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NLM Technical Bulletin, 2008 March–April

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ma08/ma08_lji_lsi.html

The List of Serials Indexed for Online Users 2008 (LSIOU) and List of Journals Indexed for MEDLINE 2008 (LJI) are now available. The LSIOU is available in PDF and XML formats. The Document Type Definition (DTD) associated with the serials XML data is available at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/databases/dtd/nlmserials_080101.dtd. This edition contains 13 014 serial titles, including 5246 titles currently indexed for MEDLINE. The LSIOU includes titles that ceased, changed titles, or were deselected.

Study collaborators included in MEDLINE/PubMed

NLM Technical Bulletin, 2008 March–April

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/ma08/ma08_collaborators.html

NLM has noticed a trend in recent years toward the increasing occurrence of group authors as the sole author or as co-authors for published articles. There are also consortia composed of several groups that publish scientific research articles. As of November 2007, there were over 57 000 occurrences of group (corporate) authors in MEDLINE/PubMed with over 17 000 citations with no co-occurring personal authors.

Google's Rx for health data

Holahan C. *Business Week*. 29 February 2008

http://www.businessweek.com/technology/content/feb2008/tc20080229_330594.htm?chan=top+news_top+news+index_technology

Its new site is a different approach to health-care data than Microsoft's HealthVault service. Cooperation may be key to the success of both.

Finding and using health statistics

28 February 2008

<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/nichsr/usestats/index.html>

Health Statistics provide information for understanding, monitoring, improving, and planning the use of resources to improve the lives of people, provide services, and promote their well being. This course describes the range of available health statistics, identifies their sources, and helps you understand how to use information about their structure as you search. This course links to numerous examples. Each example opens in a separate page of your browser. To return to the course, close the new window; the course window remains open and you can proceed.

NLM announces the release of the NLM Drug Information Portal

12 February 2008

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/news/drug_info_portal08.html

The National Library of Medicine (NLM) is pleased to announce the release of the NLM Drug Information Portal. The site is at <http://druginfo.nlm.nih.gov>. The NLM Drug Information Portal gives the public, health care professionals, and researchers a gateway to current, accurate, and understandable drug information from the NLM and other key government agencies.

PubMed subject subset strategies updated for 2008

NLM Technical Bulletin, 2008 January–February

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf08/jf08_subset_strategies.html

All PubMed subject subset strategies are reviewed at least once a year to see if modifications are necessary. Modifications may include revisions due to changes in MeSH vocabulary, adding or deleting terms, and changing parts of a strategy to try to optimize retrieval. The following subset strategies were recently revised: Bioethics, Cancer, Complementary Medicine, and Systematic Reviews.

Debut of a new design for the NLM Gateway

NLM Technical Bulletin, 2008 January–February

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/techbull/jf08/jf08_gateway_redesign.html

NLM will soon unveil a redesigned Gateway with a new user interface. The new interface, accessible through the link on the current homepage, will run in parallel with the current version. It will permanently replace the current version after several weeks.

Digital copyright rules still in limbo

Dixon G. *The Globe and Mail*. 6 March 2008

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20080306.wcmwside06/BNStory/Entertainment/Music/>

The digital copyright issue just won't go away. With recording, broadcasting, podcasting, and forecasting experts in Toronto for the industry side of the Canadian Music Week convention today through Saturday, topic No. 1 will be the limbo state of Canadian copyright legislation. With unauthorized downloading still legal in Canada, a digital copyright bill remains indefinitely delayed. Graham Henderson, president of the Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA) representing the major labels, says new legislation is needed simply to bring Canada up to speed with other countries. The aim isn't to sue teens and grannies indulging in a little downloading (as seen in the United States) but to go after the Bit Torrent sites enabling mass unauthorized file-sharing.

Complying with the NIH Public Access Policy – Copyright considerations and options

Carroll MW. SPARC/Science Commons/ARL joint white paper

<http://www.arl.org/sparc/advocacy/nih/copyright.html>

SPARC (the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition), Science Commons, and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) have jointly released a white paper to help university and medical school administrators ensure their institutions comply with public access requirements that are soon to be a condition of National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding. The timely analysis was prepared by Michael W. Carroll, an attorney, copyright expert, and faculty member at Villanova University law school. Carroll reviews the policy and its background, explains the legal context, and presents six alternative copyright management strategies that will help grantee institutions assure they reserve the necessary rights for articles to be made available in PubMed Central.

