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Gadgets and Gizmos Galore!!!

By Tom Cohn

The seventy-five attendees at the CATS annual meeting held December 9th at the Long Island University Brentwood campus were treated to a technological tour de force in which the state-of-the-art presentation equipment, graciously lent by A+ Technology Solutions of Bay Shore, was every bit as on display as were the powerful ideas of the presenters.

Bob Johnson of Port Jefferson Free Library started his summary of the latest trends in technology with a list of three ways in which libraries are changing

- Mobile services. In the virtual library of the future, everything must be accessible from outside the library.

- Communication. What are the means by which we communicate with our patrons in this new environment?

- Access to information. In the "information age," in which information is everywhere, how do we ensure

that patrons are receiving access to *reliable* information?

Bob went through a litany of new technologies to watch: iPad2, the Android tablet, the Samsung Galaxy, the new iPhone, e-readers, e-ink and e-paper.

He ended by asking attendees what they think is possible in 2011 based on input from employees and patrons, then made a rous-

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Technically Speaking's **Featured Quotation**

"The important question now is: how can the library catalog move from being "on the Web" to being "of the Web."

— Karen Coyle,
"Understanding the Semantic Web: Bibliographic Data and Metadata," Library Technology Reports," January 2010.

From the President

By Bob Johnson

This past year has been one of the most successful years the CATS Division has ever seen. Throughout the year, our technology demonstrations, tours, and discussions on such topics as social networking and new technology have really set the bar high for next year. Our Technical Services Forum and Technology Information Forum committees have been continually evolving with the changes in procedures and technology as witnessed by the faithful attendees at our meetings.

None of these amazing accomplishments were pulled off by any one individual, but rather by the collective talent of all folks involved. I cannot in good conscience write this column without personally thanking the following individuals: Dana Jean Mottola, for your ability and true talent in creating some of the best art and poster work we have ever used. Joyce Bogin, for your supreme dedication to this Board and in making sure things are "just right". Sue Ketcham, the ever-willing and capable host, you have truly helped us to reach a higher level. Danielle Zubiller, our voice of reason, for your abil-

ity to think rationally and logically. Laura Giuliani, for your ability to bring it all together in a moment's time, seemingly without breaking a sweat. Min Liu, for your new ideas and continued support. James Clemens, for your time and much needed assistance. Michael Berse, creator of the Suffolk Library Mobile Application need I say more... June Zinsley, for your ability to keep the books straight and keep us out of jail (Celia will love that part!). Eileen Keller, for your ability to bring calm to any situation and your constant willingness to cast that first vote. Ted Gutmann, for your vision and passion. Last but certainly not least, Tom Cohn, for your unrelenting ability to make this all look good in print and for continually following up with one of the hardest presidents to keep organized, me. This has been a great year for our division and I am proud to have been your CATS President. ■

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ing exhortation to "Make it happen."

Michael Berse of Hauppauge Public Library gave a demonstration of the "Suffolk Mobile Library Application," the new android-phone app he has developed. With this app you can find out general information about every library in Suffolk County, search their catalogs, and place holds. You can even scan in a UPC code of an item. Michael noted there are still some privacy issues that remain to be resolved with this app. Michael's wish list of things to add include a Calendar of Events.

The next presenter was David Antar, of A+ Technologies of Bay Shore. A+ supplies audio-visual equipment such as smart boards and podiums to the educational market. A+ supplied the audio-visual equipment in the new training room at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, for example.

The final presenter, Steve Ingram, of Northport Public Library, spoke on "Dead and Dying Technologies: vinyl records, fax machines, land lines, phone numbers (because over time your social network presence will become your predominant identity), credit cards, e-book readers. What's the problem with e-book readers? It's that they're restricted to one function, a drawback as we pursue our never-ending quest for the "everything" device. ■

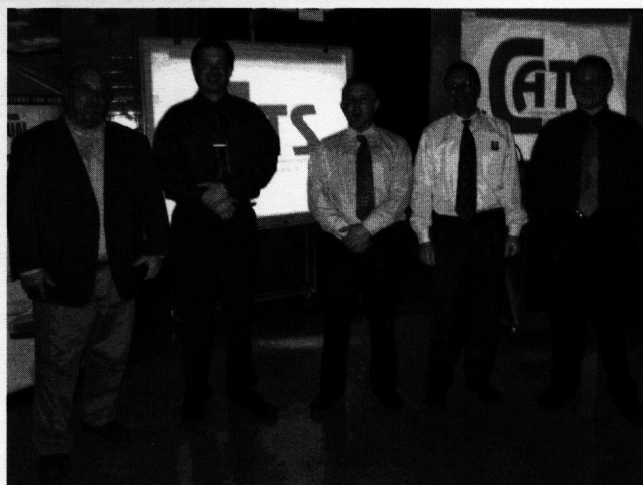
RDA Update

By Tom Cohn

This past summer, the American Library Association (ALA) finally released the long-awaited new cataloging code, Resource Description and Access (RDA). RDA is successor to the second edition of the revised Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR2). RDA is based on the conceptual model known as functional requirements of the bibliographic record (FRBR). FRBR is an "entity-relationship" model. It configures the "bibliographic universe" according to three groups of entities: (1) products; (2) creators; and (3) "aboutness." Except for its underlying FRBR model, RDA is essentially a set of rules and regulations similar to AACR2.

The ALA now disseminates RDA by means of an online product called the "RDA toolkit." The toolkit gives you the entire code, twelve (count 'em!) appendices, a glossary, and customizable work forms. It also includes many examples of the FRBR "mappings," which will enable you to get a better handle on the lofty entity-relationship model and how it relates to the nitty-gritty rules.

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Above top: On October 1st, Twenty-five braved a fierce rainstorm for the annual CATS library tour of Middle Country Public Library and Suffolk Community College's Huntington Library. **Center:** SCCC's Becky Turner (l) and Regina McEneaney (right) SCCC. **Below:** Speakers at the Gadgets and Gizmos annual program, l to r: Bill Waibel, Bob Johnson, Steve Ingram, David Antar, Michael Berse.

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Looking ahead to 2011:

- **Technology Information Forum (TIF),**
- Future dates:**

- **Thurs., January 13th, Port Jefferson**
- **Free Library**

- **Thurs., February 3rd, Brentwood**

Public Library

- **Thurs., March 3rd, West Islip Public Library.**

2010: The Year of Cataloging Re-
search! (For further information,
see: <http://faculty.washington.edu/accartyle/yocr/index.html>)

The three national librar-
ies of the United States – the Na-
tional Library of Medicine,
and the National Agricultural
Library – recently an-
nounced the formation of a
“US RDA Test Coordinating
Committee,” which will put
into effect further testing of
RDA before any final ap-
proval. March 31, 2011 has
been set as the end date for
that testing. The committee
consists of the three national
libraries and twenty test part-
ners around the country. ■

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