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Announcements

Edward Swanson Retires

Carla Dewey Urban, Minitex/BATS

It is with mixed feelings that I announce the retirement of Edward Swanson from Minitex's Contract Cataloging unit. If this leaves you with a sense of déjà vu, that's because this is Edward's second retirement. Almost 11 years ago, he retired from the Minnesota Historical Society after thirty-one years of service. But, he decided that, as cataloging was one of the things he really enjoyed in life, he wanted to continue doing it, so he joined the Minitex ConCats. We've enjoyed the benefit of his wisdom, expertise, leadership and friendship for nine years, and we'll miss him greatly when he retires on January 13.



Edward's career has been long and influential. He surely felt a strong calling to the profession -- he joined the Minnesota Library Association while he was still in high school! He began as the Assistant to the Librarian at Macalester College (his alma mater) and then moved to the Minnesota Historical Society where he led the Newspaper, Processing and Technical Services departments, culminating in the position of Coordinator of Library Cataloging and Principal Cataloger.

These positions reflect only a portion of the contribution he has made to librarianship as Edward has always chosen to actively participate in associations and cooperative efforts. He played a vital role as a Minnesota AACR2 Trainer, helping librarians throughout the state learn and understand the new cataloging rules. He not only provided in-person training, but authored and edited numerous manuals and other documentation to support cataloging that were used nationwide. He volunteered to prepare curriculum and conducting training for MN Opportunities for Technical Services Excellence (MOTSE), strengthening the cataloging knowledge of Minnesota librarians and paraprofessionals. He has served as a long-time NACO trainer for the region and as the Minnesota NACO funnel. He has also been active on the national and international levels on ALA and IFLA boards and committees and as editor of many publications.

To us here at Minitex, his experience and cataloging knowledge have been invaluable. When catalogers in the Minitex Contract Cataloging Program or from other libraries come to him with questions, Edward is able to explain not

only the appropriate rule, but how it came into being, why it took the shape it did, and how it can best be applied in real life situations to provide the greatest utility to a library patron – the ultimate objective of any cataloging. He is able to see both the forest and the trees and explain how they relate to and affect each other.

Edward Swanson's career has been characterized by a true love and understanding of cataloging; dedication to sharing that knowledge with others, through training, one-on-one consultations, and publication; and a commitment to the professional community and its activities. His generosity and dedication to colleagues and cataloging have been greatly appreciated.

We hope that you will join us to celebrate this special man and his career, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 3:30 to 5:30, with a presentation at 4:00, in the Atrium of the Elmer L. Andersen Library on the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, West Bank. ■

Announcements

New BATS Coordinator

Carla Dewey Urban, Minitex/BATS

Please join us in welcoming Mark Ehlert to the Minitex Bibliographic and Technical Services (BATS) Unit. Mark has worked for Minitex as a Contract Cataloger for two years and will be moving over to be a Coordinator in BATS. His responsibilities will include management of the Contract Cataloging Program after Edward Swanson's retirement.



Mark received his MLS from Dominican University (with coursework at St. Kate's), and he worked previously in the technical services areas of Wilson Library at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and St. John's University. Mark's strong background in cataloging and metadata, knowledge of Aleph, and familiarity with many of our participant libraries will be great asset to us in BATS.

Please note that, now, we'll have two Marks in BATS. If you're calling for one of them in particular, you'll need to use his last names. Mark Ehlert can be reached via e-mail at ehler043@umn.edu. ■

General

College of DuPage Teleconference

Sara Ring, Minitex/BATS

Our colleagues in Minitex Reference Services schedule and coordinate a number of teleconferences throughout the year - all at no charge for Minitex participating libraries. There is a teleconference coming up soon that might be of interest to staff who work in technical services. You can choose to attend in person at the University of Minnesota Campus or have it streamed live to your computer.



Cataloging: Where are we now? Where are we Going?

Friday, Feb. 19, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CST)

Librarians are justly proud of their accomplishments in organizing the world's published information through the use of standard subject headings and the ubiquitous, demanding MARC record. But, with the explosion of more information stored electronically, do our old standards remain relevant today? Has keyword trumped the subject heading?

Librarians also see their roles changing as more information description and metadata production are handled by other professionals. Will online tagging or vendor descriptions diminish the need for librarians? Questions are rife on what exactly are the thrust of RDA, the new AACR2?