Funding the full costs of university research is critical to Canada's global competitiveness

Morris C. *Research Money*. 2008 Feb 25;22(3)

Canada boasts cutting-edge research facilities. We have exceptional researchers in our universities. And we've shown research excellence in a broad range of fields through new breakthroughs, innovative products, ideas that transform our understanding of the world, and practical solutions to complex social and technological problems. Yet we are not living up to our potential. Canadian researchers are at a funding disadvantage compared to their competitors such as the US and the UK. In Canada, we don't reimburse our universities for the full costs of research, which means that institutions must cover the shortfall from their operating budgets, often at the expense of other essential programs.

Statistics Canada releases comprehensive geographic breakdown of R&D spending

Research Money. 2008 Feb 25;22(3)

The latest provincial data on R&D spending show Quebec is the only province where business expenditures are actually declining. Data from 2005—the most recent year for which a provincial breakdown is available—show that business outlays in Quebec declined 3.0% over the previous year to \$3.768 billion. In contrast, business spending in Ontario increased 3.8% over the same period to \$6.965 billion. The allocation of federal R&D dollars shows a somewhat different picture. Of the \$5.4 billion in federal outlays in 2005, Ontario took a 27.5% share with \$1.497 billion, up 13.2% from 2004. Quebec accounted for 21.5% of the total with \$1.168 billion, up just 1% from the previous year. The National Capital Region was home to the third largest amount of federal R&D—\$1.103 billion, up 15.1%.

Sun Microsystems, The University of Alberta Libraries, and The Alberta Library create Centre of Excellence for Libraries

27 February 2008

<http://www.sun.com/aboutsun/pr/2008-02/sunflash.20080227.2.xml>

Sun Microsystems of Canada Inc., the University of Alberta Libraries (UAL), and The Alberta Library (TAL) today announced the creation of a new Sun Centre of Excellence for Libraries (COE). The initiative will enhance and support respective organizational projects, as well as an extensive, province-wide, multifaceted digital library. As part of the COE, the participants intend to provide a seamless search and retrieval experience, resulting in unprecedented access to information for students, faculty, and the public, as well as creating an enduring preservation environment.

ARL Guide to NIH Public Access Policy now online

18 February 2008

<http://www.arl.org/sc/implement/nih/guide/>

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has developed a Web-based guide to assist research institutions in implementing the new Public Access Policy adopted by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The ARL guide “The NIH Public Access Policy: Guide for Research Universities,” includes the following sections: Policy Overview, Institutional Responses, Retaining Rights, How to Deposit, and Resources.

NRC moves forward on cluster development and new sector-based approach to R&D

Research Money. 2008 Feb 8;22(2)

The restructuring of the National Research Council (NRC) is picking up steam with the renewal of another group of community innovation clusters and significant progress on the realignment of research activity into nine sectors encompassing expertise from across the agency. The NRC’s evolution reflects the thrust of its new strategic and business plans that aim to make it easier for business to access key R&D talent and infrastructure and ensure that technology development and industry needs coincide. Last week, renewed funding for the second of six clusters was announced as part of an overall \$118-reinvestment.

Feedback on the Canadian Digital Information Strategy (CDIS)

Library and Archives Canada. 12 February 2008

<http://collectioncanada.ca/scin/012033-1050-e.html>

Library and Archives Canada has posted feedback to the October 2007 draft of the Canadian Digital Information Strategy (CDIS). There are 50+ replies, including the comments provided by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries.

NISO issues best practices for Shared E-Resource Understanding (SERU)

Washington D.C., 6 February 2007

<http://www.niso.org/committees/seru/>

The National Information Standards Organization (NISO) has issued SERU: A Shared Electronic Resource Understanding, which codifies best practices for the sale of e-resources without licenses. SERU offers publishers and librarians the opportunity to save both the time and the costs associated with a negotiated and signed license agreement by agreeing to operate within a framework of shared understanding and good faith. Discussions with both publishers and librarians revealed a shared desire to create a new approach that involves lower overhead.

Scientists should share

Ottawa Citizen. 4 February 2008

Sharing medical data would save millions of dollars and countless hours spent performing redundant research. Scientists could build upon each other's work. Data trapped on one scientist's computer could be the key to another researcher's making a great discovery. Some scientists refuse to release their data for fear that outside analysis will cast doubt on their published conclusions. If the science is good, it will withstand scrutiny, and scientists should be prepared to defend their work. True scholars should never fear the free exchange of information and ideas.

