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SRC Site and/or Newsletter - Wiki? Blog? Or?

Mary Beth Train has posted personal sites as a trial. No decisions yet!

- [Ning](#) to build a site together
- [Bloglines](#) to collect relevant feeds.
- [Wordpress](#) to encourage member librarians to share their knowledge.

News You Can Use

Statewide Reference Think Tank August 25-26, 2008 - Pasadena

The California State Library and the Metropolitan Cooperative Library System are seeking think tank participants able to envision "emerging trends and future possibilities, and who want to develop transformational scenarios for providing information services to our communities." [Details](#)

CLA PR Excellence Award seeks Entries

Enter your best publicity created for 2007-2008 activities for this California Library Association award. [Details](#)

September Sizzle - What's New with Gale Databases

The free annual training with Kurt Stovall included in the 2006-2009 Gale system contract will be repeated at four different times and locations in September. There will be a make-up training in October. [Details and registration](#)

Free Books on Japanese-American World War II Internment

The California State Library has free copies of these two titles available for libraries: [Details](#)

- *Blossoms in the Desert*, edited by Darrell Hamamoto
- *39 Months in Tule Lake*, by Margaret Lowery

Website Updates

Since the passwords on the system reference center site were so hard to remember, library staff were missing out on website tools. These pages have been updated and passwords removed:

- [Ask a Reference Question](#) - Updated with CAPTCHA challenge to deter bots and spam
- [Patrons & Services](#) - Service animal information added
- [Member Services](#) - BALIS/PLS/SVLS workshop support and committee listserv information added

Reference Picks

Free Children's Digital Literature

International Children's Digital Library (ICDL) contains 2657 free books in 48 languages that are easy to read on the screen or to download in a variety of formats. <http://icdlbooks.org/> [Details](#)

Group Tool for Selecting Dates and Polling

[Doodle](#) will spare you from scheduling a meeting via endless emails. Your invitees select the dates and times they can come to a meeting or event. You can set up a poll to decide on a program or set an agenda. Accounts are free. [Details](#)

News from Our Members

Contra Costa County Library Debuts "Library-a-Go-Go"

The first of the library's three LSTA-funded "Library-a-Go-Go" machines went live at the Pleasanton* BART station early this year.

- [Hotline March 15, 2008](#) Print edition: February 25, 2008,
- [Contra Costa County Library online branch link with photo](#)
- [Contra Costa Library press release](#)

* Correction: Pittsburg/Bay Point BART station

Redwood City Library Project READ wins Kent Award and More

[Redwood City Public Library's Project READ](#), in collaboration with [Cañada College](#), recently received the [Kent award](#) and congressional recognition for its *Inmate Peer Tutor Program*, a project which enables inmates to earn college credits by successfully completing a specialized literacy program with Project READ volunteer tutors. [Details](#)


ALA/LAMA PR Awards Sweep by Burlingame Public Library

At the American Library Association annual convention in Anaheim in June, the Brulingame Public Library won an [unprecedented seven awards](#) for public relations and graphic art. Library director, Al Escoffier, credited the library's graphic artist, [Maryam Refahi](#) for earning the great honor.

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BALIS/PLS/SVLS System Reference Center

www.systemref.org

- For libraries to submit an article or a suggestion for *Search*, email Mary Beth Train at train-AT-plsinfo-DOT-org.
- Find *Search* archives at [Search Newsletters](#).
- We're part of the Library!
 - [Bay Area Library and Information System \(BALIS\)](#)
 - [Peninsula Library System \(PLS\)](#)
 - [Silicon Valley Library System \(SVLS\)](#)
 - [Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System \(MOBAC\)](#)
- To send a Second Level Reference request:
 - [Web form](#)
 - Email us at info-AT-plsinfo-DOT-org
 - Fax: (650) 349-5089 or (800) 505-5583
 - Phone: (650) 349-5538 or (800) 644-6244
- [System Reference Center Flyer](#)  Use for staff orientation and training.

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