries for forty-seven years, some might question how successful this campaign has been. The decline in reading has accelerated. Today, people are reading less than ever before while choosing to spend their leisure time watching TV, listening to music, or surfing the Internet. While incomes have certainly risen over the years, the gap between the rich and poor has widened while the middle class has steadily shrunk in size. The

health of the nation has also improved but fewer people today can afford to take advantage of costly treatments with the sharp increase in the uninsured. And lastly, with a high divorce rate, an ever-rising number of single-family households and the large number of children living in poverty the goal to develop strong and happy families has yet to be attained.

However, if libraries were never celebrated, if their achievements were ignored and their vital role as educational, cultural, and recreational centers forgotten, if the librarian’s role had been negated and replaced with clerks with no professional certification, if library buildings had been torn down or no new ones built over the past forty-seven years, America and its citizens would be the poorer, culturally and materially.

The goals of the original committee were ambitious. They wanted what we still strive for today—health, wealth, and happiness. National Library Week alone can’t give us all those, but it can and does remind people not to take their libraries and all they have accomplished for granted. The free access to information, to educational material, to cultural enrichment is a hallmark of this country. The freedom we often strive to protect is exemplified by our public libraries and the annual campaign to celebrate and remember that freedom is National Library Week.

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Joint Spring Workshop 2005 : Information Organization for the 21st Century: Taxonomies, Ontologies, and the Semantic Web

SPONSORS :

DC Special Libraries Association (DC-SLA)-Lead Sponsor; District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA); Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC (LLSDC); Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC)

SPEAKERS:

Joseph Busch, Taxonomy Strategies, will give a keynote address on what taxonomies are and aren't

Denise Bedford, World Bank, will share her expertise on implementing taxonomies

Ramana Rao, Inxight, will discuss ground-breaking applications such as visualization

Stuart Sutton, University of Washington, will explore the challenges of organizing educational content

A Thomson representative will report on managing legal materials

James Hendler, University of Maryland, will define and describe the semantic web

Michael Daconta, Dept. of Homeland Security, will evaluate the Taxonomy-Ontology continuum

DATE: Friday, April 15, 2005

TIME: 8:30 – 9:00, Registration/Breakfast

(Please arrive promptly at 8:30 when LC opens, so you have enough time to go through security, find the Mumford Room, get registered, and eat breakfast before the program begins at 9:00)

3:30 – 4:00, Approximate Conclusion

PLACE: Mumford Room, 6th Floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress

101 Independence Avenue, SE

(Nearest Metro stop is Capitol South on the Orange/Blue line)

PRICE: \$40 members, \$20 students, and \$60 non-members (Includes continental breakfast and lunch of assorted sandwiches and side salads, cookies and beverages). The tax ID number is 54-1079345.

REGISTRATION:

Make **checks** payable to **Joint Spring Workshop**.

No purchase orders, training request forms, or credit cards can be accepted

If you will **need a receipt**, please **check here:** _____

Call 703-597-2806 with any other questions or concerns.

Registration **form and check must be received by Friday, April 1, 2005**

Mail to:

Laura Hjerpe

2026 N. Vermont St., Apt. 301

Arlington, VA 22207



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Registration, Joint Spring Workshop, 4/15/05

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Affiliation(s): DC-SLA ___ DCLA ___ LLSDC ___ FLICC ___ Other (specify) _____

The JSW complies with ADA. We can accommodate your needs provided you contact us by April 1, 2005

Taxonomies: The Topic of the Joint Spring Workshop

by Bill Tuceling

“Information Organization for the 21st Century: Taxonomies, Ontologies, and the Semantic Web” will be the topic of this year’s Joint Spring Workshop (JSW) sponsored by the DC Special Libraries Association (DC-SLA)-Lead Sponsor, District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA), Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, DC (LLSDC), and the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) on Friday, April 15, 2005, from 8:30 until 4:00.

Taxonomies have been around for years, so why are they such a hot topic now? Come find out from industry leaders such as Joseph Busch of Taxonomy Strategies, who will give a keynote address describing what taxonomies are and aren't, why they are important, and where they fit into the information

landscape today. Denise Bedford of the World Bank will share her expertise on implementing taxonomies and how they are being used in the dynamic environment of the World Bank. New and groundbreaking applications such as visualization are appearing in

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content management systems, to be demonstrated by Ramana Rao, Inxight founder and CTO. Stuart Sutton of the University of Washington will discuss the challenges of organizing educational content, based on his experiences leading research and development for the Gateway to Educational Materials (GEM) for the U.S. Department of Education. The legal field has long had a tremendous focus on organizing large amounts of

data, and a representative from Thomson will discuss exciting developments and/or current projects.