CIHR's Policy on Access to Research Outputs is now in effect

Canadian Institutes of Health Research. 4 February 2008

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/35683.html>

On 4 September 2007, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) released its "Policy on Access to Research Outputs", which aims to improve access to research publications and biomolecular data. Currently, more than 20 research funding agencies around the world require supported research publications to be openly accessible. Most recently, the US National Institutes of Health mandated open online access to its funded research through the National Library of Medicine's online archive, PubMed Central.

Keeping citations straight, and finding new ones

Guess A. *Inside Higher Ed*. 31 January 2008

<http://insidehighered.com/news/2008/01/31/citeulike>

At first glance, it seems like a nerdier version of Facebook. There's the profile picture, the list of interests, the space for your Web site. Most of the members have Ph.D.'s, though, and instead of posting party invites or YouTube videos, their "Recent Activity" is full of academic papers and scholarly treatises. Welcome to CiteULike, a social bookmarking tool that allows users to post, share, and comment on each other's links—in this case, citations to journal articles with titles like "Trend detection through temporal link analysis" and "The social psychology of inter- and intragroup conflict in governmental politics." It's a sort of "del.icio.us for academics," said Kevin Emamy, a representative for the site's London-based holding company, Oversity Ltd. It started out as a personal Web project in 2004 and grew organically by word of mouth. Today, it has some 70 000 registered users and a million page views a month, he said.

Letter with respect to possible amendments to the Copyright Act

The Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Jennifer Stoddart. 18 January 2008

http://www.privcom.gc.ca/parl/2008/let_080118_e.asp

The Privacy Commissioner of Canada, Jennifer Stoddart, sent the following letter to the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Industry and the Honourable Josée Verner, Minister of Canadian Heritage, regarding possible amendments to the Copyright Act. The Privacy Commissioner of Canada, is wary of DRM, and she's not afraid to tell other branches of government about her concerns. Stoddart has just sent a public letter to Jim Prentice, the Canadian Minister of Industry, telling him that his impending copyright reform bill should not protect any DRM that gathers and transmits personal data.

Fair copyright provides Prentice with reform roadmap

Geist M. *The Hill Times*. 21 January 2008

<http://www.michaelgeist.ca/content/view/2591/159/>

With the continued interest in Canadian copyright reform—the Fair Copyright for Canada Facebook group has grown to over 38 000 members, and the local chapters across the country are gaining significant momentum—the most frequently asked question I receive is, “what do you think fair copyright reform looks like?” In other words, we know that tens of thousands of Canadians oppose a Canadian Digital Millennium Copyright Act, but what kind of reform would or should they support?

Public access mandate made law: President Bush signs omnibus appropriations bill, including National Institutes of Health Research Access Provision

The Alliance for Taxpayer Access. 26 December 2007, Washington, D.C.

<http://www.taxpayeraccess.org/media/release07-1226.html>

President Bush has signed into law the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2007 (H.R. 2764), which includes a provision directing the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to provide the public with open online access to findings from its funded research. This is the first time the US government has mandated public access to research funded by a major agency. The provision directs the NIH to change its existing Public Access Policy, implemented as a voluntary measure in 2005, so that participation is required for agency-funded investigators. Researchers will now be required to deposit electronic copies of their peer-reviewed manuscripts into the National Library of Medicine's online archive, PubMed Central. Full texts of the articles will be publicly available and searchable online in PubMed Central no later than 12 months after publication in a journal.

Meetings, conferences, and workshops

Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL) 2008

The JCDL will be held on 16–20 June 2008, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. For details, check the conference Web site at <http://www.jcdl2008.org/>.

11th European Conference of Medical and Health Libraries – European Association of Health Information and Libraries (EAHIL)

The conference will be held on 23–28 June 2008, in Helsinki, Finland. For details, check the conference Web site at http://www.congreszon.fi/eahil_2008/.

2008 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference

The ALA annual conference will be held on 26 June – 2 July 2008, in Anaheim, California, USA. For details, check the conference Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/home.htm>.

10th International Society for Knowledge Organization (ISKO) Conference

The ISKO conference will be held on 5–8 August 2008, in Montreal, Québec, Canada. For details, check the conference Web site at <http://www.ebsi.umontreal.ca/isko2008/>.

74th World Library and Information Congress – International Federation of Library Associations & Institutions (IFLA)

The conference will be held on 10–15 August 2008, in Montreal, Québec, Canada. For details, check the conference Web site at <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm>.

