



DLS Memo #07-60E

TO: DLS Members
FROM: Jane Plass, Director of Network Services
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RE: Miscellany Changes

In the coming weeks, DuPage Library System will switch communication methods for information now published in Miscellany. Although Miscellany has served us well for many years, first in print and now as a web-based newsletter, switching to other methods will enable us to distribute and share information more rapidly. These methods will include email, the DLS Here & Now blog, and a new section on the DLS website.

Here's an overview of what's coming in the next few weeks:

- Miscellany will be published as usual through March 16, 2007. The March 16 issue will be the last. You may continue to send submissions as usual until noon on Tuesday, March 13.
- Back issues of Miscellany will remain on the DLS website.
- The DLS memo checklist will be added as a new section on the DLS website.
- DLS workshops, seminars, and meetings are already listed on the DLS website under Calendar of Events at <http://www.dupagels.lib.il.us/calendar/index.html>. The Continuous Learning web page also contains a link to this calendar. Reminders for some events are also announced through various DLS email lists.
- Other workshops, seminars, and events will be listed on the DLS Here & Now blog at <http://dls.typepad.com>, usually under the Continuous Learning category. Some may also be announced through various DLS email lists.
- Employment opportunities are already listed on the DLS Here & Now blog at <http://dls.typepad.com>, under the Jobs & Careers category.
- Announcements will be posted on the DLS Here & Now blog and/or distributed to appropriate DLS email lists.
- Items for sale or to be given away will be announced through our new Giveaways and For Sale email list. To receive these announcements and to post to the list, subscribe to the new list through the DLS Email Lists section on our website at <http://www.dupagels.lib.il.us/lists>. When you subscribe, you will receive an automated message explaining how to post messages. This is a moderated list to reduce spam, so your message will not appear immediately. Usually it will appear on the next working day. Although this list is available for use now, there aren't many subscribers yet. During this

transition, you may wish to post your giveaway and sale items to this list and submit them for publication in Miscellany.

- After the final Miscellany submission deadline on March 13, the online submission form and the Miscellany email address (miscellany@dupagels.lib.il.us) will be discontinued. After that, announcements that your library wants distributed to other DLS members should be sent to info@dupagels.lib.il.us.
- After the final Miscellany issue on March 16, the DLS publications email list will be discontinued. This list was mainly used to announce Miscellany publication. In the future, announcements of other DLS publications will be made through our general Announcements email list and other DLS email lists as appropriate.

Many of you are already subscribed to DLS email lists and see the blog posts. If not, here's how you can prepare for this transition:

- Visit the DLS Email Lists section of our website at <http://www.dupagels.lib.il.us/lists> and sign up for the lists that interest you. Not sure what lists you're already subscribed to? Use the account/password option on that web page to receive an email that lists your current subscriptions.
- If you want to send or receive information about giveaways and items for sale, sign up for the new Giveaways and For Sale list.
- Read the DLS Here & Now blog regularly. You can visit the blog directly by selecting it from the DLS website or by visiting <http://dls.typepad.com>. You can also choose to subscribe to it by email or through an RSS feed. To get an email once a day whenever there are new posts, go to the blog and use the email subscription option in the lower right column. (Although we've had problems with this email service in the past, it now seems to be working well.) The RSS feed is also listed in the right column. (Need a quick introduction to RSS? Try <http://www.whatisrss.com>)

If you have questions about these changes or options, please contact Jane Plass at 630/232-8457 x204 or j-plass@dupagels.lib.il.us.