Renee Register, Senior Product Manager at OCLC, and Karen Coyle, noted consultant and leader in the area of digital libraries, will review current cataloging practices and discuss the future of metadata, the MARC record, the Resource Description and Access (RDA) standard, and the librarian's place in online information organization and access.

There is no cost to attend this teleconference, but registration is required. When you register online, do not complete the billing information section on the form. Visit the following URL for more information and to register.

<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/teleconferences/#cataloging> ■

Going to ALA Midwinter?

Get the latest information on OCLC services and programs at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, Jan. 15-19. Twenty-six special events and meetings are planned, including the OCLC Update Breakfast and an OCLC Symposium, "On the Radar: How Libraries and Other Nonprofits Can Increase Their Influence." Register online to attend any of these events by following the URL below:

<http://www.oclc.org/info/ala>

The report is being mailed to OCLC member libraries and partners, but you can also access it online here:

<http://www.oclc.org/news/publications/annualreports/2009/2009.pdf> ■

General

Records Added to WorldCat.org

Mark Wilhelmi, Minitex/BATS

OCLC recently indexed records from three more databases in WorldCat.org.

OAster

OAster records are now included in WorldCat.org search results. OAster is a union catalog built by harvesting open archive digital collections. It has 23 million records for books and articles, photos, audio and visual files, theses, research papers, and data sets.

Try these searches (limited to Internet resources) to see OAster records in WorldCat.org.

- ti: temples bouddhiques
- kw: Louis Armstrong Leon Rene

PapersFirst and ProceedingsFirst

PapersFirst and ProceedingsFirst records will also appear in WorldCat results. Together these indexes contain 7.4 million items from conferences, symposiums, and expositions.

Perform these sample searches to see PapersFirst and ProceedingsFirst records in WorldCat.org.

- Fighting fire with fire: brain stimulation for the treatment of epilepsy (from PapersFirst)
- Strategies towards sustainability of protected cultivation in mild winter climate (from ProceedingsFirst)

The records for PapersFirst, ProceedingsFirst, and OAster are only indexed and will only appear in the WorldCat.org interface. These records will not appear in WorldCat on the FirstSearch platform or in WorldCat through the cataloging or Resource Sharing interfaces. ■

General

OCLC Publishes 42nd Annual Report

Sara Ring, Minitex/BATS

The report contains a message from Jay Jordan, OCLC President (quoted below), facts and figures, and strategic directions for OCLC.

The economic downturn notwithstanding, libraries maintained their strong use of OCLC systems and services.

Here are a few facts taken from the report. Libraries used OCLC to:

- Catalog 273.8 million items online and via batchload
- Add 30.9 million records to the WorldCat database
- Arrange 10.3 million interlibrary loans
- Perform 723 million end-user reference searches on the OCLC FirstSearch service
- Perform 143.1 million click-throughs from partner sites on the Web to the WorldCat.org landing page
- Add 29,633 records to WorldCat for digital objects managed by CONTENTdm.

WorldCat Holdings Webinar

OCLC is offering a free webinar, *WorldCat Holdings: Why They Matter and the Tools to Maintain Them*.

This course reviews benefits for libraries of accurate WorldCat holdings and provides information on the available methods for maintaining holdings. After completing this web-based training, managers of cataloging and technical services functions will be prepared to select and implement the holdings maintenance methods that are most appropriate for their library. This course is intended primarily for managers of cataloging and technical services in OCLC member libraries.

To register, visit the following url that will take you to the OCLC Training Portal:

<http://tinyurl.com/ydhzcx5>

year. The revised text has been successfully loaded into the RDA database. The product is currently undergoing thorough quality review and testing in preparation for release.

We recognize that customers and prospective users of RDA need reliable and timely information for planning and budgeting. We are confident that this revised deadline is a realistic target for publication of RDA.

Pricing and purchasing information will be introduced at the time of the ALA Midwinter Meeting, 15-18 January 2010.

Mary Ghikas, Chair Committee of Principals
Alan Danskin, Chair Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA
Don Chatham, Chair Co-publishers ■

Cataloging & Metadata

Expert Community Experiment Update

Mark Wilhelmi, Minitex/BATS

This article is a summary of the past few announcements sent to the OCLC-Cat electronic mailing list by Glenn Patton, OCLC Director of WorldCat Quality Management

Last February, in response to requests from the cataloging community, OCLC began the Expert Community Experiment. Members with full-level cataloging authorizations who participated were able to improve, upgrade, and make more changes than previously allowed to WorldCat master records.

