NBINet Workshop Series

The NCL Bibliographic Information Center hosted a four-part workshop series to broaden familiarity with the National Bibliographic Information Network (NBINet) this fall. The four one- to two-day sessions were held from September 20 to October 5, with one session devoted to NBINet member libraries using the INNOPAC system and other sessions joined by non-INNOPAC members. A total of 67 librarians from 42 libraries took part in the series.

Workshops combined presentations and hands-on lessons to instruct librarians in the operations and functions of NBINet. Participants were also asked to fill out an evaluation form to help administrators improve future workshops.

The NBINet workshop is held only once a year, and sessions generally last for only one or two days, making it difficult for participants to absorb all of the information and operation methods of the system. High turnover rates among catalogers further complicates the task of ensuring adequate training in this area. To overcome this problem the Bibliographic Information Center plans to provide NBINet instructional material online so that catalogers can hone their skills with the system without restrictions of time and place.

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