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## Andornot Newsletter - January 2012

New Year's Greetings!

With the start of a new year comes a new design for this newsletter.

We're very excited about the many projects we have planned for 2012. We look forward to helping you with new ventures or enhancing your existing systems, and to seeing many of you at [conferences](#) this year.

### Quiz Winner



From mid-December to January 6th we ran a contest for a chance to win a \$50 Chapters gift card. The winner was randomly selected from the names of all those who took our new [DB/TextWorks Quiz](#).

We're pleased to announce that **Jane Donaldson** of Smart & Biggar/Fetherstonhaugh in Ottawa is the winner!

We congratulate everyone who took the test. If you haven't yet had a chance, the [quiz remains available here](#) and is a great way to test your skills and knowledge of DB/TextWorks. The answer to 2 of the questions is provided in the [Tips and Tricks](#) section below.

### DB/TextWorks Training Schedule

On select Thursdays in January and March, 2012, [Denise Bonin](#) will be offering 2 hour online sessions covering beginner and advanced topics in DB/TextWorks. These sessions are a great way to bring new users up to speed, and even for long-time users to learn new tricks. A brief schedule is below, but full details and a registration form are [available here](#).

DB/TextWorks Introductory Training - Thursday, January 12 and March 1, 2012

This session is geared to users who search for and display records and/or do data entry into the textbase(s).

DB/TextWorks Advanced Training - Thursday, January 19 and March 8, 2012

This session is aimed at users who need to know more of the behind the scenes aspects of the program, especially elements of design.

DB/TextWorks Refresher Training - Thursday, January 26 and March 15, 2012

Take this session if you are familiar with many aspects of the program, but want to know more about the latest version features, plus more complex aspects of the program.

If you're not sure which session is best for you, you might try taking our [DB/TextWorks skills quiz](#) to see how much you already know, and please do [contact Denise](#) for advice.

### Andornot on the Road

Andornot attends numerous conferences and trade shows throughout





the year; our 2012 line-up is listed below. If you're planning to attend one of these, please do let us know so we can arrange to say hello in person. Or, if we're coming to your town, we'd be happy to arrange to meet you in your offices while we're there.

#### **Online Northwest**

February 10, 2012  
Corvallis, OR

#### **ACA@UBC 2012 Symposium** (sponsorship)

February 17, 2012  
Vancouver, BC

#### **Archives Association of BC Conference**

**(AABC)** (sponsorship)  
April / May, 2012  
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

#### **Canadian Association of Law Libraries Conference (CALL)**

May 6-9, 2012  
Toronto, ON

#### **Special Libraries Association (SLA)**

July 15-18, 2012  
Chicago, IL

#### **B.C. Library Association Conference (BCLA)**

May 10-12, 2012  
Richmond, BC

#### **Canadian Library Association**

Presentation: "Discovery Interfaces: If all the big kids are doing it, why can't I?"  
June 1, 2012, 3:00 - 4:00 pm session  
Ottawa, ON

#### **Canadian Health Libraries Association**

**(CHLA)**  
June 11-15, 2012  
Hamilton, ON

#### **Archives Association of Ontario** (AAO)

June 13-15, 2012  
Toronto, ON

## **Inmagic News**

### **SydneyPLUS Acquisition of Inmagic**

In October, [SydneyPLUS](#) and [Inmagic](#) announced the acquisition of Inmagic's special library business by SydneyPLUS. The Inmagic special library business includes Inmagic's DB/Text Library Suite of products: [DB/TextWorks](#), [DB/Text WebPublisher Pro](#), and [Inmagic Genie](#).

The move will strengthen both SydneyPLUS and the new Inmagic division by bringing together complementary technologies to meet the needs of special librarians, while allowing Inmagic, Inc. to focus on new markets.

More information is available in this [press release](#).

Andornot's status as an Inmagic reseller/partner will be re-assigned to the new entity and from our clients' perspective, it should be business as usual. We are excited at the potential for future developments of the software and are looking forward to this new relationship.

### **DB/Text for SQL v.13 Released**

All clients with a current Inmagic maintenance subscription for the SQL Server or SQL Express version of DB/Text or the Library Suite should have received an email from Inmagic with the download information for this new version. The features in this release are the same as those for version 13 of the non-SQL platform, which are detailed in [this Andornot blog post](#). (Note: DB/Text for SQL was formerly known as Content Server.)

If you have a current maintenance subscription but have not received a notification email with download instructions, please email [advantage@inmagic.com](mailto:advantage@inmagic.com) with your serial number and email address so it can be resent. Please also remember to let us know if your contact information has changed so we can update our records and pass this on to Inmagic.

