and economics, political science, and sociology as well as important documents related to U.S. citizenship.

Between the sheets

EBRARY has licensed its technology to BYRON HOYT, a leading provider of resources for musical data, to make more than 7000 classical sheet music and educational titles available online to libraries worldwide. Under the terms of the deal, ebrary will distribute Byron Hoyt’s collection as a standalone database to libraries.

The Byron Hoyt collection may be easily integrated with the ebrarian for Libraries database, which features digitized books in key subject areas including business and economics, computers and technology, and social sciences. ebrary is offering a special introductory deal to libraries; they can get an annual subscription to the Hoyt online database on a dozen CDs for $1950 if they sign up before December 31.

MD PL’s Live Homework Help

Service from Tutor.com will reach 600,000 students in 24 systems

Thanks to a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant, public libraries across MARYLAND are now offering fourth through 12th grade students access to Live Homework Help from Tutor.com. The online service links students with live tutors who field questions in the areas of math, science, social studies, and English in real time. Students can access the homework assistance either at the library or remotely at home or at school. In addition to LSTA money, the program is made possible in part by the Maryland Library Partnership and the state’s Department of Education’s Division of Library Development and Services.

The partnership staged a pilot program from February through June for roughly 1200 students in Allegany, Baltimore, Caroline, Carol, and Cecil counties. The access in all 24 library systems will reach roughly 600,000 students.

VTLS Completes NYPL Scanning

Manhattan Façades project includes 25,000 pix of city buildings

VTLS, Inc.’s digital imaging group has completed a scanning project for the New York Public Library (NYPL) called the Manhattan Façades Project. The job involved capturing images of more than 25,000 photos of Manhattan buildings, which will be included in a larger digital library initiative NYPL will offer to the public this fall. The project consists of three phases: the initial scanning; checking for quality control; and coordinating file management. The vendor provided enhanced training for each scanner in order to provide optimal results.

VTLS recently constructed an imaging room that is completely free of sunlight; it also features UV protection on the lamps and has temperature and humidity controls. The original documents are stored in a vault featuring state-of-the-art ceiling tiles and an air filtration system to capture most dust particles.

The vendor used Epson flatbed scanners with Mac G4 computers, which were calibrated daily for accuracy.

INFOTECH PEOPLE

Patricia Ryan Joins Endeavor’s Staff

Special librarian is North America West Regional Account Manager

Endeavor Information Services has named Patricia Ryan the North America West regional account manager. Ryan formerly was a regional sales director for Endeavor’s parent, Elsevier Science, and has a 15-year background in medical and special libraries. She additionally served as the director of special library services at Ingenenta and held sales positions at several other companies. Her territory includes Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington, as well as the Canadian provinces Alberta, British Columbia, and the Yukon.

STANDARDS

MuseSearch Using NISO OpenURL

MuseGlobal will support October Version 1.0 release of standard

MuseGlobal Inc. is incorporating support for the OpenURL standard version 1.0 that is being rolled out this month by the National Information Standard Organization (NISO). According to MuseGlobal, the standard is a “syntax to create web-transportable packages of metadata or identifiers about an information object” and provides a uniform method for researchers to link from bibliographic citations to full-text documents, document delivery services, library catalogs, and more. OpenURL 1.0 debuts in late October and will be in a trial period for several months.