Summer Workshop

Please join the GODORT in Iowa City on Friday, July 18, for our 2014 summer workshop! This year’s theme is Digitizing Historical Documents from Local Governments. The morning will feature Bethany R. Davis, Digital Processing Coordinator Librarian at the University of Iowa, speaking about how to develop a plan for carrying out a digitization project, including drafting a proposal, issues to consider, preparing materials, equipment needs, staff skills, and preparing for the unexpected. Melody Dworak of the Iowa City Public Library will then talk about their successful Digital History Project. After lunch, we’ll fight the post-lunch slump with an engaging, interactive demonstration of the new TILE classroom in the University of Iowa Main Library’s new Learning Commons. The day will conclude with an open discussion about what we, as Iowa librarians with an interest in government information, ought to do about digitizing state and local government documents in Iowa.

A full agenda and the registration form can be found on the second page of this newsletter.

Learn with Webinars This Summer

Brett Cloyd

Recently I attended a webinar by the World Bank that I thought was very informative. It was called “Strategies for Finding Reliable International Statistics and Publications.” The first part highlighted the various statistical tools that the World Bank makes available for free. It was presented by Amanda Wakaruk, who is a librarian with the University of Alberta Libraries. Amanda included several anecdotes and examples of working with faculty and students to meet their research needs. This data can sometimes feel overwhelming but Amanda does a nice job organizing her talk to make the material accessible.

The second part was presented by Shana Wagger, who works for the World Bank. Shana focused on the World Bank eLibrary, which is a subscription resource that includes books, journals and working papers from the World Bank. If your library subscribes to the World Bank eLibrary this might be a good refresher, since it focuses on their newly redesigned interface. If you do not have a subscription, this is a good chance to take a look at the product and decide if you would like to pursue it. The webinar was recorded and is made available from the World Bank (https://connect.iu.edu/p61ah1tm4pe/).

The Help! I’m an Accidental Government Information Librarian Webinars have proven to be very popular, and they have made available an extensive backfile of programs for free on their website (http://www.nclaonline.org/government-resources/help-im-accidental-government-information-librarian-webinars).
Digitizing Historical Documents from Local Governments

2014 ILA/GODORT Summer Workshop

Friday, July 18, 2014, 10:00am – 3:00pm
Main Library, University of Iowa, Iowa City

Agenda:

9:45am Registration, coffee, and assorted pastries

10:00am Welcome
Marianne Mason, Federal & State Information Librarian, University of Iowa

10:15am The Timeline of a Digitization Project
Bethany R. Davis, Digital Processing Coordinator Librarian, University of Iowa

11:15am The Digital History Project of the Iowa City Public Library
Melody Dworak, Librarian, Iowa City Public Library

12:15pm Lunch on your own in the Food for Thought Café
(in the Learning Commons on the first floor of the library)

1:00pm Experience the new TILE Classroom in the Learning Commons

Student Instructional Technology Assistants (SITAs) will demonstrate the capabilities of the TILE Classroom. Active learning is the focus of TILE Classrooms (“Transform, Interact, Learn, Engage”) and is at the heart of the Learning Commons concept at the UI Libraries. Be prepared to interact and engage during the demo!

2:30pm Open forum on digitizing state and local government information in Iowa. What collections should be digitized? Who has resources or expertise to help with digitization? How should we coordinate and promote digital projects? Where do Google and the Internet Archive fit in?

Registration:

ILA/GODORT member or student ($5) Name:

ILA member ($10) Institution:

Non-ILA member ($15) E-mail address:

Credit card number: Expiration date:

Signature (if paying by credit card):

If paying by check, make check payable to the Iowa Library Association. When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

Mail completed registration forms and payment to ILA GODORT Summer Workshop, Iowa Library Association, 525 SW 5th St., Suite A, Des Moines, IA 50309 by July 11. Registrations will also be accepted on the day of the conference, with payment by check only. You will receive an e-mail acknowledgement upon receipt of your registration.