



DETROIT AREA LIBRARY NETWORK
ANNUAL REPORT

A community of libraries working together . . .

2009/2010

DALNET Office

Celebrating
25
Years!

Strategic Directions

◎ MISSION

“DALNET is a community of libraries working together to advance research and learning with an exemplary resource sharing program and innovative use of technology.”

◎ VISION

“DALNET libraries are valued by people as readily accessible and always useful places to go for information.”

◎ VALUES

- *Cooperative library networking*
- *Collaborative Relationships*
- *Diverse multi-type membership*
- *Innovative change*
- *Progressive leadership*

◎ GOALS

- *End-user support*
- *Resource sharing*
- *Member support*
- *Effective governance*

Collaboration, Creativity, Community
Since 1985 . . .

Detroit Area Library Network

Annual Report

◎ OVERVIEW

2010 marked the 25th anniversary year of the Detroit Area Library Network. 25 years of libraries working together to advance research and learning. A time to celebrate the partnerships we have built and the work that we have accomplished.

The celebration began with a luncheon and program commemorating the consortium's 25 years of incorporation. Invited guests included former DALNET employees, past Board chairs, and current members. Guests shared memories of the early years of DALNET and a slide show including an historical time-line was presented.

Throughout the year, a series of four DALNET Educational Forums were held in commemoration of the anniversary. Each forum was open to the public and covered a topic of interest to libraries and library workers. The series enlightened and excited participants, which included DALNET members and others from the community.

While celebrating the success of the consortium over the years, the DALNET Board was also cognizant of the current economic downturn in Michigan, at our member institutions, and in our communities. Through the leadership of the Board, DALNET was able to enhance delivered services, maintain stable cost-sharing models for the membership, and work within a reduced and balanced operating budget.

In its 25th year of operations DALNET looks forward to the future and the possibilities of creating new partnerships and strengthening existing relationships.

◎ EVENTS

25th Anniversary Luncheon

On March 22, a luncheon and program was held to commemorate the consortium's 25 years of incorporation. The luncheon was sponsored by Sandra Yee, Dean of the Wayne State University Library System. Invited guests included previous DALNET employees, past Board chairs, and current members. Louise Bugg, former DALNET staff member, shared memories of the early years of DALNET and a slide show including an historical time-line was presented to attendees. A written account of the *History of DALNET* is available online at:

www.dalnet.lib.mi.us/docs/DALNET_history.pdf



25th Anniversary Luncheon

DALNET Educational Forums

A series of educational forums was held in celebration of the consortium's anniversary. The forums were open to the public and included presentations on Google, Web-Scale Services, e-Book Readers, and Green Architecture. An archive of the series is online at:

www.dalnet.lib.mi.us/def.html

Member Forums

The consortium also held two member forums to acclimate members to work-flows in the completed union catalog. The forums provided members with opportunities to ask questions and to provide input concerning new policies and procedures in the catalog.

◎ PROJECTS

Union Catalog

After years of planning and implementation, the consortium successfully completed its union catalog project. All Integrated Library System members now share access to a single database. This project has allowed DALNET to streamline operations and standardize several system parameters across member institutions using the shared ILS. Completion of this project provides the consortium with greater mobility for the future.

Library Highlights

Several DALNET Board members participated in a series of cable television interviews on *Library Highlights*, with host Rita Sol, an alumna of Wayne State University's School of Library and Information Science. An archive of several of the interviews is available on the DALNET website at: www.dalnet.lib.mi.us/libraryhighlights.html



Library Highlights

Shared Online Resources

Constitution Day Collection was created as a set of cataloged websites and online videos that educators may use to celebrate the annual federal observance on September 17th.

Medical Journal Online Collection was created to provide access to over 70 no embargo, free access medical journals available on the Internet.

YouTube
For Love of Liberty
by dalnetconsortium



For Love of Liberty Digital Project

This collection contains instructional materials for high school and college classroom use as well as integrated online video for use with the curriculum. The collection centers on the story of America's Black military history as recorded in the documentary *For Love of Liberty*.

☉ EMPLOYEES

Steven K. Bowers

DALNET Executive Director, Steven K. Bowers, was invited to present at the national COSUGI conference for customers of SirsiDynix. Steven presented on customizations to the OPAC, including a discussion of XSL editing and a program on OPEN URL linking.

George Marck

DALNET Lead Applications Technical Analyst, George Marck was honored this year for 35 years of service at Wayne State University. The DALNET Board of Directors also presented George with an award with gratitude and appreciation for “25 Years of Outstanding Service to the Detroit Area Library Network.”

Kristy Wells

DALNET Office Manager and Systems Assistant, Kristy Wells, made her first professional presentation at the Michigan Library Association Academic Libraries conference this year. Kristy and her colleagues delivered a presentation titled “Channel Yourself: Using YouTube Playlists to Educate Students.”

Cathy Wolford

DALNET Systems Librarian, Cathy Wolford, was promoted to Librarian II rank. Upon application, in accordance with the Wayne State University tenure and promotion system, Cathy was qualified for this promotion because of her professional service, achievement, and work since she joined the DALNET office.



MLA Conference Booth

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