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ALA EMERGING LEADERS
PROJECT N
What is an Emerging Leader?

- A group of librarians newer to the profession with an interest in professional development and leadership
- 100 participants chosen each year
- Participate in problem-solving work groups
WHO IS PROJECT N?

- Project N is:
  - Sponsored by LearnRT to design and plan a series of webinars on topics of interest to staff development.

- Mentors
  - Betha Gutsche, Program Manager, WebJunction
  - Janie Hermann, Program Coordinator, Princeton Public Library (NJ)

- See more at: http://sites.google.com/site/emergingleadersprojectn/
Who is Project N?

Participants (from L to R)

- Sonnet Brown, University of New Orleans
- Natalie Clewell, West Georgia Technical College
- Angela Nolet, King County Library System
- Jennifer Spriggs, Allegany County Library System
LEARNRT

- The Learning Round Table:
  - Promotes, facilitates and advocates for quality continuing education for all library personnel.

- For more information, visit their blog at [http://alalearning.org](http://alalearning.org)
Your Library Type

- Public Library: 45%
- Academic Library: 20%
- Library Consortium: 3%
- Other: 9%
- Special Library: 6%
- School Library: 3%
- State Agency or Association: 14%
Service Population

- 0-4,999: 21%
- 5,000-24,999: 15%
- 25,000-99,999: 24%
- 100,000+: 27%
- Not Sure: 13%
HOUSEKEEPING

- We want this session to be interactive, so we welcome your comments and questions!
- Please post your questions in the chat and we will get to them as soon as we can.
- But also Q&A Session at the end.
- Discussions can continue on WebJunction
- Twitter: #Merlin10
Today’s Presenters

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Building an Online Learning Community in Your State

Nini Beegan & Maurice Coleman
June 2010
What we’ve planned for today

- About Merlin
  - History & Mission
  - Our Plan
- What Merlin offers
- Challenges
- Next Steps
- Your thoughts
Merlin is a learning community website.

The community of communities for Maryland library staff

New and improved - BETA

MERLIN is now being presented to you via Joomla, an open source content management system that is simpler to use.
Participate and contribute:
- Use the calendars to learn about training and other statewide events.
- Launch online training.
- Engage in discussions and share resources on various library-related topics.
- Create and contribute to blogs and wikis for statewide committees and projects.
- Network with kindred library folk statewide.

This project made possible with funding by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, through the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library and Development Services in partnership with the State Library Resource Center, and Maryland's Regional and Public Libraries.
History & Mission

“Old” Merlin (pre–2004 to 2009)

– Funding – Gates grant
– Mission: Learning portal – technology
– Audience – Maryland Public Libraries
– SLRC server – Drupal
– Advisory Team – IT Directors and SLRC Webmaster
– Site Supporters Team – Public and Regional Libraries
– Ushered in Web 2.0, Online Learning, Statewide Training Calendar, SkillSoft
History & Mission

“New” Merlin (May 2009 to ..)

- Funding – LSTA
- Audience: MD Public Libraries ➔ All MD Libraries
- SLRC Server – Joomla
- Run by Community Builders Team
- Mission: Learning Community via “Community of Communities” but now “Learning Community”
- Experiment – can we do this with limited resources?
Our Plan

Recruit Community Builders
Migrate to Joomla and build – 2007 to 2009
Soft rollout – MLA Conference 2009
Tweaks – Summer 2009
Marketing – Fall/Winter 2009
Continuous Beta/Grow Organically/Change
Expand to include other libraries – 2011
Like many other states, Maryland is VERY Connected:

Statewide Staff Development Staff
Maryland Library Association
State Library Resource Center
Ask Us Now
Library Associates Training Institute
Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators

are just some of the ways we work together in MD. Which is GREAT until you want to find something that could be on several sites.....
We addressed:
three or four places online
where you may or may not find
information

So we created…

ONE Place to find different
Maryland Library Staff Groups and
Library Resources
Library Lingo

Confused about Maryland Library world's alphabet soup? Below is a list of some common library terms and organizations. Below are some library terms and acronyms defined for you.

Questions? Or wish to have lingo added to this page, please contact us.

**ALA** - American Library Association. The oldest and largest library association in the world, ALA's mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services and public access to information. (Source: ALA Web page) [http://www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org)


**Bar Code** - A machine-readable series of numbers on a book to help identify it in the library system. Circulation clerks scan the bar code of a book to check it out or in.

**BAROC** - Baltimore Arts Realignment and Closures. [http://www.marylandarts.org/brac/brac](http://www.marylandarts.org/brac/brac)

**Library Lingo for New Folks**

**BIB Record** - Bibliographic record of a library item, usually containing basic information, such as title, author, and format, as well as other information useful for identifying the item.