While taxonomies have been around for years in one format or another, the semantic web is truly cutting edge. We've all heard the term, but do we know what it means, and how it might affect our work? Come and find some answers from an expert: Dr. James Hendler, Director of the Mindswap Lab at University of Maryland, and member of the W3C (World Wide Web Consortium) at MIT. Michael Daconta, Metadata Program Manager for the Dept. of Homeland Security, will share his knowledge about the Taxonomy-Ontology continuum.

The committee members look forward to seeing many of you at the JSW on April 15!

Wednesday, March 30

6:30 p.m.

Watch for the location announcement on the DCLA list serv or contact Laura Gonzales at laura.gonzales@dc.gov



Pub Night

Join your fellow new librarians for an evening of libations and networking.

Look forward to Pub Nights on April 26 and May 23!

Sponsored by DCLA's New Librarians Interest Group

March 2005

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

**March 2
(Wednesday)**

Microsoft Access Database Software. A workshop sponsored by the DCLA Library Technology Interest Group. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St., N.W., Room 443. Contact: Tracy Myers, 202-698-3298, tracy.myers@dc.gov.

**March 3
(Thursday)**

Code and Other Laws of Cyberspace. A Managing Knowledge and Creativity in a Digital Context Lecture by Lawrence Lessig. Sponsored by The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress. 6:30 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Robert Saladini, 202-707-2692, rsal@loc.gov.

Resources for Responding to Acts of Terrorism. Includes tour of EPA Libraries. Sponsored by DC Chapter, Special Libraries Association. 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. EPA Auditorium, Room 1153, EPA East, 1201 Constitution Ave., N.W. R.S.V.P. required to Richard Huffine, 202-566-0703, huffine.richard@epa.gov.

**March 7 (Monday) -
March 18 (Friday)**

Records, E-Records, and E-Government. University of Maryland College of Information Studies On-line Workshop on Virtual Reference and Legal Issues. Contact: Betsy Alexander, elizalex@umd.edu.

**March 7 (Monday) -
March 26 (Saturday)**

Electronic Collection Development for the Academic e-Library. Association of College and Research Libraries Online Seminar. Register at <www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/ecollectiondevelopment.

**March 7 (Monday) -
April 29 (Friday)**

U.S. Copyright Law Online. Sponsored by Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) Education Working Group. Contact: <www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0517.pdf> or 202-707-4800.

Managing Copyright Issues Online. Sponsored by FLICC Education Working Group. Contact: <www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0518.pdf> or 202-707-4800.

**March 8
(Tuesday)**

DCLA Board Meeting. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Gelman Library, George Washington University, Room 202. Contact: Noel Rutherford (202) 282-0213 or nrutherford@yahoo.com. **Note change of venue!**

**March 8 (Tuesday) -
March 9 (Wednesday)**

2005 Legal Research Institutes I and II. Sponsored by the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Georgetown University Law Center, Edward Bennett Williams Library, 111 G St., N.W. Contact: Jane Walsh, 202-662-9199.

**March 9
(Wednesday)**

Reference 24/7: Serving the Troops. Sponsored by the DCLA Reference Interest Group. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Charles Sumner School, 17th and M Sts., N.W. Contact Kirsten Allen, allen@american.edu, 202-885-3849.

From Soup to Nuts: Blogs, Blogging, and the Greater Impacts to Information Science. Sponsored by ASIS&T Potomac Valley Chapter. 6:30 p.m. Campus of Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Laurel, MD. Contact: <www.asis.org/Chapters/assispvc/index.html> or Nichole Kallas, nkallas@usgs.gov.

**March 10
(Thursday)**

Internet Resources for Children's Librarians and Their Clientele. 1:30-4:30 p.m. OCLC/CAPCON, 1990 M St., N.W. Contact: Shawna Culter, 202-331-5771, ext. 214, culters@oclc.org.

