



WebJunction Illinois: Meeting the Needs of Library Staff in all Types of Libraries

From its launch in July, 2007, one of the goals of WebJunction Illinois has been to provide a collaborative environment in which library staff from all types of Illinois libraries can learn, interact and be inspired. Here are some of methods we are using to reach that goal.

Mission

Part of the [published mission](#) of WJIL is to Integrate by bringing together ideas, resources and people from all types of Illinois libraries through discussion forums, mentoring, and networking.

Content

The [Illinois Content Guide](#) (in the process of being built) provides one point of access to content by library type. In addition, the subject organization of the site allows users to access the content and tools that meet their needs, no matter what type of library they represent.

In 2008, WJIL will launch a Subject Curator program in which individuals in the library community take responsibility for the review, updating and content contribution for a specific area of the site. Subject Curators will have a 6 month responsibility and will rotate between representatives of Academic, Public, School and Special libraries to provide a multitype perspective.

Inspiration

By providing a platform to tell the story of multitype collaboration in Illinois, WJIL encourages and inspires libraries to pursue cooperative projects. From the [Multitype Collaboration](#) page to the [LSTA Grant Update](#) stories and [Illinois Standouts](#) a clear message runs throughout – multitype cooperation is the Illinois advantage.

Professional Development

One of the ways that we support all types of libraries in Illinois is by providing free continuing education and professional development through the [WebJunction Illinois Course Catalog](#). Library staff can take advantage of courses as varied as [MetaData for Digitized Resources](#), [Creating Collaborative Lessons for the Elementary School Library](#), [Trends in Children's Literature](#) and [Introduction to Bibliomining](#).

Awareness

We continue to raise the visibility of WJIL throughout the entire Illinois Library community with training, workshops and presentations for library staff and organizations representing all types of libraries.

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