
Technical Services Round Table report – August 2009

Workshop this October!

As always, the TSRT gang started off our year's activities in a hurry—we held our first planning meeting at the 2009 OLA Conference. Our officers this year are Chair Louisa Payne (OSU) and Chair-Elect Misty Smith (OSU). We already have our **Fall Workshop, entitled “Breaking down the Walls”** planned. It will be held on Friday, **October 30, 2009** at Stillwater Public Library. Our workshop will explore the intersection between public services and technical services functions and the need for better communication between their personnel. Our excellent speakers for this year's workshop include Dr. Lee Manzer, a communications professor from OSU, who will speak on improving communication between institutional groups. Karen Antell, an OU reference librarian, has co-written a paper on the relationship between technical and public services librarians, and will discuss her findings. Sarah Simpson, Head of Technical Services at Tulsa City-County Library, will lead off the afternoon describing the TCCL Technical Services Hotline, a method of communication with public services instituted about 2 years ago. A panel discussion will follow, with speakers including both public service and technical service librarians. We hope both public service and technical service librarians will attend!

We have begun planning several programs for the Joint MPLA/OLA 2010 Conference. We're inviting Janet Swan-Hill (UC-Boulder Library) to be the keynote speaker at a preconference on “the future of technical services”. We plan to apply for the MPLA preconference grant to pay for her travel expenses to Oklahoma. Our other, in-state speakers will include Anne Prestamo (the future of the OPAC) and Pat Weaver-Meyers (the possibilities of WorldCat Local). We also hope to have a speaker on RDA, the forthcoming new cataloging rules. We're going to propose some regular session programs as well. They range from how to publish an open-source online journal to doing interlibrary loan via FirstSearch. The latter topic will be particularly important, since the OLTN network is closing this year. We're also thinking of proposing a program on how to handle workflow changes when your library implements a shelf-ready program. Of course, we may be able to look forward to some other, technical services-related programs coming from members of MPLA at next year's conference, too. We hope they'll draw lots of technical services librarians and staff to the Conference next year!

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