**March 10 (Thursday) -
March 24 (Thursday)**

Effective Collaboration for Campus-wide Information Literacy. Online information seminar offered by the Association of College and Research Libraries and the TLT Group. Live Webcasts on Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Contact: <www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/collaboration.htm>.

**March 11
(Friday)**

Dealing with Difficult People. Soaring to Excellence 2005 Teleconference for Library Technicians. Sponsored by Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group. 9:00 a.m.–noon. Mary Pickford Theater, Madison Bldg., 3rd floor, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: FLICC, 202-707-4800, <www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0506.pdf.

Striking Gold Every Time: Using Selective Web Directories to Find the Best of the Web on Almost Any Topic. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OCLC/CAPCON, 1990 M St., N.W. Contact: Shawna Culter, 202-331-5771, ext. 214, culters@oclc.org.

**March 14
(Monday)**

Implications for the Creation and Distribution of Knowledge in Today's Digital Environment. A Managing Knowledge and Creativity in a Digital Context Lecture by Edward L. Ayers. Sponsored by The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress. 6:30 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Robert Saladini, 202-707-2692, rsal@loc.gov.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS (cont.)

- March 16 (Wednesday)** **Strengthening Core Collections at University Libraries in Iraq.** Society for International Development Development Information Workgroup meeting. Noon – 2:00. Development Information Center, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 300 South. Bring photo ID. Contact: Gail Wadsworth, 202-712-4464, gwadswor@dis.cdie.org.
- March 16 (Wednesday) - March 18 (Friday)** **Computers in Libraries 2005.** Conference sponsored by Information Today, Inc. Washington Hilton Hotel. Contact: 609-654-6266, custserv@infotoday.com.
- March 28 (Monday)** **From the Library of Information to the Library of Things.** A Managing Knowledge and Creativity in a Digital Context Lecture by Neil Gershenfeld. Sponsored by The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress. 6:30 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Robert Saladini, 202-707-2692, rsal@loc.gov.
- Discussion of a proposed “Go Local” (a project of MedlinePlus) initiative for the DC area.** Sponsored by the DC Area Health Sciences Libraries. George Washington University’s Himmelfarb Library, Room B-103. Contact: Robert Mohrman, 202-782-6762, robert.mohrman@us.army.mil.
- March 30 (Wednesday)** **Pub Night.** Sponsored by the DCLA New Librarians Interest Group. 6:30 p.m. Location to be announced. Contact: Laura Gonzales, laura.gonzales@dc.gov.
- March 31 (Thursday)** **The Entrepreneurial Librarian.** Presentation by Edwin S. Clay, Director, Fairfax County Public Library. Sponsored by the Virginia Library Association, Region V. 9:00 a.m.-noon. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA. Contact: Bill Fleming, wfleming@gmu.edu.
- April 4 (Monday) - April 15 (Friday)** **Virtual Reference Software Selection.** University of Maryland College of Information Studies online workshop on Virtual Reference and Legal Issues. Contact: Betsy Alexander, elizalex@umd.edu.
- April 7 (Thursday) - April 10 (Sunday)** **ACRL 12th National Conference.** Minneapolis, MN. <www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlvents/12thnatconf/acrloverview>, 1-800-545-2433, ext. 2515.
- April 12 (Tuesday)** **DCLA Board Meeting.** 6:00-8:00 p.m. Gelman Library, George Washington University, Room 202. Contact: Noel Rutherford (202) 282-0213 or nrutherford@yahoo.com. **Note new venue!**
- April 12 (Tuesday) - April 26 (Tuesday)** **Information Literacy and Assessment.** Online information seminar offered by the Association of College and Research Libraries and the TLT Group. Live Webcasts on Tuesdays, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Contact: <www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/collaboration.htm>.
- April 15 (Friday)** **Joint Spring Workshop 2005: Information Organization for the 21st Century: Taxonomies, Ontologies, and the Semantic Web.** Sponsored by DCLA and others. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Bldg. Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 703-597-2806.
- April 16 (Saturday)** **16th Annual Celebration of Children’s Literature: Creative Connections: Innovative Ways to Bring Literature to Children.** Sponsored by Montgomery College, MD. 8:15 a.m.– 4:15 p.m. Globe Hall, High Tech & Science Center, Montgomery College, Germantown Campus. Contact: Jo Crichton, 301-601-6938, jo.crichton@montgomerycollege.edu.
- April 20 (Wednesday)** **Strengthening the Role of the Press during a Process of Reform: The Case of Turkey.** Society for International Development Development Information Workgroup meeting. Noon – 2:00. National Endowment for Democracy, 1101 15th St., N.W. Suite 700. Contact: Gail Wadsworth, 202-712-4464, gwadswor@dis.cdie.org.
- April 26 (Tuesday)** **Reference Tools for the Information Age.** Soaring to Excellence 2005 Teleconference for Library Technicians. Sponsored by Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group. 9:00 a.m.– noon. Mary Pickford Theater, Madison Bldg., 3rd floor, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: FLICC, 202-707-4800, <www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0506.pdf>.

