

Annual Report

2011 / 2012



A Community of Libraries

Working together to provide access to information for research, cultural enrichment, and lifelong learning.

Detroit Area Library Network

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Strategic Focus

This year the DALNET Board of Directors approved a new Strategic Focus document. Each area of strategic focus includes a list of Action Initiatives to be carried out from 2011-2014.

Board Leadership

The DALNET Board will be the hub that generates and approves the ideas for the future of the consortium.

Membership Engagement

DALNET will evaluate and enhance member engagement with the DALNET office and DALNET Board.

Fiduciary Responsibility

The financial viability of the DALNET consortium will be maintained while also initiating new programs.

Technological Infrastructure

DALNET will remain current in its technology offerings.

Value Added Programming

DALNET will encourage additional value added programs beyond the core integrated library system.

Events and Projects

Annual Meeting

The first ever DALNET Annual membership meeting was held at the [University of Detroit Mercy](#). Over 70 staff members from 15 DALNET libraries attended the event. UDM sponsored the morning session as planned by the Libraries/IDS Employee Development Committee chaired by [Sally Young Warren Graham](#), author of *Black Belt Librarian*, was guest speaker. An overview of DALNET planning and projects was given and attendees had the opportunity to attend discussion sessions.

Grants

The DALNET Board approved grant funding to establish a DALNET Digital Archive Repository to create access to new online collections for participating members [Adam Cardinal Maida Alumni Library](#), [Detroit Medical Center](#), [Marygrove College](#), and [Oakland Community College](#). The project has begun and it is anticipated that other members will join the repository at a later date. This year the Board also continued to offer participating members reimbursement for state-wide delivery services, funded through the DALNET grant program, to foster resource sharing for our member libraries.

Looking Ahead

The DALNET Board approved funding for two important projects to strengthen DALNET support of member libraries. In addition to approving work for installation of a new discovery catalog in the forthcoming year, the Board approved establishment of new ERM (Electronic Resource Management) services to include a link resolver and electronic resource A - Z list for member libraries. Both new projects are intended to strengthen support for access to electronic resources at member libraries, and the discovery catalog will include records from the DALNET Digital Repository.

DALNET Get It Local!

Reciprocal Borrowing

Get It Fast, Get It Free, Get It Local!

- Patron Initiated, self-service or staff assisted requests
- 1,000,000 Items in Shared Collections for free loan to your patrons
- Search across all collections limited to items available for Get It Local!
- Delivered for free through state-wide delivery funded by DALNET
- Open to all DALNET shared system libraries



Resource Sharing Expanded

DALNET expanded the benefits of consortium membership by enabling reciprocal borrowing among participating libraries. Patrons have expanded access to member library resources through their home library catalogs using the DALNET shared system. The BookMyne mobile catalog app was also implemented this year to offer patrons another way to search the DALNET shared system for **DALNET Get It Local!** items to borrow.



DALNET eLibrary

5000 Open Access eResources

The expanded and rebranded **DALNET eLibrary** now contains 19 distinct collections offering eBooks, eJournals, Videos, Podcasts, and Websites. Accessible through all member library catalogs, and online at: elibrary.dalnet.org



TED Talks Videos

Added to DALNET eLibrary

The popular TED Talks video series was added to the **DALNET eLibrary** and member catalogs. This addition of over 1,000 titles was made possible through the summer work project of DALNET practicum student **Jing Jing Wu**, a graduate of the **Wayne State University School of Library and Information Science**. Ms. Wu has been hired temporarily as a Special Projects Librarian for DALNET.



TITANIC

1912-2012

This project provides access to freely accessible online primary print resources contemporary to the sinking of the R.M.S. Titanic on April 15, 1912, 100 years ago. **Christopher Singleton**, a graduate of the **Wayne State University School of Library and Information Science**, was instrumental in the completion of this project.

Employees

The presentations and service of those employed in the DALNET office continue to promote the consortium at the local, state, and national levels.

Steven K. Bowers

Executive Director

Steven presented at the annual Transitions in Collections: Print to Digital conference for the Michigan Library Association. He spoke about "Organizing Access to Free Digital Resources."

Kristy Eklund

Office Manager / Systems Assistant

Kristy presented "Creating an Electronic Collection from Free Online Resources" at the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference. The presentation was popular and covered the DALNET [eLibrary: elibrary.dalnet.org](http://eLibrary:elibrary.dalnet.org)

George Marck

Lead Applications Technical Analyst

George was pleased to serve as the elected President of MUG (Michigan User's Group) for SirsiDynix. He organized the annual meeting for MUG, planning the agenda and presentations for the record-breaking audience of over 50 attendees.

Catherine Wolford

Systems Librarian

Cathy's presentation "Using YouTube Playlists for Collection Development" was well received at the national Internet Librarian conference.

Executive Committee

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