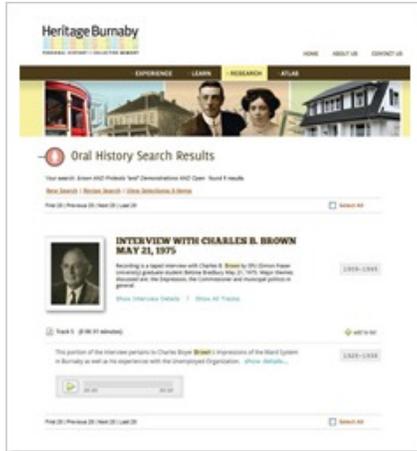
Please contact us if you would like assistance upgrading or would like to renew an expired maintenance subscription. We can also help you update your current web interface to include the latest features available in the software itself, or with our add-on products.

## **Recent Projects**

### **Heritage Burnaby Adds Digitized Oral Histories**

Andornot has recently completed several exciting upgrades to the [Heritage Burnaby](#) website. The

Archives received funding to digitize and create a web search interface to audio interviews on cassettes or reel to reel tapes from the last fifty years. These interviews give an intimate glimpse into the lives of the Burnaby pioneers, and cover a wide range of subjects. One of the common themes is the struggles that the Municipality and Burnaby families faced during the 1930s when the City went into receivership and unemployment was widespread.



As an interview could be more than an hour long, each was split

into 5-10 minute tracks. Behind the scenes [Inmagic TextWorks](#) databases were established to capture information on the Master recording with metadata including the interviewee, date interviewed, interviewer and detailed biographical notes. An image file showing either the interviewee or a relevant image such as the location or house discussed in the interview was also added. Each track was then described individually and associated with the master record. Information includes the scope and content of each track, the date range, the subjects discussed and the historical neighbourhood.

The new [web interface](#) allows users to search for any word or phrase across the descriptive fields, or by interviewee, subject or neighbourhood. There is also an option to browse a listing of all the interviews. Just adding a link for a user to click and then download an audio file was not an option. Most users do not want to wait for a track to download, and they may not have an installed media player that supports the audio format. Playback therefore relies on [iPlayer](#), an open source HTML5 audio/video library which intelligently falls back to Adobe Flash when necessary to provide a consistent interface in all browsers.

*"We are thrilled with the flexible and user-friendly interface that has allowed us to make these records publicly accessible for the first time. By also adding the oral history database to the OneSearch feature on our site, researchers have the ability to find all related records, regardless of medium or format. This will be an extremely useful tool for our users."* [Arilea Sill, City Archivist]

Check out last week's article in the Burnaby NewsLeader - [Oral histories online provide fascinating look at Burnaby history](#) or [contact us](#) for further information.

## New Website for Archives Association of B.C.

The AABC website has re-launched with a new design in honour of Archives Week 2011 and the second anniversary of [Memorybc.ca](#). This project was made possible through NADP funding from Heritage Canada, Library & Archives Canada, and the Canadian Council of Archives. Through an RFP process, the AABC executive selected Andornot to design the new site and migrate the current content. As part of the mandate of the project, the design incorporates elements of the Memory BC look and feel, with the use of the same header image and colors. The AABC logo was also updated to a more modern style. The structure of the site was re-organized to group pages under 5 main headings and all the content was migrated and reformatted. Older newsletters were converted into PDF's rather than trying to retain over 900 HTML pages and images.





Old site



New Site

Behind the scenes the site uses the open source [Umbraco content management system](#) and is hosted by Andornot. Individual members of the executive and volunteers now have rights to edit specific sections or pages, and to upload documents into a Media Library. The WYSIWYG content editor allows them to easily type in content, or to copy and paste from other programs. No knowledge of HTML is required as stylesheets control the formatting.

The home page is now automatically populated by recent entries from a news blog with an RSS feed. The same approach has been used for positions listed on the Job Board. Umbraco offers a Publish /Unpublish date feature so jobs can automatically be set to disappear after the closing date.

Redesigning and migrating a site with so much content created over many years presented some challenges, and we are very grateful for the responsiveness of the AABC executive to our suggestions and recommendations.

*"Our site needed updating for many years. The new site is much more user-friendly and is very easy to edit. Information is easier to find for our members and users, and will allow more control and diverse functionality for the AABC executive and contractors. We really like our new logo and how much the overall look and feel matches MemoryBC.ca. Andornot's knowledge of the BC archival community helped to make this project run smoothly." Jane Morrison, AABC President.*

Please [contact Andornot](#) for more information.

## Tweets



As we come across news, projects, resources and other items we think

might be of interest to our clients, we tend to post a quick tweet on our [Twitter page](#), rather than a longer [blog](#) post. We've included a selection of recent tweets in this newsletter, but encourage you to follow us on Twitter or [subscribe to the RSS feed of our tweets](#).

