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Inspire supports libraries from all sectors in working together to enable members of communities across the UK who are engaged in lifelong learning or research to find and access their information needs.

I cannot send this e-newsletter without including something about the death of CILIP Chief Executive, Bob McKee. As well as leading the main professional body for librarians in the UK, Bob was a lovely, generous and funny person who combined his enthusiasm and skills in the library world with a great sense of humour – as well as an enthusiasm for certain football team.

For the many who, like me, were deeply saddened to hear the news of his death, you may wish to look at [Cilip's Bob's Blog](#) page which has many tributes from colleagues throughout the UK and the world or read the moving tribute written by his colleagues at [IFLA](#).
Sally Curry

Inspire News

Inspire in the East Midlands developments

Lynn Hodgkins, Regional Librarian in the East Midlands, has written a very interesting piece on library collaboration and the role of Inspire and Findit! in that region. As it is longer than most of the items in the Inspire e-newsletter, I have included this as a supplement to the main e-news. At this time where we are told that 'Shared Services' is the way forward, the work in the East Midlands is very informative for anyone wishing to develop a range of collaborative services.

The British Library

The British Library is launching an interactive survey to map and preserve sounds from across the UK. [UK SoundMap](#), which is being carried out in collaboration with Noise Futures Network and Audioboo. Anyone can get involved with this research project just by recording their surroundings and then describing them with simple tags and comments. The Audioboo recording application is available for free..

These files are then made available almost instantly on Audioboo FM as MP3 versions and referenced on the interactive map displayed on the British Library website The recordings and data will be retained permanently and made accessible to everyone for generations to come. The project will to run for a year through to the summer of 2011 and is expected to aggregate over 10,000 recordings

<http://sounds.bl.uk/uksoundmap/index.aspx>

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23 Things to help you learn about Web 2.0 – or just some of them

I read an [article](#) recently by Helen Leech on the idea of 23 things and learning about Web 2.0. I had come across the idea of '1 thing' but not 23 things. Its an interesting article but if you, like many of us, just want to dive straight into easy ways of learning about Web 2.0, you could go straight to any of the article's recommended sites such as [23 Things @ Devon Libraries](#) , or [25 Things @Huddersfield](#).

Although these are written for public and academic libraries respectively, the majority of the content in both is appropriate for anyone help with their understanding and use of Web 2.0.

Events**SWRLS AGM**

The South West Regional Library Service (<http://www.swrls.org.uk/>), will be holding their AGM on 14th October at Monks Yard, near Ilminster, Somerset. For more information about the AGM - please contact Lynn Osborne on director@swrls.org.uk

Research Information in Transition

The Research Information Network, RIN is hosting a series of three free events this autumn on the theme of Research Information in Transition. The topics are:

- The future of scholarly publishing – where do we go from here? - 11 October
- Research data – policies and behaviours - 18 November:
- Quality assurance – responding to a changing information world - 13 December

This programme of events will explore the significant changes that are taking place in the way that research information and data are created, managed, used and disseminated; and to consider the implications for the different stakeholders in the foreseeable future.

We are expecting a lively debate led by experts in their field.

This series of events will take place at the Royal College of Physicians, in London. Each will run from 17:30 - 20:30, and will consist of a series of short presentations, followed by discussions and opportunities for networking over drinks and canapés.

Further information can be found on the RIN website

<http://www.rin.ac.uk/news/events/research-information-transition-series-evening-events-2010> or contact kissley.leonor@rin.ac.uk.

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[Embedding a sustainable approach to working strategically: family learning in museums, libraries and archives](#)

4, 5, 12 & 13 October; 10 November; 14 & 15 December in various locations across the North East & Yorkshire and Humberside regions

Free

These sessions aim to provide a shared forum for local authority family learning staff and MLA sector staff with case study exchange to support curriculum development and best practice.

Each session will further build the capacity of the family learning and MLA sectors to develop strategic partnerships to enhance delivery, in particular to those families not generally using museums, libraries and archives or engaged in learning and most in need.

For more information and to book a place visit

<http://www.niace.org.uk/events>. Enquiries to the NIACE events team at events@niace.org.uk or phone (0116) 204 2833.

[And to entertain you on a Friday afternoon: Libraries Do Gaga](#)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_uzUh1VT98

and

[Geek the library](#)

Don't know the verb 'to geek' – read on...

It is not only libraries in the UK that are feeling the pressure in these difficult financial times. A community-based public awareness campaign, 'Geek the Library' is being adopted by US public libraries to increase local library support and demonstrate the value of public libraries to their communities. Details about how libraries can use the campaign to increase local support are available at <http://get.geekthelibrary.org/> and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g4OkM93JI_o

[With many thanks to all who have contributed to this newsletter](#)

and a **Reminder** that this newsletter should be about activities in the regions so if you would like to contribute information on events in your area, whether they are large or small, please send up an update on Inspire in your region or any other items which might be of interest to Inspire members – to me at the usual address:

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Thank you