NW Central—Connecting the Dots

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A huge dot was connected to another huge dot while I was sitting in the NW Central session at the conference when Margaret Hazel asked if program presenters could post their information to this site. The answer: Of course! It is simply up to us to let them know that this is available. I talked to Jere White after that session and we agreed that I would draft up a letter from both of us that could be sent directly to divisions for distribution to their program people, out on Libs-Or, through memberclicks, in the Hotline, and anywhere we could think of in order to alert both the program presenters and attendees. Also, if this is a good idea, we can work this into the process for programs people next year.

Here, then, is the letter that went out the last week in April, just after the OLA Conference.

Dear Conference Presenters:

Many of you have asked if there is a site to which you can post your presentation and handouts. Many of your attendees have asked the same question. Now there is an answer to that question which includes a resounding YES! You can post your material at:

To add content to this Web site, simply create a free account by clicking ‘login/register’ on the left hand side of the page, then ‘add content’ under the ‘add and find resources’ tab. This is also a way that you can communicate with your attendees, if you wish.

This Web site, which is a centralized continuing education site for the Northwest region, is the outgrowth of a PORTALS project and LSTA grant. The project is fully sanctioned by OLA, which recently voted to create a new OLA board position which will act as liaison to NW Central. OLA intends that this site become the forum for all OLA continuing education activities.

Adding your content to this site will add icing to the cake of your wonderful presentations. Thanks for participating in OLA’s 2007 Annual Conference and thanks for adding valuable and useful information to NW Central.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Keep on educating!

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