

SirsiDynix Institute Announces Upcoming Webinars

“Open Libraries” theme continues in spring and summer 2008

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., May 9, 2008 – The SirsiDynix Institute, a forum for professional development in the library community, announced its webinar schedule for late spring and summer 2008. In keeping with the SirsiDynix Institute’s mission to help grow the skills of library professionals, the SirsiDynix Institute will focus on “Open Libraries.” The theme centers on the “openness” that characterizes successful libraries — open partnerships, open approaches, open technologies, open dialog and open communities.

The following webinars are scheduled over the course of the summer, including:

- “Trends in e-Learning: What Does It Mean for Libraries?” on May 21, with Frank Cervone, professor of education and director of the Library, Information and Media Studies program at Chicago State University. Cervone will focus on how availability and interoperability are changing the way e-learning is being delivered as well how developments in open access as well as social networking are changing the way e-learning occurs.
- “Beyond Web 2.0: Taking the Social Read-Write Web to the Enterprise Level” on June 13, with Marshall Breeding, director for innovative technologies and research at the Jean and Alexander Heard Library at Vanderbilt University. Breeding will give his view of how libraries can take Web 2.0 technologies to the next level and integrate them into their core automation infrastructure to better support their strategic missions.
- “Video on the Web: A Primer” on July 15 with David Lee King, digital branch and services manager at Topeka and Shawnee Library in Kansas. King will teach attendees to explore how libraries are using video for outreach and learning through a variety of case studies, discover tips on what types of content work best for different types of libraries, and learn what to consider when planning for and implementing videocasting at your library.
- “Tame the Web” in August, Michael Stephens, assistant professor at Dominican University’s Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences, and a leading library blogger. Stephens will share his insights on open libraries.

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“We have a fabulous schedule for this quarter and are thrilled to have so many well-respected industry leaders willing to share their time and expertise with the SirsiDynix Institute,” said Stephen Abram. “Their willingness to give to the industry in this way is integral to the mission of the SirsiDynix Institute.”

Upcoming SirsiDynix Institute events will be posted on the SirsiDynix Institute website, www.sirsidynixinstitute.com. Archives, including podcasts and Windows Media files are also available to revisit after the event at the SirsiDynix Institute website. All SirsiDynix Institute sessions are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time, unless otherwise specified. Additional special and international events will be announced throughout the year.

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About the SirsiDynix Institute

The SirsiDynix institute was founded in 2003 and is funded by SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions. The SirsiDynix Institute is a forum for professional development in the library community. Monthly webinars, the SirsiDynix Institute Executive Conference and other events provide librarians with access to industry leaders and a forum to keep up to date on relevant issues and trends impacting libraries. The mission of the SirsiDynix Institute is to support librarianship and advance the work of librarians around the world. The focus of the SirsiDynix Institute is on library issues, not products. More information on the SirsiDynix Institute is available at www.sirsidynixinstitute.com.

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