

**Announcing Awards for Japanese Language Digital Resources Workshops
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The NCC takes great pleasure in announcing three grants for Japanese language electronic resources workshops to be offered during 2008-09. These workshops are made possible by the generous support of a Japan Foundation Institutional Project Support Grant for Japanese Studies. Each workshop has been planned and will be coordinated by local hosts who will seek additional co-funding from their own and other institutions to match funding received from the Japan Foundation. Workshops will be given on a range of topics and for academic audiences of various levels of proficiency in the use of Japanese language digital resources. The three grantees for 2008-09 are:

University of California Los Angeles and University of California San Diego for A Mini-Caravan of Workshops on Digital Resources for the Study of Japanese Law offered by Robert Britt, Japanese Legal Resources Specialist at the University of Washington Law School. Hosting institutions will provide local funding and logistical management. Other California venues for this series may be sought. For further information on the content of these workshops, their timing and registration please contact Toshie Marra tmarra@library.ucla.edu or Sanae Isozumi sisozumi@ucsd.edu.

Dickinson College for A Pair of Central Pennsylvania Regional Workshops on Japanese and Chinese Materials for faculty and librarians in small liberal arts colleges will be offered by Yunshan Ye, the East Asian Librarian at Dickinson, and Sharon Domier, East Asian Studies Librarian from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. The primary audience will be interested librarians, faculty, and other scholars. Additional funding will be sought from ACLCP (Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania) in conjunction with Dickinson College. For further details on workshop content, timing and registration please contact Yunshan Ye yey@dickinson.edu.

Northwestern University for Basic Hands-on Instruction in Japanese-Language Digital Resources for Research and Teaching. This workshop will help trainees become more effective searchers by acquainting them with a variety of Japanese-language electronic resources including: library and union catalogs of books and serials, journal/magazine article databases, newspaper article databases, web sites, and other reference tools for conducting research in Japanese studies. The audience will be faculty, students, and librarians from Northwestern University and other local institutions such as Loyola University of Chicago, DePaul University, and University of Illinois at Chicago. The hosting institution will provide additional support and coordination, NCC will provide a lead instructor to develop the lessons and offer instruction. For further details on the workshop content, timing and registration please contact Qunying Li qunying-li@northwestern.edu.

For more information on the NCC's E-Resources Initiative, on past workshops in this series, and for lesson plans and other resources, please visit the NCC's Information Literacy Portal at <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~ncc/eresources/index.html>. To take part in one of the above workshops please contact the local sponsors listed for each venue. To propose a future workshop for this series please contact Victoria Bestor, Executive Director of the North American Coordinating Council on Japanese Library Resources (NCC) at vbester@fas.harvard.edu. The NCC's ongoing E-Resources Workshop series is made possible by a grant from the Japan Foundation. Local co-funding and project coordinating are essential to a successful workshop proposal.