The Experiment ran from February-August 2009. During that period almost 1,700 institutions made nearly 109,000 replacements. Consequently, OCLC declared the Experiment a success, and the functionality implemented for the Experiment remains available for your use.

Since August, activity has continued to be strong, and OCLC encourages all member libraries with full-level cataloging authorizations to participate in the Expert Community. Participants can correct, improve and upgrade all WorldCat master records, with the exception of PCC records (BIBCO and CONSER records). Library of Congress records that are not PCC records are included.

For more information you can go to the Expert Community pages on the OCLC Web site at:

Cataloging & Metadata

RDA Delayed

Mark Wilhelmi; Minitex/BATS

RDA is coming, but its publication date has been postponed until June 2010. Be assured that Minitex will offer training on RDA when the time comes.

The announcement below was posted on the Web site of the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA:

<http://www.rda-jsc.org/rdapubupdate.html>

RDA: Resource Description and Access will be published in June 2010. While we regret this delay in release of RDA, the transition from publication of AACR2 as a printed manual to release of RDA as a web based toolkit is a complex process with many interdependencies.

The updated text of RDA incorporates recommendations from constituencies and other stakeholders approved at the JSC meeting earlier this

<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/worldcat/catalog/quality/expert/default.htm>

A wrap-up webinar was presented at the end of the Experiment, and the recording of the webinar is available on those pages. If you didn't get a chance to participate in one of the live sessions, click on "Recorded web sessions" in the navigation bar on the left and select "Expert Community Wrap-up Webinar" from the list.

If you would like to track your institution's statistics, log on to OCLC Product Services Web (<http://psw.oclc.org>) and select "download records and reports." Select the report called "OCLC Product Code Detail Usage Report."

You can either display the report or download it. To track your Expert Community replace activity, look for the product code, ONT6390. Statistics are available for July through December of this fiscal year (FY10) as well as for February through June of last fiscal year (FY09). ■

Cataloging & Metadata

ALCTS New Members Interest Group

Sara Ring, Minitex/BATS

If you're planning to attend the ALA Midwinter meeting in Boston, consider attending the inaugural meeting of the ALCTS New Members Interest Group (ANMIG).

Established in Sept. 2009, ANMIG will provide a forum for exchanging information and discussing issues of interest to new ALCTS members. It will serve as a vehicle to create a feedback mechanism for new members while helping them build a knowledgebase of the organization and its resources.

To view more information about ANMIG, visit their ALA Connect Community Page:

<http://connect.ala.org/node/85257>



New members, veteran members, and even non-ALCTS members are invited to participate

via their open community group on ALA Connect (NOTE: you have to be an ALA member). If you use Facebook or Twitter, ANMIG will soon have a presence on these social networking sites. ■

Local Holdings Maintenance

More Webinars Scheduled

Dave Linton, Minitex/MULS

Start the new decade off right with the training you need to keep your Local Holdings Records up-to-date. Minitex has scheduled two complete series of Local Holdings Maintenance webinars for the beginning of 2010. Each session covers different aspects of Local Holdings maintenance and provides library staff with the tools and information needed to maintain accurate holdings in OCLC WorldCat. These sessions are strongly recommended for staff that are just beginning to work with Local Holdings Records in OCLC and as a refresher for staff that haven't worked with their holdings in a while.

The sessions cover distinct aspects of LHR maintenance.

Part 1 - Focuses on working with items that are already have a Local Holdings Record (LHR) in OCLC. Participants will learn how to edit and update their records, and how to remove existing LHRs that are no longer wanted.

Part 2 - Teaches participants two distinct methods for creating new LHRs for their libraries.

Part 3 - Explores some of the less common forms of holdings - from holdings with detailed enumeration or chronology data to non-print holdings - and lets us work through complex examples from our participants.

For more details on each of these sessions, see the descriptions on the Minitex training web page.

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#99>

Remember that these webinars are offered not only to libraries in the Minitex and WiLS regions; now libraries using the OCLC Training Portal may also register for these sessions. OCLC has said they are doing even more to actively promote the Training Portal, so if you want to attend one of these sessions, we encourage you to sign up early.

