

# NASIG Newsletter

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## Upcoming Conference News

### PPC Update

Anne Mitchell and Michael Hanson, PPC Co-Chairs

The Program Planning Committee is looking forward to seeing you in St. Louis in just a few weeks! The exciting program covers many different aspects of serials, from discovery to collaborative archiving, and we hope that everyone will find sessions that fit their interests.

As we get close to conference date, here are some tips to keep in mind:

- There may be some changes to the program, so please check the [program and schedule](#) online for the latest updates
- Although we ask you to indicate interest in programs while registering, feel free to change your mind
- Posters will be up all day on Saturday, so please take the time to learn from our innovative colleagues
- Informal discussion groups will be held during Saturday lunch; look for discussion topics to be announced soon
- It is not too late to sign up for one of our exciting pre-conferences!

The NASIG Program Planning Committee is very excited about the pre-conference line-up for the 2011 Conference. For more information on the NASIG Annual Conference or to register for these sessions, please visit the Conference website:

[http://www.nasig.org/conference\\_registration.cfm](http://www.nasig.org/conference_registration.cfm)

### Serials and RDA: An Ongoing Relationship

Full-Day Session: Wednesday, June 1 9:00am-5:00pm

What does RDA say about the cataloging of serials? What related issues need to be considered? What is the impact on current policies, programs, processes, and databases? This preconference will cover: creation of RDA records for serials (changes from AACR2, new elements, encoding); use of existing serial records (AACR2, RDA, etc.); resources in the RDA Toolkit; development of national, consortium, and local policies; consultation with others inside and outside your institution (public service staff, vendors, etc.); and consideration of possible changes in RDA affecting serials. The topics will be addressed via lecture, demonstration, discussion, and creation of practice records.

Speaker: Judy Kuhagen, Library of Congress

### Accounting Techniques for Acquisition Librarians

Half-Day Session: Wednesday, June 1 1:00pm-5:00pm

Librarians are often surprised by the amount of accounting knowledge necessary to budget and track serials and electronic resources. Most librarians enter the profession just after completing their ALA-accredited masters program with undergraduate backgrounds in English or other liberal arts. Often courses in collection management do not address the fundamentals of creating and managing budgets or creating cost-benefit analysis for large purchases. To

make the situation worse, recent economic downfalls require librarians to project future financial needs and analyze the cost effectiveness of long standing products and purchasing practices. Rachel Kirk, a former CPA and a current acquisition librarian at Middle Tennessee State University's Walker Library, discusses some basic accounting concepts that can help collection management librarians maintain fiscal order. Rachel will provide an overview of reconciling fund accounts with the university's financial system, annual budgeting, budget monitoring, and creating scenario analyses for large purchases. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop to the workshop for hands-on exercises.

Speaker: Rachel Kirk, Middle Tennessee State University

### **Who Ya Gonna Call? Troubleshooting Strategies for E-Resources Access Problems**

Half-Day Session: Thursday, June 2 9:00am-noon

Librarians, publishers, and subscription agents come together to address best practices when trying to

troubleshoot e-resources access problems; strategies for working in a consortial environment; tracking down that elusive administrative login information to pull usage statistics; updating contacts; and IP address management among many other topics. What information is needed to most effectively deal with these issues? Is this information readily at hand? The session will explore each party's workflow and see where they intersect or fall apart. How can we work together to improve this often confusing scenario? Who DO you call when questions arise? Take-aways: a better understanding of the workflow and information needs for all parties in the e-resources information chain, and some best practices to implement in our respective workplaces.

Speakers: Susan Davis, University at Buffalo; Teresa Malinowski, California State University, Fullerton; Eve Davis, EBSCO Information Services; Dustin MacIver, EBSCO Information Services; Tina Currado, Taylor & Francis