

DIGOR Programs for 2008 OLA/WLA Conference

Welcoming those that cross the border: government resources for new immigrants

Description:

An increasing number of government services are being offered exclusively via the Internet, and many agencies are encouraging citizens to go to their local library for assistance. New immigrants, who come to this country in all ages, races, and languages, are in particular need of assistance in identifying resources for obtaining citizenship, options for education and financial assistance, and information about community services. A representative from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will provide an overview of the services and resources offered by the agency. Public librarian(s) will join the discussion and offer creative alternatives and suggestions for libraries to use these and other resources when seeking to improve their outreach and services to immigrant populations.

Program length: 1 hour

Sponsors: DIGOR; Northwest Government Information Network (NGIN)

Speakers:

Ed Sale
Community Liaison Officer
Office of Citizenship
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Jane Salisbury
Supervisor, Library Outreach Programs
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Thinking locally, acting jointly

Description:

See how libraries are putting locally relevant web-based information into the hands of Oregon's and Washington's communities. Explore how libraries can work together to make the documents and statistics of cities and counties easier to find and use. This program will examine current cooperative projects at the UW and UO, and recommend other fruitful areas of collaboration.

Program Length - 90 minutes

Sponsors: DIGOR, NGIN

Speakers:

Janice M. Thomas
State and Local Documents Librarian
University of Washington Libraries

Ted Smith
Assistant Head, Document Center
University of Oregon Libraries

Pam Roberts
Adult Services Librarian
Eugene Public Library

Fred Ward
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Tom Stave
Head, Document Center
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