**Bibliographic Instruction** - Teaching library research skills.

**Book Leasing Program** - Books that are rented for a period of time and then returned to the vendor.

**BRAC** - Base Realignment and Closures. Shifts in population caused by BRAC are having significant impact on Maryland libraries and other educational institutions. [http://www.governor.maryland.gov/brac/index.asp](http://www.governor.maryland.gov/brac/index.asp)

**Cataloging** - Creation of a bibliographic record that describes a title and provides access points such as title, author, series and subjects.

**CEUs** - Continuing Education Units. Librarians and library associates are required by [DLDS](http://www.dlds.org) to earn nine Continuing Education Units every five years to ensure recertification. Ten CEUs make up one credit. Staff, therefore, need to earn ninety units for
Promotes Information Sharing Statewide

Calendars

Shared Statewide Training & Events Calendar
The Shared Statewide Training & Events Calendar Displays ALL SHARED training available statewide plus other significant statewide training and events. Some training and events are available by invitation only. Click on the event to view details. Click on OPTIONS to search, filter, subscribe.

Other Training & Events Calendars:

Maryland Library Association Calendar
Please contact the MLA office for instructions on how to add an event to this calendar.

Eastern Shore Regional Library Training Calendar
Southern Maryland Regional Library Training Calendar
Western Maryland Regional Library Training Calendar

Other Calendars:

Statewide Marketing Calendar - Displays local and statewide events

Virtual Meeting Calendar - Displays reservations for shared virtual training/meeting rooms for statewide initiatives. Please contact your staff development coordinator (or the MLA office for MLA events) to make a reservation and click on Virtual Meeting Setup (see left menu) for more information.
# Statewide Training & Events Calendar

These SHARED training opportunities relevant to public libraries are provided by: Maryland public library systems and regional libraries; Maryland Library Association; and the State Library Resource Center. Select free webinars from OPAL, SirsiDynix Institute, Library Journal, WebJunction are also listed; along with significant statewide meetings and events. Some training and events are available by invitation only. **Click on the event to view details.**

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One Stop Shopping For Training
One Place to Launch Training

Training

The Statewide Training & Events Calendar lists many training opportunities. It includes both classroom and online learning. These opportunities relevant to public libraries are provided by:

- Maryland public library systems and regional libraries
- Maryland Library Association
- State Library Resource Center
- Free webinars from OPAL, SirsiDynix Institute, WebJunction

SkillSoft Login for those who are participating. The SkillSoft Blog has project information. Catalog link to get listing of available courses (IT, Desktop and Business only). Want to know if a course is good? Check out the evaluations from last year. Here's an Overview to help you get started. Discussion Guides for supervisory courses.

MORE ONLINE LEARNING

Sponsored, Open to Many
Lists of online courses available to Maryland public library staff. Please check with your staff development coordinator for more information.

Other Online Opportunities
Many are free or low cost. Some qualify for contact hours, but check with your staff development coordinator.

Please Contact Us with questions and contributions. It is also helpful if you can share your Comments below about any of the training that you've taken here.
More Communities

Here’s the listing of statewide communities (groups or organizations). Find yours -- find others. Got one to share? Comment below or Contact Us.

Statewide Communities

- AUN Maryland Ask-Us-Now Partners
- DLDS Division of Library Development & Services
- ESRL Eastern Shore Regional Library
- Everyone Learns
- LATI Library Associate Training Institute
- MAPLA Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators
- NILO Maryland InterLibrary Loan
- SMRLA Southern Maryland Regional Library
- WMRL Western Maryland Regional Library

Post Comment

Only registered users can write a comment. Please login or register.
"GIT ALONG
LIL' KITTIES!"

"WITH THOUSANDS OF CATS ALL
GOIN' THEIR OWN WAY,
I'VE GOTTA BELIEVE CAT HERDIN'
IS THE TOUGHEST THING I EVER DID."

"JESSE "Skeeter" SIMON
CAT HERDER-1895"
We Built It
But they Didn’t Come:

Certain groups are not ready or did not want this functionality or do not use to full extent ..and that is ok.
We Built It
But they Didn’t Use It:

Drupal v. Joomla:
What you use to create and manage content can have effect on use of your site.
Know Your Limitations
Evaluation?
Evaluation!
Evaluation.
Next Steps

- Sell benefits
- More images, less text
- Better navigation – training link
- Identify users, not content
- Remove what’s not necessary
- EVALUATE site
Your Thoughts

- Do you have any thoughts to share with us?
  We are always open to new ideas

- Questions?
Next Steps for Emerging Leader Team N:

- ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.
  - Emerging Leader Poster Session, Friday, June 25th, 3:00–5 pm
  - LearningRT Training Showcase, Sunday June 27th, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm WCC Ballroom

- September 1, 2010
  Learning RT/WebJunction Webinar – Creating a Virtual Orientation for Library Staff with Baltimore County Public Library Staff
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