CLIS Partners with DCPS to Train School Library Media Specialists by Delia Neuman

Since the 1830s, when our nation's first educational reform movement got underway, "reform" has been a theme throughout the history of American education. And repeatedly, school libraries were seen as key elements in whatever particular reform movement was in place. Today, as schools implement reform measures like charter schools, standards-based testing, and direct instruction, school library media centers continue to hold an important place in reforming education to meet the needs of the nation and its students.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recognizes the catalytic role of the library media center in today's schools, particularly those in urban settings. In 2003, IMLS granted almost \$10 million to 27 projects selected from 76 applications to its "Recruiting and Educating Librarians for the 21st Century" grant program. A half dozen of these projects specifically target the preparation of library media specialists. One of these is enabling the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies (CLIS) to recruit and educate eight current District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) employees to earn their MLS degrees with a specialization in School Library Media so that they can become library media specialists in the DCPS.

IMLS's \$209,026 grant to CLIS is providing full-tuition stipends to enable the DCPS Partnership students to take one course a

semester (and two each summer) for three years. Candidates will continue working for the DCPS throughout their studies and will return to DCPS as library media specialists for at least three years after graduation. Recruitment efforts began shortly after the grant was announced in October 2003, and recipients of the stipends were selected in June after CLIS and DCPS staff interviewed candidates who had already been admitted to the College for the Fall 2004 semester.

This fall, the DCPS Partners are taking their first course—LBSC 640, the introduction to the school library media field. They are reading articles, writing papers, observing in library media centers inside and beyond the District of Columbia, and getting used to juggling the busy lives they will lead for the next three years. In the fall of 2007, they will take their places as newly minted library media specialists in the DCPS.

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DCLA Student Loan Recipient in CLIS/DCPS Program

Deborah Hensley, library media specialist-designee at the Watkins Elementary School Campus of the Capitol Hill Cluster School and 2003 winner of DCLA's Ruth Fine Memorial Student Loan, writes to share this news:

Last year, I applied to the University of Maryland's College of Information Studies (CLIS). I was very happy when I received my acceptance letter during the summer, but a month later an even better acceptance letter came along—one that informed me that I had been awarded a full-tuition stipend to CLIS. The stipend was provided as the result of a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (ILMS) to a partnership between CLIS and the DC Public School system. After my initial shock at having been one of only eight men and women working for DCPS to be selected for this privilege, I realized that the program reflects some very good news about what the IMLS is doing for our profession, which I wanted to share with the readers of *Intercom*.

According to its own Web site, the IMLS is "an independent Federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities." The IMLS recognizes that anticipated shortfalls in the ranks of librarians will, unless checked, adversely impact the future of libraries. Additionally, realizing how important library media

DCPS/CLIS Partnership (cont.)

centers are in today's schools, the IMLS has embarked on a series of partnerships aimed at recruiting and educating library media specialists for the future, particularly in under-served communities.

I have used the word "partnership" intentionally. All the parties involved share in the obvious benefits, but they also share in the responsibilities. CLIS agrees to let the stipend recipients study at Maryland in-state rates (most are DC residents), which is the amount IMLS funds. DCPS agrees to cover the costs of substitutes during the practicum component of our program. The students have an obligation to stay with DCPS for at least 3 years upon receipt of their degrees. Five of the eight stipend recipients are not currently employed as library staff, so this means new talent to go into the schools.

I feel amazingly fortunate in being selected for this IMLS/CLIS/DCPS partnership program, which allows me to complete my degree over three years, while continuing to work full-time at my job as a library media specialist-designee for DCPS. I want to thank Dr. Delia Neuman, who is the associate professor and coordinator of the School Library Media Program at CLIS, and Dr. Bester Bonner, director of Library Media Services at DCPS, who helped make this program available to me and my fellow MLS students.

