**Open Source Software: a Community and a Philosophy of Freedom**

Presented by the OBS-SIS VIP, Nicole Engard

Librarians have adopted a culture of helplessness and workarounds when it comes to our software. Open source software (OSS) is a way to get freed from these chains. But open source is about more than just software; it's about community and a philosophy of freedom. This session will give librarians the facts about OSS by introducing them to what OSS is, what it means for libraries and what tools libraries can use right now to improve their efficiency, customer service and product offerings.

Nicole C. Engard is the Vice President of Education at ByWater Solutions. Her primary role at ByWater Solutions is to educate librarians about open source software with a focus on the Koha ILS.

**Please note that because this program will happen during a roundtable, it will not be listed on the AALL program schedule.**

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**Monday, July 14**

**OBS-SIS OCLC Users Group**

Glenn Patton, Director of WorldCat Quality Management at OCLC, will give an update on OCLC services and products of interest to technical services staff in law libraries. Come prepared with questions that you'd like to ask.

**Monday, July 14**

**OBS-SIS Business Meeting**

**Tuesday, July 15**

**OBS-SIS Education Committee**

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**Orbis Cascade Alliance Summit**: A Library Management Service Model for the Future

Richard Jost, Alena Wolotira and Penny Hazelton, University of Washington

With ILS costs skyrocketing and library budgets shrinking, libraries are increasingly turning to new models of affording the ILS they want. Open Source ILSs are one answer. Consortia are another. The Orbis Cascade Alliance is implementing a new library management service to be shared by all 37 members of the consortium. Soon all these libraries in the Pacific Northwest will be sharing not only a catalog, but also cooperative collection development, digital initiatives, and discovery services. Hopefully, this will result in better services for students, faculty, and staff. Is it worth giving up the autonomy of a separate institutional ILS? What are the costs, and what are the benefits?