If you have questions about these sessions, or if you'd like to discuss other training needs that aren't addressed by these sessions, please feel free to contact us in the Minitex MULS office (contact information at the end of this *Mailing*). We look forward to hearing from you at one of these sessions! ■

CONTENTdm Featured Collections

OCLC; edited

This month, *four* collections from the CONTENTdm Collection of Collections are featured on the OCLC Web site. The featured collections are *UMBC Digital Collections; Bound and Unbound: Altered Book Exhibition; Lawrence University Department of Theatre Arts Productions; and University of Iowa Museum of Art Digital Collection*

UMBC Digital Collections

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

<http://contentdm.ad.umbc.edu>

This site features selected materials from the Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). The Digital Collections website includes images from the Special Collections Photography Collections, including Lewis Hine's child labor photographs, George Bretz's coal mining photographs, Civil War photos, and other important collections; selections from UMBC publications and photographs; electronic theses and dissertations starting in 2007; promotional materials from the Theatre Department productions (1967-2009); and the digital archive of The Retriever Weekly.

Bound and Unbound: Altered Book Exhibition

University of South Dakota

<http://dlsd.sdln.net/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=/alteredbook>

Bound and Unbound: Altered Book Exhibition was held at the University Libraries, The University of South Dakota, from March 20-June 15, 2009. Hosted by the Art, Exhibits and Events Committee of the University Libraries, the unjuried exhibition was the result of an open call for entries in the local area. Artists began with books that were then altered through painting, drawing, collage, cutting, gluing, sewing, casting and other techniques, to form new works of art. Some books were changed only on the inside, and others become more sculptural and conceptual, the original book itself disappearing in the process.

Lawrence University Department of Theatre Arts Productions

Lawrence University

<http://www.lawrence.edu/library/contentdm/LTDP/index.shtml>

This growing collection of programs and images taken

during Department of Theatre Arts productions was started with the 2008-2009 season. Each year, programs and images will be added from the current season. Past performances will be added over time.

University of Iowa Museum of Art Digital Collection

University of Iowa

<http://digital.lib.uiowa.edu/uima>

The permanent collections of the UIMA contain over 12,000 objects from masterworks of European and American Art of the last century to a world renowned collection of traditional African Art. During the 1940s and 1950s, the University's School of Art and Art History presented exhibitions of contemporary art and acquired works from these exhibitions. Many of the Museum's most important paintings were acquired during these years, including Max Beckmann's *Karneval* and Joan Miro's 1939 *A Drop of Dew Falling from the Wing of a Bird Awakens Rosalie Asleep in the Shade of a Cobweb*.

Areas represented in the UIMA collections include African Arts, Art of the Americas, Ceramics, Drawings, Paintings, Photography, Prints, Sculpture, and Other Arts. Currently, the UIMA Digital Collection features over 5,100 of the Museum's 12,000 objects; the rest of the holdings will be added in the near future.

These are just a few of the many digital collections created by CONTENTdm users. To access the entire Collection of Collections, go to:

<http://www.oclc.org/contentdm/collections> ■

CONTENTdm Events at ALA Midwinter

Sara Ring, Minitex/BATS

If you plan to attend the ALA Midwinter meeting in Boston, here are a few CONTENTdm events you may be interested in attending.

Preconference: Web Template Redesign

Friday, Jan 15th, 9:00 am to Noon

What is the best user experience for end-users of CONTENTdm? As OCLC engages in reworking the CONTENTdm Web Templates, usability studies are being

conducted to help get the design right. Our usability studies have included focus groups, walkthroughs, interviews, and surveys. Come hear the results of these ongoing studies and find out how this usability research has informed the redesign of the Web Templates.

Sharing your CONTENTdm Metadata with the World

Friday, Jan 15th, 9:00 am to Noon

How should I export my metadata so that it is meaningful to users of harvesters and other systems? Come hear about the work-in-progress of the CONTENTdm Metadata Working Group. We are looking for the best maps and metadata schemas for exporting to outside systems. We will discuss the creation of a “Best Practice Guide to sharing CONTENTdm metadata.” This is a brief user guide based on testing that we’re doing with the CONTENTdm WorldCat Sync to the Digital Collection Gateway — the dynamic tool for synchronizing your CONTENTdm metadata with WorldCat.

