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Conference Presentations on the Web

If you missed our sessions at the MLA or MEMO conferences on ELM and NetLibrary, you can catch the highlights on our website. Connect to <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/reference/elm.asp>. On the bottom half of the page, look for "ELM Overview" and "NetLibrary." If you have questions about the presentations, contact Heidi Temple, 612-626-9843 or 800-462-5348, h temple@umn.edu.

LSTA Grant Writing Workshops

State Library Services & School Technology is offering several sessions of the 2005 LSTA Grant Writing Training Workshop. Presented by Jym Wroblewski, LSTA Grant Coordinator/ Administrator, the workshop is open to staff from all school, public, academic, and special libraries. The agenda for the workshop includes revised eligibility guidelines and application process, open grant process, revised budgetary requirements, matching funds requirement, grant writing tips, 2005 LSTA application timeline, and an updated evaluation process & timeline.

Registration is required: please contact the representative listed for the location of the workshop you plan to attend.

SELCO/SELS

Monday, November 1, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room
2600 19th Street NW
Rochester, MN 55901
Contact: Barbara Misselt, bmisselt@selco.lib.mn.us, 507-288-5513

Department of Education

Tuesday, November 2, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
ITV Conference Room 12
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113
Contact: Jym Wroblewski, jym.wroblewski@state.mn.us, 651-582-8805

Arrowhead Library System

Wednesday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Sawmill Inn of Grand Rapids
2301 South Highway 169
Grand Rapids, MN 55744
Contact: Rebecca Patton, rpatton@arrowhead.lib.mn.us, 218-741-3840

Northern Lights Library Network

Thursday, November 4, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
MN State Community and Technical College – Detroit Lakes
Room B101
900 Hwy 34 East
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Contact: Ruth Solie, rsolie@nlln.org, 218-847-2825 or 800-450-1032



ELM Training during November

MINITEX Reference Services is offering hands-on training on ELM resources. These sessions are free but registration is required. All sessions will be held in Wilson Library at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. For more information and to register, visit <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/train-conf/reference/>.

Gale K-12 Resources
Friday, Nov 12, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

EBSCO
Monday, Nov 1, 1:00-3:30 PM
Friday, Nov 12, 1:00-3:30 PM
Tuesday, Nov 16, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

Don't forget to check the MINITEX Training and Conferences web site (<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/train-conf/>) for upcoming webinars and reference training sessions as they are scheduled. To schedule on-site or webinar training for your library, system, region, or school district, contact Beth Staats (fried004@umn.edu, 800-462-5348, 612-624-7873).

Legal Information: Reference Tools for Legal Questions



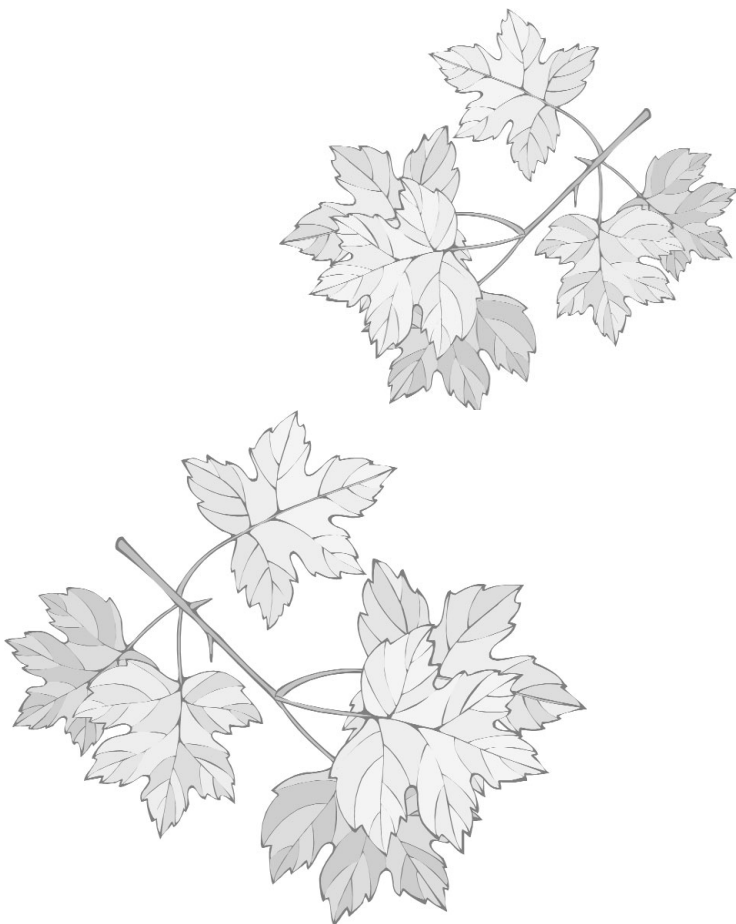
The Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL) is offering legal information training in several areas of the state. The Locating Legal Information on the Web workshop was developed in conjunction with the State Library Agency and is supported by a Gates Grant. Medical librarians are also offering training on medical information sources.

