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Winter 2008 TSSA Report

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Name and Date of conference attended:

American Library Association Midwinter Meeting 2008
January 11-15, 2007

Skill(s) Studied:

Sessions I attended included: OCLC Symposium: New Leadership for New Challenges; OCLC Update Breakfast; Heads of Cataloging Discussion group: Interaction—How Cataloging Departments cooperate with other departments of the library?; Copy Cataloging Discussion Group: "Library of Congress update", "The Academic Library Perspective: Copy Cataloging in Light of the LC Working Group Recommendations", "A Tale of Two Cataloging Departments"; ALCTS Forum: "The Report of the LC Working Group for the Future of Bibliographic Control"; Electronic Resources Interest Group; Cataloging of Children's Materials Committee; and Government Documents Roundtable Cataloging Committee.

Impact on Current Assignment/Teaching (How was this info applied)?

I found this to be a very productive conference. In addition to the sessions I attended, I was also able to speak with several vendors at the exhibits and get some information about some products that may prove extremely useful.

Three of the sessions I attended focused on trends happening at the Library of Congress and how those changes will affect cataloging at libraries all over the country. These changes will necessitate more collaboration among libraries and also the loosening of standards applied to cataloging and what we will accept from other libraries. Another result of this conference was the finding that the PromptCat record service is now a free service offered by OCLC. Although there is a small fee charged by our approval vendor for this service, we have just begun implementing this service which should enhance library service by getting the books cataloged much faster and up available to the patrons sooner.

At the Cataloging of Children's Committee meeting, I was assigned to create a wiki for the group in order to put current cataloging information needed to catalog these materials online. Currently much of this information is internal to the Library of Congress and it will be a great resource to have available for everyone.

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