



Library Association  
of Singapore  
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Date: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008  
(1-day)

Time: 9.00am—5:00pm

Venue:  
Li Ka Shing Library  
Library Training Room, Level 5  
70 Stamford Road  
Singapore 178901

Registration Fee:  
\$ 240 (LAS Member)  
\$ 280 (Non-Member)  
Note: Maximum Class Size is 21

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**A Workshop on:**

## **First Steps in Becoming a Super Searcher!**

**On being a good searcher... "its like a detective puzzle... You're holding a lot of clues in your head simultaneously, fitting them all together." Ruth Pagell in Reva Basch's Secrets of the Super Searchers: The Accumulated Wisdom of 23 of the World's Top Online Searchers**

Trying to find answers to questions such as:

- How can the Pre-search Interview help me understand users' information needs?
- When do I use the Internet, OPAC or Online Databases?
- What are different search techniques and strategies I can apply?

If you are curious and want to learn sustainable skills to search efficiently and effectively regardless of the search tools you use, then you should attend this course. The practical hands-on workshop will address these questions and more, in addition to introducing new concepts. This course is targeted at entry-level librarians and para-professionals who want to take their first steps to becoming super searchers.

### **Learning Outcomes:**

By the end of this course you will be able to:

- Search more efficiently and effectively
- Differentiate among search features in tools such as the Internet, OPAC and Online databases
- Use skills learnt to add value to your users for their information seeking

### **Course Content:**

- Information Seeking Needs of Different Library Users
- Beyond Boolean - Search Concepts, Techniques and Terminologies
- Comparison of Internet, the OPAC, Selected Online Databases
- Trends and Developments in new Search Tools

### **Training Approaches and Methods:**

- Lecture, Group-Work and Discussions
- Role Play and Scenarios
- Hands-on searching

### **About the Trainers**

Ruth Pagell is University Librarian at the Li Ka Shing Library. In addition to research and administrative librarian positions, she has taught formal library school courses and presented workshops on information seeking and retrieval worldwide for the past 20 years. Rajen Munoo is Research Librarian at the Li Ka Shing Library. He has designed, developed and delivered numerous face-to-face and elearning courses on topics such as Advanced Internet Searching, Reference Interview Skills and New Media. His value-add is his diverse work experience in different types of libraries and countries.