— Deborah Hensley

LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARIES

(submissions welcome to psard@comcast.net)

Francis Buckley, Jr. has been elected to the American Library Association's Executive Board, to serve a three year term from June 2005 to June 2008. He is currently a director of DCLA and a member of the board of directors the Freedom to Read Foundation. He has served as the U.S. Superintendent of Documents, chair of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, president of the Michigan Library Association, and a member of the OCLC Board of Trustees and of the Detroit Literacy Council Board of Directors. He earned his MLS at the University of Michigan.

Frank Kurt Cylke, director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at the Library of Congress, has received an honorary life membership in the World Blind Union.

Robert Newlen has been elected to a second term as an American Library Association Endowment Trustee. He will serve through June 2008. He is the head of the legislative relations office, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress and a member of the ALA Scholarship Task Force. He has served as a member of the ALA Executive Board (1996-2000), a director of DCLA (1991-1993) and as DCLA's ALA Chapter Councilor (1991-1996). He holds an MA from American University and an MSLS from Catholic University.

Patricia J. West is the newest member of the PsycINFO team. She joined the American Psychological Association in January 2005 as the new

training/documentation specialist. In this capacity, she will develop training programs and a variety of user support and search tools for all of APA's products.

A native of Massachusetts, Patricia comes to APA with nearly 20 years of professional writing experience in the research and business worlds. She recently received her master's degree in library and information studies from the University of Alabama. As part of her graduate training, she recently completed an internship in the reference department at American University.

In her new position, she is looking forward to meeting and interacting with APA's diverse customer base and helping users to take advantage of the excellent resources available from APA. "PsycINFO is such a highly respected research product and I'm thrilled to have an opportunity to help people make the most of it."

The **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** has awarded an \$85,200 "Staying Connected" cash grant to the District of Columbia to expand computer training labs and buy eleven computers at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library. Maryland's grant is for \$157,200 to upgrade hardware in seven computer labs. Virginia has received \$276,640 to add or replace computers in 196 libraries. The technology purchased with the grants does not need to come from Microsoft, according to Martha Choe, director of the Foundation's Global Libraries project.

DCLA AWARDS COMMITTEE SEEKS NOMINATIONS FROM YOU!

DCLA recognizes exemplary contributions to libraries and librarianship at its annual Spring Banquet. Please contact Awards Committee chair Bill Turner at (202) 727-4968 or bill.turner@dc.gov by **March 31** with your nominations. Visit <www.dcla.org> for a description of each award.

Ainsworth Rand Spofford President's Award	Community Service Award	Distinguished Service Award
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RUTH FINE MEMORIAL
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For the fourth year, DCLA will award two \$5,000 Ruth Fine Memorial student loans to library school students.

Previously, loans have been awarded based on commitment to pursuing a professional career in the library/information science field, academic background, previous work experience, and financial need. Preference will be given to a District of Columbia resident or someone employed in the District of Columbia.

The loan may be forgiven after evidence of superior academic achievement in library school.

Interested applicants should go to the DCLA Web site (www.dcla.org/dcla-loan.htm) for more information and application forms.

The deadline for applications is **Friday, April 15, 2005.**

Questions? Contact Jean Craigwell, DCLA Student Assistance Committee, 202-458-6172 (jcraigwell@oas.org).

**31st Annual National Library Legislative Day
May 3-4, 2005
On Capitol Hill
Sponsored by ALA & DCLA**

The National Library Legislative Day Planning Committee welcomes new members and volunteers. Join us!!
Volunteers are needed for:

Saturday, April 30, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Stuffing party: Stuff/assemble materials for use by participants and senators/representatives

ALA Washington Office

Need 10-12 volunteers

Tuesday, May 3, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Issue Briefing Day: Assist with registration/folder pickup

Holiday Inn on Capitol Hill

Need 6 volunteers plus 1 volunteer from 10:00 – 12:00 noon

Wednesday, May 4, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

National Library Legislative Day: Assist with registration

Capitol Hill

Need 3-4 volunteers

Wednesday, May 4, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

National Library Legislative Day Reception

Greet participants, identify representatives/senators and match them with constituents

Capitol Hill

Need 5-6 volunteers

**To volunteer, contact Bill Turner
at DC Public Library
202-727-4968 or bill.turner@dc.gov**



Publishing Opportunities.....

