

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.

News from the British Library

British Library 'Treasures' App

The British Library launched its first smartphone app 'Treasures' <http://www.bl.uk/app> which presents a rich selection of the items featured in the Library's Sir John Ritblat Treasures Gallery. The app provides the opportunity for interaction with the British Library's collections whether you are at home, in your own library, on the move or within the Gallery itself.

Scotland

Walk In Access Project.

SCURL, with funding from the Scottish Library and Information Council (SLIC), has started work on a project to look at the provision of walk-in access to e-resources subscribed to by libraries. The outcome of the project is to present a "best practice toolkit which will enable HE institutions to make e-resources available to external users".

A Task and Finish Group representing HEIs, FE Colleges, museums, the NLS and the public library sector will work on this project.

The finished toolkit should be available in November 2011

News from the Regions

Developments in the SW

SWRLS (South Western Regional Library Service) is pleased to announce that it is launching a new grant scheme.

Grants of between £2k and £10k will be made available in 2011-12 for members who can demonstrate they are undertaking collaborative projects that meet SWRLS's objectives, as well as contributing to the priorities identified in recent member surveys.

Grants are available to paid up subscribing members of SWRLS.

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 28th February 2011 and if successful, applicants will then be invited to submit a full application by 28th April 2011.

For more information and the necessary forms click [here](#) and if you have any queries, please contact Lynn Osborne director@swrls.org.uk.

SWRLS to provide best practice guide for School Librarians advising students on use of HE and other libraries

SWRLS, the SW regional library service, is currently engaged in talking to the regional ASCEL and SLA groups with a view to encouraging more school libraries to join the group. This has been prompted by HE members of SWRLS who are

concerned about the increasing demand on their resources from sixth form students undertaking "extended projects". SWRLS aim is to devise a best practice guide for school librarians to use when advising their students about resource availability and to try to produce a regional offer which all university libraries can sign up to.

NB If this has already been done in other regions, Lynn Osborne, SWRLS Director, would be pleased to hear from you. director@swrls.org.uk

The East Midlands

Inspire in the East Midlands is managed through the provision of an introductory leaflet and EM Inspire access cards. New Inspire in the East Midlands leaflets and cards have recently been commissioned and have now been widely distributed across participating organisations.

More information is available on the Libraries & Information East Midlands (LIEM) [website](#) or from Lynn Hodgkins, LIEM Regional Librarian lynn.hodgkins@derbyshire.gov.uk

Events

UCR SW: FREEBIES AND LIBRARIES: how to work with no budget

15th March 2011 10.30am - 3.30pm. Reed Hall, University of Exeter.

In financially challenging times, please join us at this FREE and interactive event looking at free software in academic libraries. What's out there, and how can we make best use of it? In the morning we'll be introduced to a range of freeware - including Joe Bennett (Bath Spa) on Zotero (bibliographic management software), and Ian Collins (UWE) on Prezi (an online presentation tool). Phil Bradley will then host the afternoon session and activities.

To register, please complete the booking form available at <http://www.cilip.org.uk/get-involved/special-interest-groups/ucr/divisions/south-west/pages/events.aspx>.

For further information please contact: Alastair.Sleat@uwe.ac.uk.

Learn to Share to Learn:

Joint SWRLS / JISC RSC SW Conference on OER (Open Educational Resources). 23rd March, Taunton,

Attending the conference will allow you to:

- explain what OER are and how they can be used
- discover how to find OER and what OER are available
- plan how to adapt and embed them for in-house use
- produce your own OER
- assess what works well with different groups and settings

Cost: £30 for SWRLS members £45 for non members

For further information and booking details see:

<http://www.swrls.org.uk/events.asp?ID=73>

Getting started in digital preservation

Following on from the very successful 'Decoding the Digital' conference, the British Library Preservation Advisory Centre and the [Digital Preservation Coalition](#) are running a series of events across the UK designed to raise awareness of digital preservation issues, increase involvement with digital preservation activities and sign-post the support and resources available to help you on your way.

Who should come?

The sessions are aimed at librarians, archivists and collection managers in all sectors and in all sizes of institution who want to find out more about digital preservation and the implications for their organisation of having to retain, manage and provide ongoing access to digital material.

Each day provides an introduction to digital preservation, builds an understanding of the risks to digital materials, includes practical sessions to help you apply digital preservation planning and tools, and features speakers sharing their own experience of putting digital preservation into practice.

Throughout the day participants will gain confidence in addressing digital preservation issues and knowledge of achievable steps to put theory into practice and safeguard vulnerable digital content.

How do I get a place?

Places are strictly limited and we expect them to be booked quickly. Early booking is recommended. Each event costs £25 + VAT but is free to DPC members.

<http://www.dpconline.org/events/details/22-getting-started-in-digital-preservation-glasgow?xref=22>

Monday 28 February 2011

Wolfson Medical School Building, University of Glasgow

Wednesday 23 March 2011

Glamorgan Archives, Cardiff

Friday 15 April 2011

DPC Offices, Science Park, York

For full programme details and to book, please visit:

<http://www.dpconline.org/events>

Other News

'How to License Research Data'

The Digital Curation Centre (DCC) has published the second in its series of How-to Guides: 'How to License Research Data' by Alex Ball of the DCC, in association with JISC Legal.

This guide has been written for those who provide access to research data through a data centre, repository or archive and for principal investigators, researchers, who need more than the high-level basic awareness given in DCC briefing papers, but less than the in-depth coverage given in the Curation Reference Manual.

The guide explains why licensing data is important, what licensing options are available to researchers, and how to go about attaching a licence to a dataset.

'How to License Research Data' is available for online reading or download from <http://www.dcc.ac.uk/resources/how-guides/license-research-data>

For more information please contact:

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Measuring the effectiveness of your process improvements

JISC infoNet Impact Calculator has been developed to help higher education institutions improve effectiveness by providing a robust, transparent and consistent means of predicting and measuring the impact of a new process or system on an organisation.

Produced in Microsoft Excel, the JISC infoNet Impact Calculator can be used to define and measure the benefit achieved through any process improvement. Once the relevant data has been entered into the Calculator it will then chart the level of improvement realised and determine if and when a 'return on investment' (ROI) will be - or was - realised.

For more information click [here](#)

[Geek the Library](#), You may remember that I featured *Geek the Library* in the September Inspire e-newsletter. OCLC has now issued a report showing how the Geek the library campaign is not only drawing attention, but actually helping change public perceptions about the library, librarians and public library funding.

OCLC is currently conducting a programme to help US public libraries implement this campaign locally. Interested libraries can visit www.get.geekthelibrary.org for more information.

Will the [10 o'clock Save Our Libraries](#) clip do the same for Public Libraries in the UK? If not, should there be a *UK Geek the Library* campaign here?

NB: Inspire eNewsletter - March Issue

I would like to focus the March issue of the e-newsletter on Special Collections. What is a Special Collection? - the local history collection or an unusual collection on a specific subject or specific person - or something else?

Are special collections under threat in these difficult financial times?
Do you share the management of your special collection with other libraries/other organisations – eg archives or galleries – or across sectors.

I would be interested to hear about issues or success stories for your special collections – so, please get in touch.

New email address: inspire2011@hotmail.co.uk

With many thanks to all who have contributed to this newsletter.

Reminder: *this newsletter is about collaborative activities, ideas and proposals throughout the UK – and beyond. If you would like to contribute information on events in your area, whether they are large or small, or offer any other items which might be of interest to Inspire members – please send them to me at the new address: inspire2011@hotmail.co.uk*

Thank you