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Technology

The eiNetwork Technology Group is charged with developing an overall technology plan for the consortium. (As of January 16, the name changed from Technology Council to Technology Group.) Group members are Mike Nangia, Joseph Marrone, Melanie Myers, Rebecca Serey, Dan Waksman, Ernie Williams, Sam Taylor and Jeremy White. The Technology Group will meet with the eiNetwork Steering Committee a few times a year to form a Technology Council. Minutes of the Technology Group meetings are posted to the [District Services web page](#) and the [EIN members page](#).



Website Resources

The College of DuPage has made available a free "Program Workbook" to download as part of the teleconference workshop "Targeting The Ages: Programming that Hits the Mark" that was held on February 13. In the workbook and during the broadcast, presenters, Penny Mandziara and Kelly Watson highlighted forty-nine excellent programs from around the county that included: Bethel Park Public Library's Sign Language for Little Hands and Duct Tape Madness; Brentwood Public Library's Mountain of Mittens, 90's Night, and Right on the Money; C.C. Mellor Memorial Library's Heart Healthy Saturdays; and Green Tree Public Library's Wii Bowl with Grandma and Grandpa. [Click here](#) to link to the workbook.

Teen Services

Continuing Education

Urban Libraries Council Audio Conference

The Future of Public Funding for Urban and Metropolitan Libraries.

* Wednesday, March 11, 1:00PM - 2:30PM, CLP-Main, Director's Office Conference Room.

April Multidistrict Workshop:

Save the Date! Tuesday, April 21

9:30AM - 3:00PM

Its All About the Customers!

* Reinventing the Customer Centered Library: 12 Questions for 2009
Making the Most of Bad Times and Helping Your Customers and Yourself Through the Recession.

For more information on these and other April continuing education opportunities please [click here](#).



Shipping Update



The Shipping Department continues to sort items both manually and with four sort modes of the new automated materials handling (AMH) equipment. The department

Save the Date!

Teen Summer Reading Training
March 25, 2009, 8:30AM - 12:45PM, William E.
Anderson Library of Penn Hills

Learn the basics of how Teen Summer Reading works and what materials each library will receive. Then, try out four unique programs and discuss tips and tricks from Teen Summer Reading. All individuals who will be involved in running Teen Summer Reading programs are encouraged to attend. The program will count for 4 hours of continuing education. Please email [Karen Brooks-Reese](mailto:karen@pennhills.org) with questions.

Collection Corner

March is Women's History Month! Celebrate with a display of historical fiction or nonfiction about strong women. [Click here](#) for a few novels to help you get started.

Spotlight on Professional Development

Each year librarians wait with baited breath for the announcement of the youth media awards. In 2009, prepare for the big day by participating in the PittPrintz, a mock Printz Award committee! See pittprintz.wordpress.com or email [Karen Brooks Reese](mailto:karen@pennhills.org) for more information.

expects to meet its 24-hour turnaround goal soon by running the system from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Please, if possible, consider re-barcoding all items on the outside. This is very helpful in moving items quickly through the scanner. With so many items -- 4.2 million in 2008 -- moving through the system, being able to handle them as fast as possible benefits all of our libraries and all of our customers.

Shipping will soon begin handling all holds through the AMH. This may result in a few minor changes to the yellow band routine. Suggested changes will be discussed at the Pittsburgh District Advisory Council meeting scheduled for March 4th and then shared system-wide for input.

Please email [Tina LaMark](mailto:tina@pennhills.org) or [Perry Munyon](mailto:perry@pennhills.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Commonwealth Libraries

Governor Ed Rendell's Proposed 2009/10 Budget Cuts Funding to Libraries

On February 4, 2009 Governor Edward G. Rendell announced the proposed Commonwealth Budget which included substantial cuts to library funding. The Public Library Subsidy proposed allocation decreases the current \$75.137 million by 2.3% (\$74 million). [Click here](#) for the library budget details from M. Clare Zales, Deputy Secretary of Libraries.

2007/08 Governor's Report on State Performance

The 2007/08 Governor's Report on State Performance is available online at www.pa.gov. This report details the accomplishments of 34 state agencies during the 2007/2008 fiscal year. Pages 14 to 16 of the report reflect the outstanding performance of libraries in PA in areas such as: summer reading and children's programming, Ask Here PA and POWER Library. A 224-page paper copy is also available to borrow through the District Services Office. Please email [Phyllis Didiano](mailto:Phyllis.Didiano@pa.gov) or call her at 412.665.2332.

Marketing for Lifelong Learning Award

The Office of Commonwealth Libraries is once again sponsoring the Marketing for Lifelong Learning Award. This is an opportunity for your library to receive recognition for the outstanding efforts done in promoting your library as the place for lifelong learning. Publicity and activities related to the award need to be accomplished between September 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. The two categories for the awards are: Marketing to Communities and Marketing to Government Officials. The Bureau of Library Development must receive applications by May 15, 2009. For a copy of the award details and application, [click here](#).



