

Library & Information Technology Association

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This is one of our periodic messages sent to all LITA members. This update includes information about the following:

- * Workshops available in Boston in January
- * LITA Board approved new dues category
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LITA Workshops in Boston in January

Will you be in Boston for Midwinter; do you live in Boston or the surrounding area? LITA is bringing two workshops to Boston on Friday, January 15, 2010.

Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs

Speaker: Karen Coombs, University of Houston

del.icio.us subject guides, Flickr library displays, YouTube library orientation; with mashups and APIs, it's easier to bring pieces of the web together with library data. Learn what an API is and what it does, the components of web services, how to build a mashup, how to work with PHP, and how to create web services for your library. Participants should be comfortable with HTML markup and have an interest in learning about web scripting and programming and are encouraged to bring a laptop for hands-on participation.

Writing for the Web

Speaker: Brenda Reeb, University of Rochester

Learn how to present text and words on a webpage in ways that enhance findability and readability of webpage content. You have the opportunity to receive feedback on your own writing during the workshop and critique web copy on sites selected by the presenter.

Leave the workshop with quick-fixes you can apply to your site immediately as well as strategies for tackling long range projects that will enhance the quality of your library website.

For more details, go to
<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litaevents/midwinter2010/index.cfm> .

To register, simply add this event to your Midwinter registration. If you're not registering for Midwinter, then register on site outside the rooms. We will post the locations to our Web site at the above url as soon as we receive them.

LITA Board approved new dues category

Starting December 1, 2009, non-salaried LITA members who earn less than \$25,000 per year or are unemployed will qualify to renew their LITA membership for \$30 per year.

At the fall Executive Committee meeting in late October, the Committee formulated a recommendation to take to the Board authorizing a reduction in the regular membership dues to half the regular rate for non-salaried or unemployed LITA members. Recognizing the hopefully temporary situation some members are facing, the entire Board voted unanimously to authorize the addition of the non-salaried dues category for LITA members.

ALA defines this dues category to include non-salaried members who earn less than \$25,000 per year or who are unemployed and offers a reduced membership rate as well.

If you are renewing your membership starting December 1, 2009 or later, and you qualify for this new membership category, there are two ways to get this new rate. Renew your membership by calling Customer Service (800-545-2433 press 5) or mail your renewal with the Web site coupon which will be available as of 12/1/09.

In addition, as a cost saving measure, the Executive Committee agreed to change their spring face to face meeting into an online meeting.

LITA Kilgour Award Call for Nominations

Nominations are invited for the 2010 Frederick G. Kilgour Award for Research in Library and Information Technology, sponsored by OCLC, Inc. and LITA. The Kilgour award consists of \$2,000 cash, an award citation and an expense paid trip to the ALA Annual Conference (airfare and two nights lodging). The deadline for nominations is **December 31, 2009**. For more details, please go to

<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/newandnoteworthy/kilgourrelease09.cfm>

Watch for postings about the Library High Tech Award (sponsored by Emerald Group Publishing Limited) and the Student Writing Award (sponsored by Ex Libris) on the Web site, LITA-L, and other lists.

2010 LITA National Forum Call for Proposals

Looking for an opportunity to present at the next LITA National Forum? The theme is “The Cloud and the Crowd” and proposals are due **February 19, 2010**. The Forum Committee is interested in presentations about projects, plans, or discoveries in areas of library-related technology involving emerging cloud technologies, software-as-service, as well as social technologies of various kinds.

Proposals on any aspect of library and information technology from all types of libraries are welcome.

For more details and ideas, please go to

<http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litaevents/forum2010/callforproposal.cfm> .

LITA Call for Volunteers from Karen Starr

Do you want to get more involved in LITA but are not sure how to do it? Join a LITA Committee. You still have plenty of time to volunteer. Please log on to the [LITA website \(www.lita.org\)](http://www.lita.org) and fill out the LITA Committee [volunteer form](#) by **March 1st**. If you want to learn more about a particular committee visit the [LITA Committee's webpage](#).

In addition, if you would like to represent LITA, the following appointments will be made this year for one-year terms to begin after Annual Conference in June:

ALCTS CCS:CCDA

ALA Recruitment Assembly

If you want to serve as a representative or liaison or if you have any questions, Please contact Karen via email at kstarr@nevadaculture.org.

Technology Innovation Grants Available to LITA Committees, Interest Groups and/or Task Forces

LITA Technology Innovation Grant funds are available to LITA Committees, Interest Groups and/or Task Forces who would like to improve LITA sponsored services or programs that they provide to LITA members through the application of appropriate existing and/or emerging technologies. The grants may be used to improve or enhance existing services or programs through the application of appropriate technologies; or to introduce a new service or program that will benefit LITA members. For more details including [Application information](#), please go to <http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/newandnoteworthy/techgrant.cfm>

I want to encourage you to connect with LITA by

- 1) Exploring our web site at www.lita.org;
- 2) Subscribing to [LITA-L](mailto:sympa@ala.org) (send an e-mail to: sympa@ala.org with the subject line "subscribe lita-l". (Do not include the "'".) That's it; Sympa will pick up your email address and subscribe you to the list;
- 3) Visiting the LITAblog.org, or [LITA wiki](#) , or [yourBIGWIG](#);
- 4) Accessing ALA Connect;
- 5) Reaching out to the LITA leadership at any time (contact information is on the web).

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