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Dear ALLUNY members:

April may not be the cruelest month in Western New York, but it's still pretty cold. But that means May is almost here, and around here a librarian's thoughts turn to the ALLUNY Spring Institute.

Last year's program focused on some of the dangers of cyberspace, in particular identity theft and privacy. While those issues have certainly not disappeared, the past twelve months have seen an explosion of new tools and technologies intended to help people connect, share information, and build networks of friends and colleagues all built around collaboration and interaction. From blogs to Twitter, from networking spaces like MySpace and Facebook to workgroup tools like Google Docs and Zoho, people are flocking online to share their interests and enhance their work in ways never possible before. This year's Spring Institute focuses on these new social networking technologies and how they can be of benefit to us.

Once again, the staff of the H. Douglas Barclay Law Library at Syracuse University College of Law has been gracious enough to host our program. The Spring Institute will take place Friday, May 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lunch is included in the registration fee. Discount parking is available for a small additional fee: see the registration form at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/si2007/> for details.

We have some excellent speakers lined up, but first you'll have to listen to me. We all have a lot to learn—and a lot to gain—from working with some of these new tools. I look forward to seeing you in a few weeks in Syracuse.

Sincerely yours,

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