New MCLS instructors

MCLS is pleased to welcome 5 new cataloging instructors for our July-December 2024 training semester! With the recent “retirement” of La Donna Riddle Weber, these instructors are taking over pre-existing workshops and may teach new workshops in the future. Read more about La Donna in a separate article in this brochure. Please join us in welcoming:

Amanda Sprochi, who describes herself as, “cataloger of all things rare, digital, and print” and works at Ellis Library at the University of Missouri in Columbia. Amanda is also the chair of ALA’s committee on Cataloging: Description and Access. Finally, she teaches cataloging courses at Mizzou.

Dana Kemp, who received her MLS from Indiana University and has worked in libraries of all types and was a trainer for Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Dana is looking forward to combining her cataloging and teaching skills to help others in the library field enhance their knowledge of cataloging.

Jen Conway, who earned her MSIS at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and has 12 years’ experience cataloging in academic and public libraries. Jen has cataloged many types of materials, including puppets and manga, and is originally from North Dakota, though she now works at a public library in Maryland.

Scott Piepenburg, who is a free-lance cataloger and consultant and has worked with libraries and vendors of all types. He has written numerous books and articles on cataloging and presents at many state and regional conferences.

Sommer Browning, who has worked as a librarian for over 15 years. Her experience is in cataloging, metadata management, and electronic resource management. She previously worked at the University of Colorado Denver as a Metadata Librarian and currently works at Reynolds Community College in Richmond, Virginia. Sommer is also an author and poet.

New MCLS workshops

MCLS will offer some new workshops this semester including Advanced Serials Cataloging taught by Steve Shadle; BIBFRAME Applications taught by Autumn Faulkner; Cataloging OER and Online Resources taught by Bobby Bothmann; Copy Cataloging of Audio and Video Materials Using RDA taught by Sommer Browning; and Wellbeing for Libraries – Empowering Yourself and Others taught by our own Jenny Kobiela-Mondor and Lissa Krull.

For Michigan library staff, there is a new MeL workshop entitled Back to School with MeL taught by Laura Warren-Gross, MeL Engagement Specialist, Public Libraries. MeLCat Mythbusters will be taught by Jackie Licalzi, MeLCat System Administrator.

The MeL project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan.
We wanted to take a moment to thank and send best wishes to La Donna Riddle Weber who has taught for MCLS since 2018. La Donna has taught many workshops and developed new workshops as well, including Child’s Play: Cataloging Children’s Materials and Graphic Detail: Cataloging Graphic Formats. While La Donna will be “retiring” from teaching for MCLS she will keep busy with many pursuits including consulting, her job at a research library, and handling archives at a non-profit. La Donna also enjoys gardening, reading, and church work and will enjoy having more time for visiting her adult children at their various locations.

We will also miss Stephanie Davis, our Associate Director/ eLicensing and Collection Resources Manager who has taught workshops since 2020 on transformatvie agreements and open access, licensing electronic resources, and negotiation for librarians. Stephanie will be retiring Nov. 1, 2024, and looks forward to spending more time with family and enjoying the great outdoors.

Please join us in wishing La Donna and Stephanie the best in their upcoming endeavors!

Best wishes to La Donna Riddle Weber and Stephanie Davis!