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Sometimes people are too busy in the summer to consider taking continuing education courses. On the other hand, others have indicated that they have **more** time in the summer to participate! This summer, we have a small number of sessions - to gauge the response!

Web Conference Course: July 7th, 14th, 21st; 2:00 pm ET
Using Microsoft Excel to Analyse Library Collection Usage Data
with Tony Greiner
This 3-session course will cover material that Tony offers in day-long, face-to-face workshops in the United States.

Libraries use many methods to assess how well they are meeting the needs of the patrons they serve. One important measure is how the collection is used. This course will provide step-by-step instructions using Microsoft Excel to analyze data available from any library ILS. Instruction will be given using Excel, but the actions can be done with any readily available spreadsheet program.

Actual data from a mid-sized library will be used in the instruction. These sample files will be sent to participants so that everyone is working with common data. However, participants will be encouraged to duplicate the steps by downloading data from their own ILS. The instructor will be able to provide some guidance in the event that problems arise. For students that do not know how to retrieve data from their ILS, the instructor has posted instructions for Sirsi/Dynix Unicorn, Classic Dynix, Polaris and Innovative Interfaces "Millenium" on his Web site: http://excelbook.pbwiki.com/
View the full details on the Web site.

Wednesday, July 16th at 1:00 pm ET Web Conference
Searching 2.0 *with Michael Sauers*
Here master trainer Michael Sauers applies the super-search strategies he is known for to the latest gen-eration of Web tools. Blogs, RSS, wikis, Flickr, podcasting, mashups, the read/write Web, kartoo, BitTorrent, Google Book Search, the WayBack Machine, visual search engines, folksonomies, Firefox Search Plug-ins, Del.icio.us.... if you aren't intimately familiar with these tools and how to fully exploit them in your daily reference work, then this presentation is for you.

Thursday, August 14th at 2:00 pm ET Audio Conference
Meeting the Needs of "At-Risk" Readers *with Myra Junyk*
How do you encourage at-risk readers to read? We need to move beyond the High Interest-Low Vocabulary choices! There are now much more interesting and engaging materials available to meet the needs of even the most reluctant readers! Myra is a retired secondary school principal and Language Arts Co-ordinator who now spends her time on a variety of selection committees, publishing written reviews of materials and speaking at conferences.