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303 **OCULA** **CP Caledon**
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2:15 pm-3:30 pm

INTERNET RESOURCES – WHAT TO BUY, WHAT TO CLASSIFY, HOW TO CLASSIFY

Trina Richard, Cataloguing Librarian, Ryerson Polytechnic University; *Joe Cox*, Co-Manager, Inforum, Faculty of Information Studies, University of Toronto.

As more and more information, including books and journals, is published electronically and distributed on the internet, the tasks of organizing these resources and facilitating users' access to them becomes increasingly daunting. Reference and cataloguing librarians face many difficult decisions in handling the new formats. What is the best way to alert users to the existence of these resources? Many libraries have chosen to provide links from a web page. However, new generations of OPACs provide different options such as using a MARC cataloguing record to link the user directly to the document. Hear two experts in cataloguing internet resources discuss the advantages of this approach.
Convenor: *Marilyn McDermott*, Mohawk College.

304 **OLITA** **MTCC Rm 206A**
2:15 pm-3:30 pm

PC'S AND NETWORKING: THE UPGRADING DILEMMA

Art Rhyno, Head, Systems, The Leddy Library, University of Windsor.

Computer hardware and software upgrading costs can be prohibitive. PC technology has moved at blazing speeds and has often outdistanced the ability of the library's budgets to keep pace with the requirements of many desktop applications. Explore some approaches to this dilemma including leasing and thin clients.
Convenor: *Ola White*, TCS (Canada) Ltd.

305 **OLITA** **MTCC Rm 206B**
A SPECIAL DOUBLE SESSION
2:15 pm-5:00 pm

STAFFING THE LIBRARY'S SYSTEMS NEEDS

John Richardson, Director of Sales, Gaylord Information Systems; *Michael Ridley*, Chief Librarian, University of Guelph; *Don Mills*, CEO, Mississauga Library System; *David Fisher*, Professional Development for Everyone.

Is your library prepared to support existing and future systems needs? Staff turnover, competition, plateaus – how do you keep attitudes and practices current? Case studies, tips and guidelines cover recruitment, retraining and retention. Learn what effective job descriptions include. Hear what progressive ideas have worked for others. Find out what tomorrow will require in library systems staffing.
Convenor: *Sam Kalb*, Queen's University.

306 **OLITA** **MTCC Rm 206E**
2:15 pm-3:30 pm

TOWARDS THE DIGITAL LIBRARY Part 1

Gwynneth Evans, Director General, National and International Programs, National Library of Canada and CIDL Secretariat; *Joanna Wellheiser*, Toronto Public Library.

The Canadian Initiative on Digital Libraries (CIDL) is a voluntary Alliance of more than 50 libraries - public, college, university and special - working together to address the exciting and demanding issues related to digital libraries. Join us for an overview of the progress made and a discussion of future plans. In Part I find out about the Toronto City Directory Digitization Project and the lessons learned in a public library. Part 2 (#405) follows at 3:45 pm.
Convenor: *Barbara Freeze*, CNIB Library for the Blind.

307 **OLTA** **MTCC Rm 104C** 2:15 pm-3:30 pm

THE 1999 OLTA TOWN HALL MEETING

Presiding: *Edmundo Vàsquez*, President 1998.

The Ontario Library Trustees' Association's Town Hall Meeting provides a lively forum for current issues. Roundtable discussions confront the questions and challenges that trustee members currently face.

The OLTA's Annual Meeting immediately follows at 3:45 pm (Session #404).