DALNET Details Newsletter

The e-newsletter of the Detroit Area Library Network

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Monthly Feature

Interactive Exhibits

Arab American National Museum

See permanent AANM exhibits online through these interactive exhibits!

View "Coming to America" Online

View "Living in America" Online

View "Making an Impact" Online

New Resources

Access for Free Online!

It's complicated: the social lives of networked teen
View in Catalog

Remodeling literacy learning together
View in Catalog

Taking a deeper dive into afterschool
View in Catalog

Kristy's Corrections

Corrections made this month for commonly misspelled words in the union catalog:

hoursing / housing (1 time)

satistics / statistics (4 times)

suject / subject (1 time)

System Work Groups Update

Almost all System Work Groups 2014 have had their initial meeting and have begun carrying out their task of " . . . assessing the system needs of the consortium in their defined areas and to develop a list of criteria for future system selection." At their second scheduled meeting this month, each work group will work on completing a list of criteria to be included in forthcoming member surveys to assess the criteria. Work groups will also give their input to the DALNET office about how the surveys should be designed to both assess the importance of listed criteria to member institutions and to gauge the perceptions of how well members' current systems meet the identified criteria.

Anyone that wants to keep up with all of the work that each group is doing can access meeting notes, conference call recordings, and other materials in the Committee section of the Member Website here. [Login Required]

Enterprise/Portfolio Upgraded

The DALNET shared Enterprise/Portfolio catalog was successfully upgraded to the latest release at the end of March. The release incorporates minor new features and bug fixes. Of note, members using the system may now sign up to accept online fine and fee payments from patrons using the system. For a nominal annual fee and minor charges libraries can now contract to use ProPay for accepting secure online credit card payments that are credited instantly to patron accounts. For more information or to sign up please contact Steven Bowers in the DALNET office.

Shared eBook Collection Task Force

The DALNET Shared eBook Collection Task Force is scheduled to have its first meeting, via conference call, from 2-4 PM on Tuesday, April 22. To prepare for their meeting, task force members are reading several articles about consortiums and ebook collections. This member-driven task force will be exploring the interest, feasibility, cost models, and other aspects of creating a shared ebook collection within DALNET for members that wish to participate. They will likely also discuss other ways that DALNET may explore shared collection development within the consortium. Anyone else that wishes to take a look at the articles that the task force will be reading can view them in the Committee section of the Member Website here. [Login Required]

Shared System Test Database

As noted in last month's Reports training, the Horizon Shared System Test Database is online and once again accessible for member use. The test database is a great way to try out functionality, do internal training, run reports, or perform other risky tasks that you may not want to try out live first in the production database. That's what the test database is for! Anyone interested is configuring a connection for using the test database should contact George Marck in the DALNET office for further information.

Did You Know?

A simple reply to any email from the DALNET Help Desk FootPrints system will update your help desk case automatically, without the need to login to the help desk system online.

Events Calendar

Thursday, April 3, 2014
Serials Work Group 2
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Monday, April 7, 2014
SysAdmin/Reports Work Group 2
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Public Interface/Ref Work Group 2
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Monday, April 14, 2014
ERM Work Group 2
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, April 15, 2014
Acquisitions Work Group 2
9:30 - 11:30 AM

Tuesday, April 16, 2014
Cataloging Work Group 2
9:30 - 11:30 AM

Monday, April 21, 2014
Project Manager's Meeting
Location: WSU UGL
3rd Floor Community Room
1:30 - 4:00 PM

Tuesday, April 22, 2014
Shared eBook Task Force
2:00 - 4:00 PM

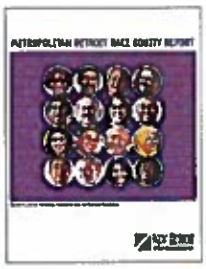
Monday, April 28, 2014
Executive Committee Meeting
Location: Detroit Institute of Arts
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2014
ILL Work Group 2
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Circ/Reserves Work Group 2
2:00 - 4:00 PM

Of Note

Report



Read Online

Just for Fun

Hades and Persephone

Take the Quiz

Read more here.