



Trendspotting IV: Searching for the Best Search Tools  
Harry Jack Gray Conference Center, University of Hartford  
Friday, January 9, 2009, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Speakers List:

Marshall Breeding is the Director for Innovative Technologies and Research for the Jean and Alexander Heard Library at Vanderbilt University. His Systems Librarian column appears monthly in *Computers in Libraries* published by Information Today. He is a Contributing Editor for *Smart Libraries Newsletter* published by ALA TechSource and has written six issues of *Library Technology Reports*, including the December, 2008 issue on Open Source ILS. He is the author of *Perceptions 2008: International Library Automation Survey*.

Joseph Lucia is the Director, Falvey Memorial Library, Villanova University and is President of the PALINET Board; he is also a member of ALA, ACRL, LITA, LAMA, and Educause. His interests include contemporary poetry & poetics, digital literature, and the cultural impact of technology. He also sees himself as an Open Source evangelist.

David Lindahl is the Director of Digital Library Initiatives for the University of Rochester Libraries. David has previously worked as a researcher and project manager at the Xerox Palo Alto Research Center ("PARC"). During this time, he developed extensive experience in applying work-practice study findings to technology development projects. David has made several presentations at conferences on topics such as database driven websites, library meta-search applications, faculty needs for institutional repositories, and DSpace.

Roberta Woods, Franklin Pierce Law Center Library, is Assistant Professor of Research and Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian. Besides selecting, evaluating and making electronic resources available online and in the Law Library, Professor Woods chairs a NELLCO (New England Law Library Consortium) committee working on a high-tech solution to create an open source search system that will enable researchers to search all of the library's digital holdings with one search. The project was awarded a grant by the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in 2007 and runs through Nov. 30, 2009.

Sharon Brettschneider has been the State Library's Director of the Division of Library Development since 1997. The Division oversees many statewide projects including grants to public libraries, the Federal LSTA program, statewide delivery, public library construction, the library service centers and iCONN, the new Connecticut Digital Library.

Ben Ide is Head, Technical Services at University of Hartford. He was Head of Technical Services, Lamont Library at Harvard University. Ben heads up UHart's Open Source ILS project with WALDO (Westchester Academic Library Directors Organization).