

Colleagues:

The IDS Project's 7th Annual Summer Conference is Tuesday, August 3, and Wednesday, August 4, at SUNY Oswego, overlooking beautiful Lake Ontario. This year's theme is "Transforming Discovery and Delivery: Acquisitions, ILL and IDS Search."

This is going to be an incredible conference! We expect over 175 people, including directors and staff from our 51 IDS libraries and from several additional libraries joining IDS within the next few months. We strongly welcome guests from non-IDS libraries and other library consortia to attend this conference so we can learn from each other. There are no strangers at an IDS Conference; just wonderful colleagues we have not yet met.

This year's agenda is packed with information about exciting new acquisitions and resource-sharing services developed by talented teams from many IDS libraries. One such service is the IDS Search engine, an innovative union catalog built around the IDS resource-sharing network. Another is the Getting It System Toolkit (GIST), which facilitates easy integration of library's acquisition/collection development work flows via ILLiad. Libraries that want to adopt either of these new services will receive the training to effectively implement and use IDS Search and/or GIST, and also to customize each software module to serve the individual library's requirements. To best accomplish this we are recommending a library bring a team to the conference including interlibrary loan staff, the acquisitions/collection development librarian, the library's webmaster or systems administrator and the library director.

Also in attendance will be representatives of vendors and library organizations supporting the IDS Project, including the NY3Rs, Nylink, SUNY's Office of Library & Information Services, Serials Solutions, Copyright Clearance Center, CUNY's Office of Library Services, Better World Books, OCLC and Atlas Systems.

CONFERENCE AGENDA:

A conference agenda (<http://idsproject.org/conferences/2010/IDSProjectConference2010Agenda.pdf>) and descriptions of each session (<http://idsproject.org/conferences/2010/SessionDescriptions.aspx>) are now available. This year's conference will offer individual track sessions for the following library staff: Interlibrary Loan, Acquisitions/Collection Development, Webmaster/Systems, and Administrators.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

"If You've Got Everything Under Control, You're Doing Something Wrong: Lessons in Innovation from Better World Books."

F. Xavier Helgesen is co-founder of Better World Books; a company that has partnered with thousands of libraries with its Discards & Donations Program. Xavier will discuss the challenges of reinvention and innovation in an organization, especially libraries.

"Buy Only What You Need: Demand-Driven Acquisition as a Strategy for Academic Libraries"

Michael Levine-Clark is Collection Librarian at the University of Denver's Penrose Library. He has conducted extensive research and published widely on collections analysis and usage. Michael founded the open access journal, *Collaborative Librarian*.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

We are trying to fit into this conference many important topics that will have a direct bearing on the resource sharing operations of our libraries beginning September 2010. To do so, we have to start the conference early both mornings. It is our strong recommendation that you arrive in Oswego Monday evening so you can participate in the full conference program that begins promptly at 9:00 am Tuesday. Conference staff will be at Johnson Hall Monday, from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm, to assist you in picking up your registration materials and in getting settled in your room. Monday evening, beginning around 8:00 pm, there will be a "Welcome Back!" party in Johnson Hall. This is a great time to catch up with old colleagues and warmly welcome new ones.

CONFERENCE COST:

We are very sensitive to the poor economic conditions throughout our nation, state and our libraries. In addition, since we are actively encouraging teams from each library to attend, we have worked very hard to keep the total conference cost very low. We tremendously appreciate the vendor and library organization partners whose financial support is underwriting parts of the conference.

We have put together an all-inclusive conference package for \$150:

- Registration for outstanding two-day conference program
- Two nights lodging in recently-built residence hall close to Conference Center--single room, air conditioned, in-room wifi, linens, morning coffee. Half the rooms offer beautiful views of Lake Ontario (reserve early!)

(We will have the entire Johnson Hall facility to ourselves. It has a great outdoor porch where we can sit and watch the gorgeous sunsets over Lake Ontario. And just in case there is bad weather (the local arrangements committee guarantees this will not happen!), we also have at our disposal a large inside lounge area with big windows overlooking the Lake, a fireplace, a big flat screen TV, and lots of comfortable furniture. In addition we're setting up an open bar on Monday and Tuesday nights. Sodas, beer, wine and snacks will be available.

- Snacks & drinks @ 4 breaks
- 2 full breakfasts
- 2 lunches (extensive menu)
- Fabulous Tuesday night all-you-can-eat BBQ dinner: grilled chicken breast, grilled sausage, grilled swordfish, and grilled portobello mushrooms plus Caesar salad, pasta and---strawberry shortcake!
- Free shuttle: Syracuse airport, bus station, railroad to and from SUNY Oswego
- Free car parking and in close proximity to the Campus Center and Johnson Hall
- Fun-filled parties Monday & Tuesday evenings—Wii games, rock band, free wine, beer, sodas and snacks.

The attractive new IDS polo shirts, light weight cotton with buttons and collar <http://idsproject.org/conferences/2010/ViewTShirtSample.aspx>, selling for \$15. and Tuesday's pre-BBQ cash bar are the only optional extra costs.

We want to make sure that everyone has an opportunity to attend this conference. If you have a situation where restricted local travel funding is preventing your attendance, please contact me directly 585-245-5591, edr@geneseo.edu

COMMERCIAL HOTELS:

For those of you who want to stay in a hotel, there are two located right at Oswego Harbor:

- Best Western Captain's Quarters (315-342-4040, \$129/Night for Single; \$141/Night for Double) <http://tinyurl.com/IDSPProject-BestWestern>
- Econo Lodge Riverfront Hotel (315-343-1600, \$70/Night for Single or Double) <http://tinyurl.com/IDSPProject-EconoLodge>

You must make your own hotel reservations by July 2nd to receive that conference rate. Be sure to indicate that you are a participant in the IDS Project Conference and bring a tax exempt form, if applicable.

TRANSPORTATION: (Campus and parking maps are on the conference website) <http://idsproject.org/conferences/2010/>.

Many of you will be driving to the conference. We want to assist those who would like to carpool. We will be listing the name, college, and email address of each person as soon as they sign up for the conference on the IDS

website <http://idsproject.org/conferences/2010/ViewCarPooling.aspx> . We'll also ask each person to indicate whether they are interested in sharing a ride to and from the conference.

We also have arranged for free shuttle transportation to and from the SUNY Oswego campus and the Syracuse airport, railway and bus station. Please indicate on your registration form if you would like to use the free shuttle. A member of SUNY Oswego's Penfield Library local conference arrangements committee will be in touch with you.

DRESS:

Definitely casual. We want everyone to be comfortable during our days of work and nights of play.

HOW TO REGISTER: (NOTE: CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED)

Go the following url: <http://idsproject.org/conferences/2010/registrationform.aspx>
Just answer all the questions and hit the submit button. You should receive a confirmation email. Please register for the conference and your lodging as soon as possible. This will help us a great deal in planning all the conference logistics.

CONTACTS:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the conference please contact:

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We look forward to seeing you in Oswego at this summer's IDS Project Conference!!

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