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An email request for suggestions (using the new discussion list put together by Michael Samuelson and Pam Bradshaw) elicited new ideas and confirmed interest in possible topics. A summary of the topics and suggestions for possible speakers follows.

A Google “track” or “cluster” could include the new Google Scholar search engine and the digitization project announced by Google and Stanford/U of Michigan et al. Possible presenters: Greg Notess, Jenny Lynne Semenza, Head of Reference, is ISU's resident Internet expert

Reassessing resources in libraries and the inclusion of contextual notes in the catalog records for plagiarized, fraudulent, or otherwise controversial resources. Phil Homan, Leonard Hitchcock, Mike Greenlee, and Jim Jatkevicius.

Roundtable or panel on digitization projects in Idaho: Karen Kearns, Terry Abraham, others (two responses mentioned this)

Update on what the State Archives and State Historical Library is up to these days. Linda Morton-Keithly, Steve Barrett, Larry Jones, Rod House or one of the other staff could probably be persuaded to update us.

Blogging: a panel that discussed technical aspects and then implementation or use in public/ school/ academic/special library environments. That might give it a broad appeal, and perhaps it could be co-sponsored with another division.

Round table or panel about some of the most useful electronic tools each of the libraries has available and why they are popular or useful with the patrons or staff--sort of an electronic favs discussion.

Special collections at the various libraries, the academics and special libraries probably have the greatest number of them.

Role of relationships in leadership; Margaret Wheatley, author of *Leadership and the New Science*. Another person who is involved in this topic is Frances Hesselbein, former head of the Girl Scouts.

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