## For Libraries

- [1.6 Billion Reasons Why America Still Needs Libraries](#)
- [Check an E-Book Out From the Library - good summary of the issues on Wired Magazine's How-To Wiki](#)
- [Beall's List of Predatory, Open-Access Publishers - exploiting author pay model soliciting articles minimal peer review](#)
- [Users Want Catalog Enrichment - Addition of TOC's in PDF format to German catalogs increases satisfaction rates](#)
- [Statistics Canada to make all online data free](#)
- [Library of Congress releases A Bibliographic Framework for the Digital Age - to replace MARC](#)
- [How to Build the Great Online Library - Digital Public Library of America website now live \(The Atlantic\)](#)

## For Archives and Historical Societies

- [Archiving websites with the Web Curator Tool](#) - the [UK Web Archive](#) itself is fascinating!
- [Crowdsourcing History - American Historical Association annual meeting session](#)

## For Museums and Art Galleries

- [From the iPhone to the Met: Changing The Way We 'See' Art Online](#)
- [Put 3D objects at your visitors' fingertips: University of Virginia Art Museum iPad app](#)

## About Discovery Interfaces

- [Discovery Layers in Law Libraries - AALL Spectrum article](#)
- [Discovering What Works: Librarians Compare Discovery Interface Experiences](#)

## For All

- [Today's digital documents are tomorrow's dinosaurs \(Washington Times\)](#)
- [What is Wrong With Today's CMS - good reality check](#)
- [Mapping the world of cultural metadata standards](#)
- [Google Gets Literal: 'Verbatim' Searches Are Back \(You're Welcome\)](#)
- [How to Cite Datasets and Link to Publications](#), Bell, A. & Duke, M. (2011) Edinburgh: Digital Creation

- [How to Cite Datasets and Link to Publications](#). Ball, A. & Duke, M. (2011) Edinburgh: Digital Curation Centre
- [In the thick of it: Why information professionals should be at the heart of government digital engagement activity](#)

## Tips and Tricks

### Tracking Books that Never Get Loaned in Inmagic Genie

[Inmagic Genie](#) has wonderful features for reporting on loan statistics. You can search the Loans module by date, borrower, department, call number and other key fields, and view the results grouped by these same fields to give you a count of loans for different items. You can also access the Statistics page to quickly view a count of overdue items.

But what if you want to view a list of all your books that have never been loaned? Perhaps these are candidates for weeding, to make room on the shelves for new or more popular items. In Genie, the Loans database is linked to the Catalog, Items and Borrowers databases, but as is the case with all DB/Text databases, the link is one-way. If a book has never been loaned, it won't appear in the Loans database, so can't be pulled up by a query, and a search in the Catalog can't retrieve Loan records.

However, it's a simple matter to export the data from these Genie textbases and then use a different tool, such as MS Access, to produce a report of items with no loans. We've done this for a few clients recently, and it's worked quite well, allowing the librarians to get a really good sense of which items in their collection are most borrowed, and which least (see sample report below). This type of report doesn't really need to be in Genie, since it's not something you're likely to do very often - perhaps once per year at most.

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Type	Call No.	Title	Barcode	No. Loans
2	Book	HA 29 S64 1999	Summary of Field Work 1999	3328	0
3	Book	HB 171.5 E334 1982	Ready-to-Run Visual Basic Code Library	6397	12
4	Map	HB 171.5 G69	Oil Map of the Far East	6425	0
5	Map	HB 3755 L35	City Map	7116	6
6	Book	HB 615 M43	Team Handbook : How to Use Teams to Improve Quality	7171	0
7	Book	HB 615 S29	Problem Buildings	7354	0
8	Book	HB 74 P8 L49	Occupational Hand Injuries	7355	4
9	Book	HB 74 P8 L497	Alcoholism and Chemical Dependency in the Workplace	7356	2
10	DVD	HB 95 B46	Management Perspective	7357	0
11	Book	HB 95 E38	Psychiatric Injury in the Workplace	7358	0
12	DVD	HB 95 G93	Back Pain in Workers	7359	0
13	Book	HC 447 W65	Roger Jennings Database Developer's Guide with Visual Basic 6	10590	0

You can read how to do this in [this blog post](#). We'd be happy to help you do this; just [drop us a note](#) and we'll guide you through exporting your data for us. We'll analyse it and provide a report for you (standard consulting charges apply).

### DB/TextWorks Date Searching

In our [DB/TextWorks skills quiz](#) we ask 2 questions about searching date fields in DB/TextWorks:

1. The punctuation for date range searching is a... (colon, comma, or slash)?
2. When searching today's date can be represented as... (@date, =date, =today)?

Of all the questions on the quiz, these 2 proved to be among the most challenging for many of you, so we thought we'd repeat the correct answers here for everyone. Searching on dates can be quite useful in many situations. The correct answers are:

1. The punctuation for date range searching is a... **colon**.
2. When searching today's date can be represented as... **@date**.

As well, the <, >, <=, and >= operators can be used with dates, and all of these can be used in combination.

Some examples of using these:

- 2001:2009 finds everything from 2001 to 2009, inclusive.
- >=2001 finds everything from 2001 to the present.
- >=@DATE-30 finds everything from 30 days ago to the present.