Welcome to new MCLS cataloging instructor, Bobby Bothmann

MCLS is pleased to have Bobby Bothmann as our newest MCLS cataloging instructor beginning with our January - June 2024 training semester.

Bobby is a professor at Minnesota State University, Mankato where he serves as the catalog and metadata librarian. Bobby catalogs analog and digital resources of all kinds, including books, serials, moving images, objects, cartographic resources, musical and spoken word audio recordings, and music in between many meetings. He is a member of the editorial board for Cataloging & Classification Quarterly and an active member of OLAC (OnLine Audiovisual Catalogers) where he has served in various leadership roles including treasurer, president, and (currently) archivist. He holds an MLIS from the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee and an MS in Geography and English Technical Communication from MSU Mankato.

Bobby has extensive experience with cataloging and instructing both in person and virtually. Besides his primary position at MSU, Mankato, he moonlights as an adjunct instructor for the School of Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he teaches cataloging and classification courses and tries to convert one student per semester to the cataloging side of the Force.

Bobby will be teaching four cataloging workshops in the January - June 2024 training semester, including the foundational Original Descriptive Cataloging of Monographs Using RDA and Copy Descriptive Cataloging of Monographs Using RDA. We look forward to seeing how library staff will benefit from his guidance on these topics. Welcome, Bobby!

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MARC: An Introduction

January 23-25
Copy Descriptive Cataloging of Monographs Using RDA

January 30-February 1
Copy Cataloging of Video Recordings Using RDA

January 31, February 1, 7, 8, 14, 15
Creating and Caring for Digital Collections

February 6-8
Original Cataloging of Video Recordings Using RDA

February 13-15
Original Descriptive Cataloging of Monographs Using RDA

February 20-22
Assigning Library of Congress Call Numbers: Basic

February 20-22
Serials Cataloging

February 28-29
Licensing Electronic Resources: An Introduction

February 29
Supervisor Series: Motivating Employees to be Their Best

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Assigning Library of Congress Call Numbers: Intermediate

March 12-14
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Copy Cataloging of Sound Recordings Using RDA

March 19-21
Copy Descriptive Cataloging of Digital Resources Using RDA

March 21
Just Enough to be Dangerous: Cataloging for Non-Catalogers

March 26-28
Rare Book Cataloging: An Introduction

March 28
Supervisor Series: Learning to Manage for New Managers

April 4
Transformative Agreements: Making the Move to Open Access

April 4
Graphic Detail: Cataloging Graphic Formats

April 9-11
Assigning Library of Congress Call Numbers: Advanced

April 11
AACR2…Meet RDA

April 16-18
Object Cataloging for a Library of Things

April 23-25
Original Descriptive Cataloging of Digital Resources Using RDA

April 23-25
Original Cataloging of Archival Materials Using RDA

April 25
Supervisor Series: Effective Communication Strategies for Managers

April 30-May 2
 Authorities

May 2
Legal Resources for Public Libraries

May 7-9
Assigning Library of Congress Subject Headings

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Serials Cataloging

May 14-16
MARC: An Introduction

May 15
Break Out of Burnout & Rebalance Your Life

May 22-23
The Mystery of MARC Fixed Fields Solved

June 4
Child’s Play: Cataloging Children's Materials

June 6
BIBFRAME: An Overview

June 11-12
Electronic Serials Cataloging

Self-paced tutorials

Essential Workplace Skills: Introduction to Accountability at Work

Essential Workplace Skills: Introduction to Critical Thinking Skills

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Essential Workplace Skills: Introduction to Resilience in the Workplace

Essential Workplace Skills: Introduction to Thriving in the Midst of Change

Essential Workplace Skills: Introduction to Workplace Etiquette

Congratulations and best wishes to Susan Pritts

Appropriately, we are dedicating an article in our training brochures to Susan A. Pritts, whose workshops have been listed in these very brochures for the past 12 years. Besides teaching several different cataloging workshops for MCLS, Susan has developed new content as well. Hundreds of staff from multi-library types have taken Susan’s workshops over the years. Many of the courses taught by Susan were foundational for catalogers, leading to sessions well-attended by library staff from Indiana, Michigan, and throughout the United States.

Susan is a library consultant with over 35 years of experience in Technical Services, working with academic, public, and special libraries. Although her expertise is in cataloging, she has also managed acquisitions and serial control functions and has served on several library automation committees. Before presenting workshops at MCLS, Susan was an adjunct instructor for the School of Library and Information Science program at Wayne State University.

We want to acknowledge Susan’s dedicated service in teaching for MCLS and wish her the best in her continued endeavors and any new adventures as well. Thank you, Susan!