American Association of Law Libraries
Online Bibliographic Services Interest Section
2002-2003 Membership Survey

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1. Member Profile

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2. OBS Programs Profile

**Orlando 2002.** Please indicate if you attended any of these programs sponsored by OBS and rank them according to their value in your job or professional development.

- How to Avoid 'Search Reopened' and Hire the Right Technical Services Candidate the First Time Around (TS-SIS co-sponsor)
  - Attended?
    - Yes
    - No
  - Attended?
    - Very Relevant
    - Moderately Relevant
    - Not Relevant

- The Catalog vs. the Homepage? Best Practices in Connecting to Online Resources
  - Attended?
    - Yes
    - No
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- Rule Maker or Rule Breaker: A Reference Librarian's Guide to Better Cataloging
  - Attended?
    - Yes
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**Seattle 2003.** Please indicate your interest in attending these programs sponsored by OBS for the Seattle meeting and rank their potential value to you in your job or professional development

**Connected to the Future: OCLC's Connexion**

OCLC has begun its most dramatic change since it created WorldCat and its cataloging system in 1971. OCLC discontinued its proprietary software and converted to a web-based cataloging system called Connexion on June 30, 2002. An OCLC executive will discuss this conversion and plans for future changes to WorldCat. He will also address MARC changes associated with the changes in the definition of

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seriality in AACR2 Chapter 12 which OCLC plans to implement in summer 2003.

**Envisioning Tomorrow's Catalog: A View From Outside the Library**

The delivery of online bibliographic services must satisfy new demands for service and access that stretch traditional definitions. The roles of catalogs, catalogers and cataloging continue to evolve in reaction to new materials, new demands for metadata of various types and new consumers and producers of metadata. Greater experience with e-commerce and web search engines drive users expectations of what a catalog should contain, deliver and describe. The speaker will discuss how catalogs, catalogers and cataloging integrate standards with functionality in an e-commerce environment, Amazon.com, and ways in which these traditional library activities adapt to and predict the evolving needs of users.

**Open Linking and E-Journal Management: Strategies for Maximizing Your Investment in Electronic Resources Today**

Fees for aggregator services and e-journal subscriptions will soon consume a significant portion of law library collection budgets. Electronic databases are already the favored media of library researchers. Administrators want to make sure the investment pays off in enhanced services to users. Library users are looking for the holy grail of electronic research—full text articles. Technical services, reference and systems librarians want to keep track of the constant changes in e-journal aggregators. How will the needs of these disparate constituencies be met? Kim Parker, Yale University Library’s Electronic Publishing and Collections Librarian will describe the process and benefits of Yale’s implementation of Serials Solutions and SFX. Representatives from these two vendors will discuss their products in general terms.

**Two Stepping With Technology**

With the many demands put upon today’s libraries and their staff, it is hard to stay current with all the latest developments in library technologies especially with new improvements happening almost every day. Trying to determine which library journals to read, what listservs you should be on, what websites you should be watching, or what conferences you should be attending can make you want to throw your hands up in surrender. Never
fear - this program will help you identify and determine what resources you should be using to stay on top with the latest in library technologies.

**Boston 2004.** Please indicate your interest in the following list of topics that OBS Education committee might develop as program proposals for the 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston. Rank their potential value to you in your job or professional development.

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Technology training-how to get your staff up to speed. Methods and techniques.  

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Please suggest any new program ideas that you have for the AALL convention in Boston 2004

If you are willing to work on a program or can recommend someone who is knowledgeable about these topics, please specify.

3. OBS SIS Activities and Products

Do you attend the "types of library" (ALL, PLL, SCLL) meetings at the AALL Annual Meeting?  

Attend?  
○ Yes  ○ No

Do you feel scheduling meetings on Wednesday is a reasonable way to manage OBS/TS meeting conflicts?  

○ Yes  ○ No

Please rank the following activities and products to determine if we are meeting your needs. Use the following scale of evaluation: (V) Very Relevant; (M) Moderately Relevant; (N) Not Relevant

| OBS-SIS sponsored educational programs at AALL annual meeting | OBS-SIS Brochure |
| Technical Services Law Librarian (quarterly newsletter) | Law Library Local Systems Directory |
| OBS-SIS co-sponsored AALL Official Representative to MARBI Committee | Promotional Giveaways |
| OBS-SIS Website | Paperback Exchange at Activities Table |
| OBS-SIS Electronic list | OBS/TS Joint Research Grant |
|  | Joint Reception at AALL Annual Meeting |

4. OBS-SIS Website (http://www.aallnet.org/sis/obsis/)

What do you like about the OBS Website?  

What would you change?

5. Technical Services Law Librarian (quarterly newsletter)

Please evaluate the TSLL columns based on their value to your current job and professional development. Use the following scale of evaluation: (V) Very Relevant; (M) Moderately Relevant; (N) Not Relevant

| Acquisitions | OCLC |
| Classification | Preservation |
| Collection Development | Research and Publication |
6. How Can OBS Serve You Better?

What do you need from OBS now? What is OBS doing currently that is NOT useful to you? Another other comments?

7. OBS-SIS VOLUNTEER FORM

The Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section (OBS-SIS) needs your help to continue thriving! We want to hear from members who are interested in serving on an OBS-SIS Committee(s), in running for OBS-SIS office, or working on the OBS newsletter, Technical Services Law Librarian.

Are you interested in volunteering for an OBS-SIS committee? Click as many as interest you.

Are you interested in running for office? Check as many as interest you.

Would like to be involved with TSLL?

Do you have any ideas for new columns or features?

CHAIR: Presides at OBS-SIS meetings, represents Section on AALL SIS Council, appoints committees and chairs, prepares annual report, regularly reports to membership in TSLL. Time commitment: several hours each month; term: ONE year, then becomes Past Chair for one year.

VICE-CHAIR/CHAIR-ELECT: Serves as chair of Education Committee, sends out annual membership survey, participates in annual SIS leadership workshop. Time commitment: several hours in each of 3-4 months; term: ONE year, then becomes Chair.

SECRETARY/ TREASURER: Takes and transcribes meeting minutes, prepares, collects, and counts ballots for annual election, monitors SIS funds, pays SIS obligations, prepares financial report for annual meeting; Time commitment: 2-3 hours in each of 3-4 months; term: TWO years.

BOARD MEMBER-AT-LARGE: Participates in annual board meetings, assists chair as needed, including liaison responsibilities, arranges for exhibit hall table, plans annual reception with other SIS representatives. Time commitment: a few hours in each of 3-4 months; term: TWO years.

Thank you for your interest in OBS-SIS and your time to complete this survey!

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