

Track's Offerings Update Practitioner's Toolkit

Overview

One of the five tracks developed for the educational programs for the 2001 Minneapolis meeting is Practitioner's Toolkit. As our profession evolves, we need to keep current with the tools that are the nuts and bolts of our everyday work. The Practitioner's Toolkit track focuses on the means and implementation of our proficiencies as professional librarians.

While many of the themes overlap, the 24 programs in the Practitioner's Toolkit track speak to specific applications in our profession. Themes addressed in this track cover many of our day-to-day work lives of cataloging, teaching, publishing, specific subject areas of reference and research, time management, technology applications, Web searching and Web page design.

Programs

Sunday, July 15

"Power Search — Strategies for Successful Internet Searching"

This program addresses hands-on techniques to fine-tune Web searching.

"The Young and the Restless: What Are the Realities of Professional Growth for New Academic Librarians?"

Plan your career path more successfully.

"Using Metadata to Increase Visibility: The GPO Access Search Engine Project"

Improve your Web site's visibility with this hands-on session.

"The New Reality of a United Germany: German Legal Sources and Research Strategies"

Learn very specific issues of German law.

"Pornography on the Internet: A New Reality"

Understand the limits and constraints concerning access to pornography on the Internet and its implications in public areas.

"Celebrating John Marshall: The 200th Anniversary of His Elevation to Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court"

This a great session for legal-history research and for assessing the impact of John Marshall.

"Teaching Roles and Realities: Choosing the Legal Research Text That's Right for You"

This program features an evaluation of texts by a panel of prominent authors.

"New Roles for Catalogers: Subject Access to the Web"

Learn to use controlled vocabulary to fine-tune subject access to the Web.

Monday, July 16

"Maximizing the Firm's Technology Investment: Creative Intranet Applications"

Learn about information dissemination within the firm environment via an intranet in another hands-on session.

"Put a CORC in It: The Cooperative Online Resource Catalog's Attempt to Control the WWW Information Flow"

This is a "must" session for any user of OCLC.

"When to Pay the Piper: The Copyright Clearance Center — the Robin Hood of the 21st Century, or Robbing Peter to Pay Paul?"

Keep current with changing copyright law.

"Cataloger's Dilemma: When and How to Use Law Uniform Titles"

A must for catalogers, this program addresses specific applications of AACR2 25.15 and 25.16.

"New Roles? Retooling Yourself for Work in the 21st Century"

Turn your work efficiency into work effectiveness.

"American Indian Law: The New Reality of Native Sovereignty"

This session introduces federal Indian law and tribal law.

Tuesday, July 17

"We're Hiring: Designing IT Job Descriptions to Attract the Very Best"

Get useful tools to help write job descriptions and to conduct a meaningful job analysis.

"Implementing the MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data: The New Frontier in Technical Services"

Identify specific fields of USMARC format for Holdings Data in another session for catalogers.

"Time Management: There Really Are Enough Hours in the Day"

Prioritize and set effective time-management goals.

"New Paths Into the Trackless Wilderness: New Electronic Resources for Researching State and Local Government Information"

Learn new ways to locate and navigate state and local government information.

"Legal Research for the Xers and Nexters: Redesigning a Program"

This forms an excellent sequel from the 2000 session on teaching legal research to the MTV generation.

Wednesday, July 18

"Getting Published: A How-To Discussion for the Hesitant Cyber Writer and Paper Writer"

Learn the premier writing venues for law librarians in this session.

"Prometheus Unbound: 'Firing Up' United Nations Legal Researchers"

Find out about U.N. legal research, the UNBIS database and the U.N.'s Official Documents Search Web site.

"And You Thought Gadgets Were Only for the Kitchen! 60 Technology Gadgets in 60 Minutes"

New products that can help in our daily lives are highlighted.

"What You Don't Know Can Hurt You: Essential Technical Services Knowledge for Public Services Librarians"

This meeting highlights technical services policies that impact the catalog.

"World Wide Web Site Design and Management Considerations"

Learn about Web site composition and diagnostic tools, as well as color, text, graphic and navigation guidelines.

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