In regional computer labs throughout Minnesota, law librarians will demonstrate new and popular legal information websites. Librarians from any type of library will learn where to find authoritative legal websites of interest to your library users. Even if you attended MALL's program last year, you will learn about new and updated resources to benefit your patrons. MALL trainers will also provide tools for training your patrons as well as assessing the strengths of your public library's legal information collection.

The dates for the sessions are:

St. Cloud, October 13 (follow-up session November 16)
Duluth, October 20 (follow-up session December 1)
Hibbing, October 21 (follow-up session TBD)
Moorhead, October 22 (follow-up session November 19)
Cambridge, November 5, (follow-up session December 2)
St. Paul (MELSA)—Feb. 8, 2005 (follow-up session April 12)

For more information and to register online, go to: www.mallworkshops.org You may also contact: Aimee Blatz (a.blatz@thomson.com / 651-687-4173). Also Bruce Pomerantz (651-582-8890 / bruce.pomerantz@state.mn.us) or Sara Galligan (sara.galligan@co.dakota.mn.us / 651-438-8080) for more information.



OCLC WorldCat: group access for training/instruction

Since the OCLC WorldCat database is one of the databases that make up ELM, we encourage all library staff and users to use WorldCat for the wealth of information it provides. However, the state shares 65 ports/simultaneous users. Because of this, it is imperative that libraries that conduct training/library instruction with WorldCat need to use special training authorizations. We don't want other users to receive turn-away messages if a class of 25 students is accessing WorldCat and taking up 25 ports.

The bibliographic instruction authorizations are for instructional classroom use only and access will be permitted only to those subscription databases that are currently licensed (i.e., WorldCat and anything else to which your library subscribes). To learn more about these training authorizations or to request one for your library, please visit <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/cpers/first-search/bi.asp>. Contact Karen Docherty at MINITEX if you have any questions (612-624-2924 or 800-462-5348, kdochert@umn.edu).

Website Hit: The African American Registry <http://www.aaregistry.com/>

The African American Registry is a nonprofit organization with a mission to 1) help educate and inform all people of the contributions African Americans have made to American history and to the world and 2) communicate that African-American history is American history.

This website offers the largest African-American encyclopedia on the Internet, providing teachers, students, and families with a tool for all levels of learners. Based in Minneapolis, the African American Registry began online in 2000 and has reached 6,000 educators in Twin Cities area school districts during the last year. It presents in-depth and factual information in over 60 categories, such as education, business, the arts, science, mathematics, literature, military, politics, events, business, entertainment, religion, sports, and more.

The website dates as far back as 560 BC, but it covers in depth the 400+ years African Americans have been in the Americas. The African American Registry boasts a long list of sources, and its contents include poems and lyrics. Search options include category, keyword, name, or date. A fun feature is to find out "what happened on your birthday" (or any other date of interest); with a few clicks, users get a summary list by category of people and events associated with the date selected.

MINITEX thanks media specialist Jane Prestebak of Robbinsdale Area Schools for bringing this resource to our attention.

Intellectual Property and Digital Image Collections

MINERVA 2004 Symposium
Wednesday, November 10, 2004

The Minnesota Electronic Resources in the Visual Arts (MINERVA) 2004 Symposium offers an engaging program on *Intellectual Property and Digital Image Collections*. As visual resources are being digitized to preserve collections, enhance education and research, and promote visual data, intellectual property becomes a topic of foremost interest. Copyright standards and practices for the usage, design, and preservation of digital image resources demands critical attention of collection managers, creators, curators and users.

In its fourth year, MINERVA '04 welcomes three nationally recognized guest speakers to discuss the latest trends, issues, and responsibilities associated with copyright and digital collections. Research professionals from Minnesota libraries, museums, historical centers, academic and other private or public research institutions, artists, teachers, and students are encouraged to attend. The symposium begins with a morning program in Coffman Union at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities Campus. In the afternoon, MINERVA '04 joins with the Museum Computer Network (MCN) and RLG to present a special Town Hall Meeting at the Hilton Hotel in Minneapolis.

For more information about the symposium and the registration form, visit <http://www.minerva.umn.edu/>.

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