

Notes for 8/25/2010

- Chapter 0: What Folks in the Trenches Know that You Should Too
 - Skill Set
 - many locations will even have no books, since everything is digital...
 - 1800 responses is pretty solid. From those with graduate degrees, which makes it exemplary of professionals
 - Demographics of Respondents
 - Area of Responsibility
 - this is sort of not a useful thing since in small libraries you wear many hats
 - takeaway lesson is that these can vary a LOT
 - Top 10 Technologies/Skills used
 - eMail is ubiquitous even for non-savvy.
 - word processing, web etc also very common
 - Least common are troubleshooting, presentation software (how many people actually NEED this?)
 - Similarly, ILS/database skills may be needed by some librarians more than others.
 - Open Source ILS: basically because of people being unsatisfied with SirsiDynix, especially with multi-library collaboration etc.
 - there are companies that offer support for these on a paid basis now
 - BUT the software is still open and free.
 - The Most Common Wishes for Technologies
 - AKA what employers want?
 - A lot of these seem self-fulfilling. AKA twopointopians are saying "we should have blogging! rather than a real organic need..."
 - New ILS: community vs official support. Initial cost vs longterm cost comparison
 - WebJunction Survey on Use of Online Tools
 - brief discussion of listservs and rss feeds - we will be discussion adoption
 - Trends in library technologies
 - two main goals that determine technology trendsL
 - better serving needs of the community
 - streamlining staff workflow
 - Three main categories of tech
 - specific library techs - Z39.50 (which is legacy...) MARC, etc
 - Outside techs adapted to libraries (SearchRetrieve URL)
 - XML version of Z39.50 - streamlined and better.
 - Techs created outside and used without modification (RFID, most software, websites)
 - Ten Key Developments in IT (over the centuries)
 - Writing and Paper
 - Printing Press/Books
 - Classification Systems

- Card Catalog
 - difference from Classification system - it's a tool for accessing it rather than the RULES
 - Library Systems/MARC
 - Personal Computers
 - Online Searching
 - Audiovisuals
 - Internet
 - Tech-Aware Society
- Office hours: not set, but can be scheduled on Elluminate or in person - as needed.
 - Gmail also: f_oguz@uncg.edu via chat, google talk, etc.
 - class-related (tech) questions SHOULD go on the discussion board so others can benefit from the answers as well
- Discussion board: some weeks will require visiting a local library; where possible try to visit a different one on each time so that you get a broad range of experience.
- Chapter 4/5: you will be given opportunity to assemble/disassemble a computer! Ooh, hands-on stuff.
- Assignments - two major plus the final which is group. Maybe 5 groups of 3. Technology PLAN.
- Assignment 1: interview with technology administrator. Use the materials from 0 and 1 to construct your interview questions.