To register for either of these preconferences send an e-mail to Geri Bunker Ingram directly: ingramg@oclc.org

CONTENTdm Users Group Meeting

Monday, Jan 18th, 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Whether you’re a seasoned veteran or a new CONTENTdm “quick start” user, attend to hear what’s new in the CONTENTdm community and the WorldCat Digital Collection Gateway. This meeting will also feature a presentation by Lyn MacCorkle of the University of Miami.

Registration information for the CONTENTdm Users Group Meeting can be accessed at the following URL:

https://www3.oclc.org/app/ala_registration

For those of you unable to attend ALA Midwinter, OCLC will post presentations from both the Pre-conference and the Users Group Meeting on the User Support Center after the event. Additionally, they will be holding Web sessions in Feb. that will repeat several presentations given at ALA. ■

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JANUARY 2010

**Edward Swanson, Minitex Contract Cataloging,
retires in January 2010. You're invited to attend a
reception in his honor.**

**Wed., Jan. 13, 3:30 - 5:30
Elmer L. Andersen Library Atrium
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**

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MINITEX CALENDAR

This calendar primarily lists events scheduled by Minitex, although other events are included. This is an informational posting only, registration materials are sent

separately. If you would like your event included in the calendar, please call Kay Kirscht at 612-624-3532.

JANUARY

13
DublinCore for Beginners
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., CST
Online training session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#201>

13-15
Minnesota's Birth-to-Three Conference: "Engaging Fathers: Strengthening Families"
Alexandria, MN
Conference
<http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/tab2.aspx?EventID=741981>

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Local Holdings Maintenance - Part 1
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., CST
Online Training Session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#99>

15-20
ALA 2010 Midwinter Meeting
Boston, MA
Conference
<http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2010/index.cfm>

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Connexion Client Module 2 – Basic Searching in Connexion Browser
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, CST
Online Training Session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#240>

21
Local Holdings Maintenance - Part 2
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., CST
Online training session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#100>

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Connexion Client Modules 3 & 4 – Basic Editing, Record Processing and Save File Management
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., CST
Online Training Session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#248>

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Local Holdings Maintenance - Part 3
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., CST
Online training session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#101>

29
Making the Best of a Shrinking Budget
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CST
Teleconference, Presented by the College of DuPage
Wilson Library, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/teleconferences/#budget>

FEBRUARY

4
DublinCore for Beginners
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., CST
Online training session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#201>

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Advanced Cataloging Tools in Connexion Client
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., CST
Online training session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#264>

9
Local Holdings Maintenance - Part 1
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, CST
Online Training Session
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#99>

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Connexion Browser Module 6: Advanced Bibliographic Search in Connexion Browser

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#266>

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CatExpress

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#244>

16

Local Holdings Maintenance - Part 2

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#100>

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Connexion Client Module 7: Advanced Bibliographic Searching

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon, CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#26>

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Cataloging: Where are we now? Where are we going?

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CST

Teleconference, Presented by the College of DuPage

Wilson Library, U of M, Twin Cities

<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/teleconferences/#cataloging>

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Local Holdings Maintenance - Part 3

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#101>

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2010 Library Legislative Day

Contact: Mark Ranum, Plum Creek Library System
507-376-5803

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WorldCat Collection Analysis

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#76>

MARCH

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Connexion Client Modules 3 & 4 – Basic Editing, Record Processing and Save File Management

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., CST

Online Training Session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#248>

10

CatExpress

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#244>

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Information Literacy Education: A National Overview

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CST

Teleconference, Presented by the College of DuPage

Wilson Library, U of M, Twin Cities

<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/teleconferences/#literacy>

17-18

Library Technology Conference 2010

Macalester College, St. Paul, MN

Conference

http://digitalcommons.macalester.edu/libtech_conf/2010

APRIL

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Advanced Cataloging Tools in Connexion Client

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#264>

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Tools, Skills, Staffing, Training

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CST

Teleconference, Presented by the College of DuPage

Wilson Library, U of M, Twin Cities

<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/teleconferences/#trends>

19-21

2010 MPLA / OLA Joint Conference: “Explore the Possibilities”

Oklahoma City, OK

Contact: Elvita Landau, Brookings Public Library, elandau@sdlin.net

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CatExpress

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., CST

Online training session

<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/webinars.asp#244>