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DIGITAL ODYSSEY FEATURING DIGITAL LIBRARY EXPERT ROY TENNANT

WHAT DO YOU EXPECT FROM OLITA?

We all use technology in our jobs. Our customers use technology to access resources and services. OLITA members represent a library technology team that supports the visioning, planning, implementation, and use of electronic tools and information resources. Our members range from those who are responsible for complex systems in their organizations to those who just want to be apprised of what's next in the digital arena.

OLITA's primary focus is the application of emerging technologies in information management organizations. Our role as OLITA Council members is to try to stay one step ahead of the technology wave and act as an information and assistance resource for members. By sharing expertise and experience, we find the answers to our

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Has your organization done the "digital flip"? The technological innovations over the past few years have inspired us all to re-think how we can develop and circulate a collection, and provide other information services to our users.

This Digital Odyssey will equip you with the skills and knowledge to start or further your digital media projects. Sessions are a mix of presentation style and labs and focus on three themes:

- Digital Rights Management Is An Issue,
- Scanning Basics, and
- High End Scanning.

The Odyssey is May 5 - 7, 2003, in Toronto. At press time, there is still some space for registration. Visit the OLITA web site to regis-



ter and for all the details:

<http://www.accessola.com/olita/digitalodyssey/>

Don't forget to review all of the exciting professional development opportunities OLA is offering via the Education Institute at: <http://www.accessola.com/education/calendar.html>

Don't miss this great opportunity to keep at the current edge of digital technology! ■

DIGITAL ODYSSEY PROGRAM

Monday May 5
Building the Digital Library with Roy Tennant
Reception to follow

Tuesday May 6
Morning
Building the Metadata Digital Rights Management
Afternoon
Implementing the Dublin Core
User-friendly, Web-based Access
Reception to follow

Wednesday May 7
Morning
Advanced tagging vs the dumb search engine
Afternoon
Transforming the metadata with XSL
Scanning basics
High end Scanning



May 1
Kaleidoscope: A Member's Evening

Location:
Kingston
Public Library

May 2
Good Web Search Practices

Location:
Sudbury

May 5-7
Digital Odyssey

Location:
FIS, University of
Toronto

May 9
Teaching Web Searching to Know-it-all Web Searchers

Location:
Toronto

May 23
Tech Trends
Stephen Abram,
Rea Devakos, Art
Rhyno and Mike
Ridley

Location:
Windsor

www.ola.org

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questions; what's new? Does it work? How will it help us - and our customers?

We do want something from you! What are the technological issues you are currently facing in your workplace? Have you tapped into a technological solution that you know would benefit other members of OLA? Are you struggling with an issue that technology can help resolve? OLITA is the forum for you. We encourage you to visit the web site, and to use the OLITA listserv. Here are some of the current issues and activities the OLITA team is tackling:

- OLITA membership development
- Professional development opportunities for the membership; Digital Odyssey, 2004 Super Conference, and the OLA Education Institute
- Participation in the Ontario Digital Library initiative
- Developing Electronic Privacy information tools
- Developing and promoting the Database of Expertise
- Developing the Wireless information toolkit
- Promote the OLA Fall 2003 Leadership Forum



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U OF T LAUNCHES EARLY ADOPTER PROGRAM FOR OPEN SOURCE INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY

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In response to emerging intellectual property, preservation, knowledge management and electronic publishing concerns, organizations are increasingly building institutional repositories (IRs). The U of T Library is launching an early adopter program for T-Space, an easy-to-use, dependable IR service that can manage, host, preserve and distribute faculty materials in digital formats. In simple terms, the Library provides long term managed storage and a web based interface for digital materials submitted by faculty.

T-Space is U of T's installation of Dspace, an open source IR developed by MIT and Hewlett-Packard (www.dspace.org). Among IRs, DSpace, uniquely marries accepting decentralized submissions, a breadth of file formats and alternate

workflows. DSpace is built on top of open source tools, such as the Apache Web server, the Tomcat Servlet engine and the postgres SQL relational database system and should run on any Windows or UNIX-type operating system. As part of the DSpace Federation, U of T is one of six early adopters. The Federation is not only developing openly available source code but also documenting implementation issues such as collection parameters, marketing, training, user support and copyright etc.

Key points:

- Easy content management and data warehousing.
- Centralized server space and management.
- Submission and retrieval is through a simple web interface. T-Space pro-

vides a consistent framework for navigation and searching.

- T-Space can accommodate many genres (learning objects, documents, datasets, images) and formats (text, audio, video, images).
- Research and academic "communities", such as schools, labs, centers, and departments, retain copyright, choose what materials will be submitted and determine access restrictions e.g. the U of T or openly on the Web. U of T Libraries will not own the content in T-Space but rather will hold a non-exclusive license to distribute and preserve items.
- Library staff will launch a custom T-Space portal for each community including logos and provide guidance in developing workflow process, metadata requirements, and distribution policies.

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OLITA BITS AND BYTES

2004 Super Conference
Planning is underway. Have a suggestion for a session or speaker? Interested in volunteering for the Conference? Contact your 2004 OLITA Coordinators, Faline Bobier, faline.bobier@cnib.ca, and Patricia Moore, pmoore@uwindsor.ca

OLITA web site:
www.accessola.com/olita.html

Featured Technology Projects or Services
Do you have a project or service featuring technology that you would like showcased in an upcoming editions of *InsideOLITA*? Contact Shelagh Paterson.

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The next *InsideOLITA* will be posted on the OLITA web site Fall 2003.