- ◆ *Intercom* needs a reporter to prepare a story on the status of the DC Public Library's rebuilding program. Guidance will be provided on whom to interview, etc. If interested, please contact Susan Randolph, 703-533-1971, psard@comcast.net.
- ◆ *Cognotes*, published by the American Library Association at annual conferences and midwinter meetings, is looking for volunteers to write articles about meeting sessions at the upcoming annual conference in Chicago from June 23 – 29. If you're interested, contact Stephanie Hoerner, shoerner@ala.org. DCLA's own Bill Turner (202-727-4968, bill.turner@dc.gov) has served as a *Cognotes* reporter and would be happy to share his experiences.
- ◆ The Association of College and Research Libraries College Libraries Section (CLS) is offering a new service called "Your Research Coach." According to CLS, the service is designed to "help academic librarians achieve success with publication and conference presentation opportunities" by matching "an experienced author or presenter (the coach) with a colleague who can benefit from a seasoned colleague's advice (the research partner)." For details and application forms, go to www.acrl.org/CLS and select "The 'Your Research Coach' Program" from Programs and Discussion Groups. For more information, contact Rick Hart, rlh@psulias.psu.edu or Rob Lenholt, rlelholt@stetson.edu.
- ◆ The Young Adult Library Services Association is seeking an editor for its quarterly journal, *Young Adult Library Services*, for a three year term beginning with the Fall 2005 issue. The application deadline is March 15. Applicants must be YALSA members. The editor will receive an honorarium of \$500 per issue and \$500 to attend each of ALA's midwinter and annual conferences. For more information, contact Beth Yoke, YALSA executive director, 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4391 or byoke@ala.org.

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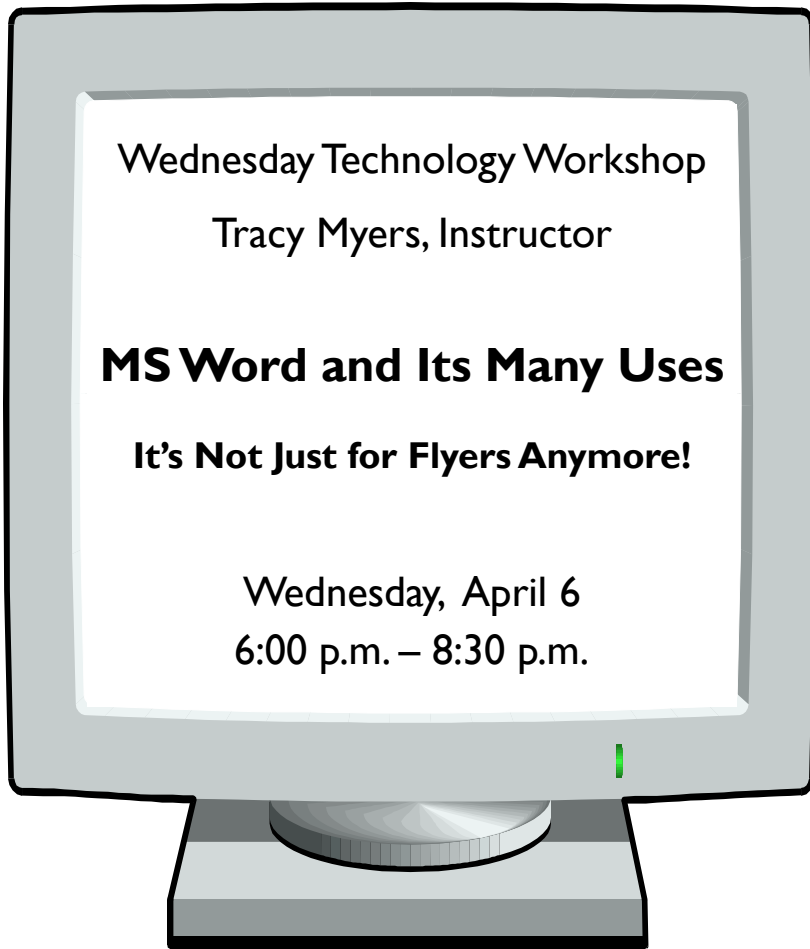
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