

**Association of College and Research Libraries, New Jersey Chapter
New Jersey Library Association, College and University Libraries Section**

**User Education Committee
Minutes of Meeting on 05/20/05 at Bankier Library,
Brookdale Community College**

Attendees (alphabetical listing): Caroline Geck, Ruth Hamann, Annemarie Mascarenhas, Ellen Parker, Shilpa Shanbhag

- **Meeting Highlights:** The committee confirmed the date, location, and theme for the upcoming Fall program. The date is set for October 21, 2005, the location will be at Brookdale Community College, and the theme will focus on Vibiana Bowman's *The Plagiarism Plague: A Resource Guide and CD-ROM Tutorial for Educators and Librarians* (Neal-Schuman Publishers, 2004).
- Annemarie reported news about NJ-ACRL officer elections. Marc Meola is the new president for 2005/2006, and Nicole Cooke is the new vice president/president elect.
- Annemarie also reported that NJ-ACRL is contemplating a weblog or blog. The NJ-ACRL Technology Section already has its own blog. Committee members had mixed feelings about a User Education blog, including concerns about the time involved and managerial issues associated with hosting a blog.
- Ellen reported that a number of commercial vendors, such as Science Direct are offering handy alert services. Several other members agreed that database alert services are very useful and also reiterated that many databases are currently rolling out these alert features.
- Caroline mentioned that the committee has had several visitors at prior meetings and inquired whether these individuals were interested in joining the committee? A few members suggested advertising recruitment efforts on the committee website located at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/usered>. Ellen inquired if virtual meetings would be an option? Ruth stated that committee programs, such as the upcoming Fall program could be used as a venue to recruit new members. Shilpa stated that meetings set up as information sharing sessions would be appealing to many instruction professionals.
- Ruth recommended that the committee re-examine the objectives associated with the upcoming Fall program. Ellen said that potential programs about assessment or how well students were learning from online tutorials would be interesting program topics. Committee members agreed that the expanded two hour time period at the annual NJLA conference was well received and that the committee should also offer a two hour luncheon at the upcoming Fall program.

- Annemarie and Ruth presented earlier this month at LOEX in Louisville, Kentucky. Abstracts about their sessions are available at the LOEX website located at <http://library.louisville.edu/loex2005/program.htm> and are also replicated below for quick reference.

Who's counting? Using the US Census to Introduce Information Literacy into a Beginning Statistics Course

A librarian and math professor's innovative collaboration fosters awareness of real-life collection and application of statistical data. Statistics students learn about the US Census and how to navigate its database to create a custom table. They transform and synthesize the information, then draw and describe their conclusions.
Ruth Hamann, Passaic County Community College

WebCT and Your On-line Library Tutorial: Assessment Made Easy

Learn how to develop a question database for WebCT that allows professors to assess each student's understanding of your library's online tutorial. With the question database, professors can easily load quizzes into their WebCT course and have the quizzes automatically graded and put into their grade book.
Annemarie Mascarenhas, Bergen Community College

- Caroline was elected secretary by the members of the User Education committee. Her term will begin July 1, 2005. Previously, she was in the role of acting secretary.

Submitted: 07/14/05 by Caroline Geck