DEMO VERSION NOW AVAILABLE FOR OLITA'S DATABASE OF EXPERTISE

Ever tried to install a new automated circulation system, or develop a new web application, and hit a wall of frustration? You just know that someone else must have gone through the process and found a solution – so how to find that person? Or perhaps you are the resident wiz with C++, a network Unix operating system, or Java development. Either way, the OLITA Database of Expertise will be the place for you to go.

The concept for the Database of Expertise began at OLA's reorganization meeting at Geneva Park. Since then, a dedicated group of OLITA members have devoted many hours to developing a database

populated with association members who have the knowledge and skill sets for specific applications.

How does this work? OLITA members who would like to share their expertise submit a profile to the database. OLITA members requiring assistance search the database using keywords for the application or system they require help with. The database is now at the demo stage. OLITA members attending the Digital Odyssey in May will have an opportunity to test the database. If you would like to try this new service please contact the Ontario Library Association office (Please see page 4 for contact details). ■

START SCOUTING FOR INNOVATION!

Do you know of a project that illustrates the use of technology in a truly innovative way? In Fall 2003, OLITA Council will be sending a call for nominations for the OLITA Award for Technological Innovation. The award recipient will have the opportunity to showcase their innovation at the 2004 OLA Super Conference.



The 2003 award went to Vaughan Public Libraries, Global Librarian – Local Insight, Global Hours. Creatively putting technology to the task, Vaughan Public Libraries created a remarkable “around the clock” electronic reference service with such global

partners as Southampton City Libraries, U.K., Surrey Public Library B.C., and Eastern Regional Libraries, Australia. Watch for the full details in the Spring OLA Access Magazine. Global Librarian may be accessed at: <http://www.vaughanpl.com/ask.html> ■

OLITA INVESTIGATES PATRON PRIVACY

by Donna Bourne-Tyson
OLITA President 2002 and Treasurer 2003,

In 2002, the Office of Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian produced a special publication that provides answers to privacy questions that library patrons may have. The publication, part of the IPC's If You Wanted to Know... series, uses a question and answer format to address some common questions library users and library staff may have about privacy rights and what libraries can do to protect privacy.

During 2001 – 02, OLITA met with the IPC to request that this paper be written, and there were subsequent opportunities for OLITA council to provide input into the draft document. Thanks also to 2002 OPLA president Katherine Palmer and Rita Vine for their comments during the process.

At Super Conference, IPC staff member Brian Beamish presented a wide-ranging overview of not only the issues covered in the Q & A paper, but also related issues libraries face concerning privacy and access to information.

OLITA hopes to expand on the IPC paper this year, to examine some of the new technology-related issues for all types of libraries: for instance, the issue of privacy for users downloading content to the PDA needs attention. Many libraries are purchasing PDA content, and user privacy may be at risk during the download process

since the PDA device can be identified along with the personal information of its owner. In the medical field, well known content providers are re-selling lookup information, and personal information may be included either intentionally or unintentionally.

There are other privacy issues surrounding patron information stored on servers, data on public internet workstation hard drives, wireless access, and more. OLITA will be looking for suggestions from all OLITA members about areas to investigate for this follow-up paper. Submissions to the OLITA listserv are most welcome.

The IPC paper is available in the Publications and Presentations section, on their web site at: <http://www.ipc.on.ca/> ■

NEW LOOK FOR ACCESSOLA.COM

The Ontario Library Association has updated the look of the web page. "The new web site gives dramatic access to the broad and complex range of association issues, activities and member services we have," said OLA President Liz Kerr. In the coming weeks, watch for interactive polls, article ratings and streaming media.

Keeping OLITA members current @ your library™

THE ONTARIO DIGITAL LIBRARY (ODL) TECH GROUP

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At the Access 2002 Conference in October, there was a meeting to establish a technical group to be affiliated with the Ontario Digital Library. The Ontario Digital Library is a vision of how publicly assisted libraries in Ontario can collaborate to create and sustain a partnership that will provide seamless services and resources to all the citizens of Ontario. There had been several earlier discussions to gauge the possibilities for creating an active forum or group to discuss (and act on) technical (systems) issues in Ontario with the staff who are directly involved.

Inspired by the success of the Ontario Digital Library (ODL) proposal, it was clear that there were opportunities for identifying common needs/challenges among all publicly funded libraries (university, college, public and school) and to have staff work on collaborative solutions. It was also recognized that many key "front line" technical staff may not be part of a formal technical/systems department within the library and that a low-cost/low-barrier forum to encourage participation from those who may not have support mechanisms for attending external events was needed.

This initiative led to the creation of a listserv and a meeting of the newly named "Ontario Digital Library Technical Group" or "ODL Tech Group" at the 2003 OLA Super Conference OLITA AGM.

The next opportunity for the ODL Tech group to meet has been scheduled for May 8th, 9 a.m. to 12 noon in Toronto at FIS following the OLITA Digital Odyssey event (May 5 - 7). The ODL Tech Group will put together a program designed for the technical people in library organizations across the province, especially those who don't normally have the opportunity to attend library-related functions.

More details will be made available as they emerge. If you or someone you work with would benefit from this event contact :

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Those who saw David Snowden's remarkable plenary at the OLA conference might see some similarity between the ODL Tech group and his points about the importance of sharing stories in all communities. The May 8th meeting will be a place where all of the library technology stories in the organizations behind the Ontario Digital Library can start to emerge. ■

Note: The Ontario Digital Library has now officially entered the business plan development stage. For details, please visit:
<http://www.accessola.com> and click on Issues. Digital Library

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