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Find Free Web-Based Resources In Less Time!

Join us for our first event in 2008!

Date	January 30, 2008
Time	Registration : 8:00 - 8:30 am Program: 8:30 - 11:00 am
Facilitator	Matthew Coan
Location	Academic ADL Co-Lab (downtown)

For many of us, gaining access to the information we are looking for on the Web is either bewildering or

overwhelming. As is the case with most professionals, a trainer's time is precious.

As we look for background and research information to support our presentations, there are some simple ways to improve your searches for reliable, relevant, and free information, even among copyrighted sources.

Join former secondary educator Matthew Coan as he shares what he has learned about navigating the Web in his new professional life as an academic librarian. Stop wasting time online and make the most of the information age!

This live and interactive program is limited to the first 30 participants to register, be sure to register today!

[Learn more about this event and register...](#)

Looking for You

We are looking for you, a committee volunteer, to showcase your ideas and resources to help make our featured program the most successful featured program to date. If you're interested in this short-term commitment, contact [Jami Hartwick](#). This is an opportunity for you to make a difference!

Thank you for your continued support!
2008 Featured Program Planning Committee
Dawn Mahoney, Lori Becker, and Jami Hartwick

Plain Talk: Dear Diary

Recently a friend of mine had a slight accident involving a sombrero, 5 gallons of guacamole, sheet music for Ricky Martin's "Living da Vida Loca" and an accordion. Needless to say, it was all very messy and she was laid up in hospital for some time. Tired of television, she asked me to pick up some reading material from her place. Always eager to help others, I agreed. While I was transporting a box of books, a small volume

slipped out. It was pink faux leather with the faint impression of the word "Diary" where it had once been stamped in gold leaf. After about five minutes of jiggling and pulling on the lock, the book seemed to magically open. I thought it interesting enough to share some with you. I have changed some information so as not to reveal Margaret's true identity... [Read the rest of Craig Plain's column...](#)

Share Your Ideas, Energy and Expertise!

Do you want to get more out of your ASTD membership? [Contact](#) any of our board members about serving on their committees or providing short term assistance on projects.

Interested in being on the Board of Directors?

The following positions are currently available:

- **VP Professional Development**
- **VP Technology**

For more information regarding the above Board positions, please contact Lori Becker, lbecker@madison.com or call 608.252.6335.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to the following professionals who joined ASTD-SCWC in the last month:

- **Mary Beth Pagura**
- **Daniel Powell, Jr.**, State Collection Service
- **Robin Reicosky**, SVA Consulting

Kudos To

Marianne Pattee, who has joined Bunbury and Associates Realtors as Director, Business Services and Referrals effective November 26, 2007.

Do you have something we should all celebrate?

A promotion? An award? A new job? A new twist? Send your Kudos to [Molly](#), the newsletter editor.

Regional & National Events

Wisconsin State Training Conference,

March 5, 2008, Madison, WI

ASTD International Conference & Exposition

June 1-4, 2008, San Diego, CA

Advanced Registration Rate through March 1

Looking for other programs? **Check out '[Other Events](#)'**

Employment Opportunities

Employers: Post your open positions [FREE!](#)

Job Seekers: See Workplace Learning & Performance position [openings](#) on our web site.

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The ASTD-SCWC event cancellation policy is posted [here](#).
For questions about the ASTD-SCWC website contact our [webmaster](#).