Professional development

FIS Professional Learning Centre: Influencing decision making strategies for getting results you want

Wednesday, 11 June 2008 – Thursday 12 Jun 2008

2 days (12 h), 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Instructors: Susan Geary and Lorraine Clemes

Fee: \$425.00 (US\$425.00)

You'll learn how to analyze and understand your own communication style preferences and those of your stakeholders. You will then be able to use this understanding to plan and deliver compelling, fact-based, conclusion-focused presentations.

During the 2-day workshop, you will be presented with strategies that will assist you in communicating your ideas effectively. By understanding the underlying processes at play in personal interactions, you will be better equipped to influence decisions in your favour. You will also develop a greater understanding of the political environment in which you work and determine how to be politically astute in the situations that you encounter.

FIS Professional Learning Centre: Project management for information managers

Monday, 16 June 2008 – Monday, 23 June 2008

3 days (18 h), 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Jane Neath

Fee: \$525.00 (US\$525.00)

In this 3-day workshop, team leaders and managers apply proven project management techniques to an actual project. You leave the workshop at the end of Day 2 with a project plan and pragmatic information that will be immediately, readily, and easily applicable to your job.

The project environment, however, involves more than just following a plan. It is filled with many "people" challenges, especially those with cross functional project teams. After having 1 week to practice the project management skills learned during Days 1 and 2, you'll return for Day 3 to address the skills required to manage the people side of projects. These skills include conflict management, consensus building, facilitation, team leadership, meeting management, feedback, and performance management. You'll also explore how to manage people assigned to a project who do not report to the project manager.

This is a unique opportunity to implement what you've learned in your work environment, and then return to the classroom to continue building those skills and discussing your experiences with a knowledgeable, experienced instructor and fellow students.

Education Institute: Pro-active relationship building: reaching out to your academic faculty clients (audio conference)

Monday, 16 June 2008

2:00 p.m. ET (1 h)

Instructor: Joan Giannone

Fee: Member: \$54.00; Non-Member: \$74.00

This audio session is designed to highlight ways in which academic libraries can use persuasive communication strategies to solidify and even expand their role in today's new higher educational environment by extending their reach through strategic partnerships, collaborative relationships, and mutually beneficial alliances. These activities will update/change their image, share their expertise, and promote their services.

Education Institute: Using evaluation results to communicate your value. Part 2. Needs assessment (Web conference)

Wednesday, 11 June 2008

2:00 p.m. ET (1 h)

Instructor: Rosalind F. Dudden

Fee: Member: \$75.00; Non-Member: \$95.00

What does management ask you about your library and how do you respond? How do you explain what a library is in the Internet age? Learn how traditional and innovative measures can be gathered and integrated to explain your library to its customers and to those that fund it. Learn the steps in conducting a needs assessment and why understanding your customer is so important today. Review the Logic Model and its use for outcomes measurement. Learn how to use outcomes studies from the literature to discuss your library. Wrap all this theory up in the new theory of a culture of assessment and see how it can be applied even in a small library setting. The four courses taken together will assist library managers in seeing their system of assessment as a whole and communicating their value to their user community and upper management. Each session should stand alone as a learning experience.

Education Institute: e-Learning for librarians: an ideas playground (Web conference)

Thursday, 12 June 2008

1:00 p.m. ET (1 h)

Instructor: Cory Laverty

Fee: Member: \$75.00; Non-Member: \$95.00

E-learning is defined as the facilitation of learning through online tools and content. Many of us have created virtual library modules on different topics such as stages in the research process, overviews of information tools in a specific discipline, or guides on searching individual databases. This session will explore an e-learning wiki sponsored by the Canadian Association of Research Libraries where librarians can share their knowledge. What learning principles underpin good online library instruction? What does interactivity look like? What are some examples of exemplary library tutorials? You are invited to contribute your e-learning tips and discuss your library tutorials in this wiki so we can build on our collective experience.

Education Institute: Searching 2.0 (Web conference)

Wednesday, 16 July 2008

1:00 p.m. ET (1 h)

Instructor: Michael Sauers

Fee: Member: \$75.00; Non-Member: \$95.00

Here master trainer Michael Sauers applies the super-search strategies he is known for to the latest generation of Web tools. Blogs, RSS, wikis, Flickr, podcasting, mashups, the read/write Web, kartoo, BitTorrent, Google Book Search, the WayBack Machine, visual search engines, folksonomies, Firefox Search Plug-ins, Del.icio.us. If you aren't intimately familiar with these tools and how to fully exploit them in your daily reference work, then this presentation is for you.