News

SPIE digital library collection on optics and photonics increased

The SPIE Digital Library is the most extensive resource available on optics and photonics, providing access to more than 260 000 technical papers from SPIE Journals and Conference Proceedings from 1990 to the present. More than 17 000 new research papers are added annually. The material can be accessed at <http://spiedl.org/>

Source http://lib.tkk.fi/en/news

Digital content transferring format developed

The Library of Congress and the California Digital Library have jointly developed BagIt format for transferring digital content. The BagIt format specification is based on the concept of 'bag it and tag it', where digital content is packaged (the bag) along with a small amount of machine-readable text (the tag) to help automate the content's receipt, storage and retrieval. There is no software to install. BagIt simplifies large-scale data transfers between cultural institutions. Though data transfer can be done by network or disk, the library expects to receive more and more digital collections over the network. Conforming to the BagIt format will guarantee users a smooth, orderly transfer, with little or no human intervention.

A bag consists of a base directory, or folder, containing the tag and a subdirectory that holds the content files. The tag is a simple text-file manifest, like a packing slip, that consists of an inventory of the content files in the bag and a checksum to validate each file. A bag can also lists URLs instead of simple directory paths or users can add metadata about the content. The full BagIt specification is available at <http://www.cdlib.org/inside/diglib/bagit/bagitspec.html>.

Source http://www.digitalpreservation.gov

Digital library for school children

The EDC (Education Development Centre) in collaboration with DSERT and Department of Public Instruction has launched a digital library for school children. It contains over 450 interactive program modules of different subjects ranging from astronomy to water conservation. This digital library provides interesting information vide knowledge to

students of all levels with user friendly interface. Information is available at <http://www.edudl.gov.in>.

Repositories of primary sources

It contains a listing of over 5000 websites describing holdings of manuscripts, archives, rare books, historical photographs, and other primary sources for the research scholar. All links have been updated for correctness and appropriateness. For more information, please log on to http://www.uiweb.uidaho.edu/special-collections/Other.Repositories.html

International conference on shaping the future of special libraries: beyond boundaries

A three day 'International Conference on Shaping the Future of Special Libraries: Beyond Boundaries' (ICoASL 2008) was organized by Asian Chapter of Special Libraries Association in collaboration with IASLIC and Society For Library Professionals during 26-28 November 2008 at India Islamic Cultural Centre, New Delhi, India. The conference was inaugurated by Prof. B B Bhattacharya, Honorable Vice-Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. Mr Stephen Abram, President, SLA in his presidential address hoped that Asian chapter will grow and will play useful role in the development of Special libraries.

Besides, an exhibition from publishers, product presentations was also organized.

Covering and crossing a wide range of subjects such as information resources and services, networking and resource sharing, media and digital library, knowledge management, information marketing and building knowledge depositories across a wide spectrum, the conference opened new horizon and vistas for special libraries.