

**Sys/Admin 2002**

Working the DarkSide

Where Do You Want To Go Today?



# Sys/Admin 2002?

- Update of Access 2000 talk
- Reflections from Library Admin and a former propeller head
- Focus on key issues
  - Just-Do-It
  - Free stuff
  - Community and Partnerships

Just-Do-It

# Just-Do-It Impacts/Issues

- Model has worked well for bringing stodgy academic library into a new age
- Some staff feel empowered and energized others overwhelmed and pushed
- Requirement to think aloud
- Only real roadblock is campus computing (real DarkSide)

# Just-Do-It Examples

- Desktop renewal with strong econtent (eJournals, eReserve, CF/ILS)
- Mature server environment (web, DB, streaming, records)
- Wireless throughout Library
- Special Projects - Campus web migration, Portal

## Just-Do-It Team

- Persuasive skills development
- Strong/complimentary team
- 12+ web developers
- 6 CF/DB developers
- Migration/update of campus website in 3 weeks
- Problem of where to draw the line so not overwhelmed

**Free Stuff**



## Free Stuff

- Current challenge to integrate open source with proprietary
- Development of open source servers and tools despite TSC
- Support campus and local community for access
- Attacking © issues from all angles – not content to sit back and wait

# OpenILL

- Attempt to bring some sense to a very dysfunctional field
  - Cost is < commercial system
  - Work with existing infrastructure
  - Partners contribute \$\$
- Open source ILL system for local or remote hosting
- Support for ISO/IPIG, LDAP Directory, GODOT
- Available early 2003

# IPTone

- Desire to provide free network access to all via wireless
- Support for 802.11a and b, USB
- Goal to have support across campus in 12-18 months
- Available to public as well
- Challenge is how to provide power ; -)

# Community and Partnerships

# Community

- Created Learning Commons facility open to all
- Community Connections program
- When not used for teaching is open to public
- Wireless support

# Partnerships

- University of Winnipeg ILS
- Hosting and Development
- OS Solutions - OSLS.ORG
- Omushkego Oral History Archive  
(Canadian Heritage)
- Media Gallery (Foundation)
- ePrints Server (Journals)