

NEXT GENERATION LIBRARY TECHNOLOGIES

-- A conference sponsored by the
Southeastern NY Library Resources Council

When: **Wednesday, May 7, 2008**
8:30 am -- 4:15 pm

Where: **Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the
FDR Presidential Library and Home, Hyde Park, NY**

Directions: <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/direct27.html>

Places to stay: <http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu/accomo3.html>

You are invited to attend *Next Generation Library Technologies*, an all day conference on Wednesday, May 7, 2008. This full-day event will be held at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home, located in Hyde Park, New York.

Partially funded through SENYLRC's Regional Automation Program, and in conjunction with SENYLRC's Technology Review and Advisory Committee, this conference will examine several innovative technologies and directions for libraries, including user interfaces designed to better reveal library collections, an organization's internal documents, as well as information buried deeply in the web. In addition, we will take a look at the ever increasing popularity of open-source software for libraries, in particular integrated library system software.

To register, go to <http://www.senylrc.org/reg/> (online credit card payment is now accepted by SENYLRC)

The Program

Welcome – Representative from the FDR Presidential Library and Home

Marshall Breeding, the Director for Innovative Technologies and Research at the Vanderbilt University Library, is the keynote speaker. <http://staffweb.library.vanderbilt.edu/breeding/> In addition to his responsibilities at Vanderbilt, Marshall is a frequent speaker and writer on topics of network technologies and library automation. He is the creator and editor of the Library Technology Guides website and the lib-web-cats online directory of libraries on the web. His monthly column, *Systems Librarian*, appears in *Computers in Libraries*; he is the Contributing Editor for *Smart Libraries Newsletters* published by the ALA TechSource, and has authored the *Automated System Marketplace* feature published in the April 1 issue of Library Journal. Marshall has also authored six issues of ALA's *Library Technology Reports*.

8:30 a.m. -- 9 a.m. **Registration** (with coffee/tea/juice & breakfast rolls)

9 a.m. -- 9:45 a.m. **Marshall Breeding -- User Interfaces**

Marshall Breeding will begin the conference in the morning by presenting the new developments in user interface technologies.

9:45 a.m. -- 10:45 a.m. **Judi Briden -- eXtensible Catalog Project**

Following Marshall, Judi Briden, Digital Librarian for Public Services, University of Rochester River Campus Libraries, will talk about the developments to date of the University of Rochester's eXtensible Catalog Project, funded by the Mellon Foundation.

<http://www.extensiblecatalog.info/> This initiative provides a new interface that will sit on top of any catalog to facilitate the finding of information. As envisioned, the eXtensible Catalog's simple yet powerful interface will allow users to navigate through comprehensive search results sorted into useful categories that will give them the resources they seek more easily. Since this is an open source and collaborative initiative, an intended result should be an inexpensive, flexible alternative to using off-the-shelf software to provide access to library collections.

10:45 a.m. -- 11 a.m. **Morning Break**

11 a.m. – noon **Abe Lederman -- Federated Search: Not All Engines Are Created Equal**

The third speaker in the morning will be Abe Lederman, the President and Chief Technology Officer of Deep Web Technologies, Inc. located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Mr. Lederman will discuss how the quality of results returned by a federated search engine are the single most important factor leading to the success (or failure) of a federated search deployment. He'll discuss criteria for conducting multiple pilots and evaluating and selecting the best product for your library.

The Deep Web Technologies' federated search product, Explorit Research Accelerator targets research oriented organizations where quality of search results really matter. This technology searches the "Deep Web" – retrieving results from hundreds of sources ranging from an organization's subscription databases to organization-wide internal information repositories, as well as publicly available sources on the Internet then filtering, merging and relevance ranking these results in real-time. Explorit powers highly visible sites such as Science.gov, WorldWideScience.org and Scitopia.org. www.deepwebtech.com

Noon – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch Catered by Portofino Ristorante**

1:15 p.m. -- 2:00 p.m. **Marshall Breeding -- Open-Source Software for Libraries**

Following lunch, the afternoon session will focus on open source software for libraries. Marshall Breeding will set the tone by examining the opportunities as well as the challenges that are encountered when embracing open source technologies.

"The basic idea behind open source is very simple: When programmers can read, redistribute, and modify the source code for a piece of software, the software evolves. People improve it, people adapt it, and people fix bugs. And this can happen at a speed that, if one is used to the slow pace of conventional software development, seems astonishing."-- The Open Source Initiative (OSI).

2:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m. **Joshua Ferraro -- Open-Source Software Support by LibLime**

Following Marshall will be Joshua Ferraro, the President of Technology for LibLime. <http://liblime.com/open-source/why-your-library-needs-open-source> Ferraro has been promoting open source in libraries since 2001, when he oversaw implementation of the Koha open-source library automation system in the first library in the US to adopt an open source ILS, the Athens County Public Library System in Ohio. LibLime was formed shortly thereafter to provide support for open source solutions in libraries. LibLime provides a full range of services such as hosting, installation/configuration, data migration, development/customization, staff training, and ongoing maintenance.

Ferraro will introduce and discuss the Koha community, explain the philosophical underpinnings of the open source movement from the perspective of a long-term participant, and illuminate the services-focused business model behind open source in libraries.

3:00 p.m. -- 3 15 p.m. **Afternoon Break**

3:15 p.m. -- 4 15 p.m. **John Stromquist (WALDO) ILS Open-Source Software for Academic Libraries**

The last speaker of the conference will be John Stromquist, Executive Director of the Westchester Academic Library Directors' Organization (WALDO). John will describe this academic library consortium's efforts to embrace a consortia contract with LibLime for open source integrated library system solutions for academic libraries. Following Mr. Stromquist's presentation, academic librarians are invited to remain and have further conversations with John Stromquist and Joshua Ferraro.

The fee for this conference varies by SENYLRC membership type.

To determine a library's membership status, go to:

<http://www.senylrc.org/members/directories/membertype.htm> If a library is not listed, even if it is a member of a public or school library system in the region, it is a non-member.

- **\$40.00** -- SENYLRC Governing Members
- **\$50.00** -- SENYLRC Affiliate Members
- **\$60.00** -- Non-member organizations in the 8 county SENYLRC region (Columbia, Greene, Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Sullivan, and Rockland).
- **\$70.00** -- Nonmember organizations outside the region

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Conference attendees are invited to visit the FDR Museum and Library at no additional cost. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.