Monthly *Feature*

DALNET Health Gateway

The DALNET Health Gateway has links to online health information, including various links from DALNET member hospitals.

View Online

Beaumont | HEALTH SYSTEM

BOTSFORD   **DMC** DETROIT MEDICAL CENTER

VA   *McLaren* MACOMB

Kristy's *Korrections*

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

thrity / thirty (8 times)

milll* / mill* (4 times)

montly / monthly (3 times)

Just for *Fun*

Everyday Mysteries

www.loc.gov

Fun science facts from the Library of Congress

DALNET *Details* Newsletter

The e-newsletter of the Detroit Area Library Network

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DALNET Board Continues Planning for the Future

At their recent meeting, the DALNET Board of Directors reviewed the current library automation market as they continue planning for the future of DALNET. At its meeting in June the Board will review a timeline and and framework for project plans to move forward with a software migration in the future. Investigations and planning include the possible adoption of a discovery system catalog and a new library automation platform. After the Board adopts a time frame and sets an agenda for moving the consortium into the future, the whole of the DALNET membership will be invited to participate in the review and selection of a new system for DALNET. Members may view the library automation overview presented to the Board in March here. [member login required]

Committee Updates

The **Reciprocal Borrowing Committee** had its first meeting on March 12, 2012 and is working to complete a draft for a revised DALNET Reciprocal Borrowing policy for use with the union catalog. The policy should be forwarded to the Project Managers this month. They will then begin working on new procedures for lending materials through the union catalog. The office will provide profile forms for interested libraries to fill out so that this project can get underway. DALNET plans to launch reciprocal borrowing through the union catalog in mid-to-late summer. The committee's next meeting will be Wednesday, April 4th, from 2-4 PM at Walsh College, Troy. More information is available on the committee webpage, here. [member login required]

The **Cataloging and Database Standards Committee** had its first meeting on March 22, 2012. The committee discussed Horizon copy records and RDA. They will begin reviewing policies and drafting new ones for the future. The committee's next meeting will be Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the University of Detroit Mercy's Dental Campus. More information is available on the committee webpage, here. [member login required]

Save the Date: August 24, 2012

August 24 will be this year's annual DALNET Member meeting. Staff members from DALNET libraries are invited to spend the day at this event. The morning will be facilitated by Warren Graham, author of Black Belt Librarian. The afternoon will include an overview presentation of DALNET planning and projects and breakout sessions for various work areas within member libraries. Complete agenda and registration coming this summer.

Did You Know?

For the DALNET Bibliographic Record and Authority File clean-up project over 1.2 million bib records were edited in the DALNET union catalog and 75,000 authority records and counting were added to the database.

Events Calendar

Wednesday, April 4, 2012
Reciprocal Borrowing Committee
2 PM to 4 PM
Location: Walsh College - Troy

Friday, April 13, 2012
DALNET Grant Applications Due
By 5 PM
Location: DALNET Office

Monday, April 16, 2012
Project Managers Meeting
1:30 PM to 4 PM
Location: WSU UGL, 3rd Floor

Monday, April 23, 2012
Executive Committee Meeting
9:30 AM to 12 PM
Location: Detroit Institute of Arts

Thursday, April 26, 2012
Cataloging Standards Committee
9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Location: UDM Dental Campus

New *Resources*

Access for Free Online!

Building Digital Communities: a Framework for Action
View in Catalog

Building Digital Communities: Getting Started
View in Catalog

The Indianapolis Recorder
View in Catalog

Search Engine Use 2012
View in Catalog

On the *Web*

Codecademy
www.codecademy.com

"Codecademy is the easiest way to learn how to code. It's interactive, fun, and you can do it with your friends." (Free, must have Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, or Opera as your browser.)