

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

**User Education Committee
Minutes of Meeting, December 15, 2003**

The NJLA/CUS User Education Committee held its last meeting on Monday, December 15, 2003, at the Kilmer Library (Rutgers University, Livingston Campus.)

Members Attending:

Leslie Murtha, Chair, lmurtha@andromeda.rutgers.edu

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Minutes from the October 27, 2003 meeting were distributed and approved.

Notes from the November 21, 2003 meeting were distributed and discussed.

New member, Caroline Geck, was welcomed to the committee.

Chapter Update

- A poster session is being put together for each of the CUS section committees to recruit members to the various committees.
- All Spring Conference proposals are in; we have not received confirmation that our two proposals have been received.
- Tyrone Cannon, ACRL President, will be the Spring Conference luncheon speaker. Topic: Minority recruitment.
- ACRL Spring Symposium: based on FDU's Vision project. Will be held May 25th or 26th. Cost: \$25. Speaker: James Neal, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian, Columbia University.
- Check the new NJLA website for any problems with section information.

Old Business

- Fall Program Debriefing: We had an excellent response to the presentation on November 21, 2003, at the Ocean County Library, Jackson Branch. Robert Lackie and Kevin Whalen presented: Our Ever-Changing Role: Preparing for Library Instruction in the E-Classroom. There were 12 participants, including committee members.
 - A spreadsheet of participant evaluation responses was distributed.
- Spring Conference Planning

- Leslie will encourage the panelists to begin working together to plan their workshops. Leslie will contact presenters for bios and abstracts for the program notes.
 - Linda will put together a bibliography of 1st year experience and library instruction.
 - Annemarie will create an evaluation form for the sessions.
 - Leslie will request a computer and projector for the panel from RU.
 - Annemarie will be back-up for computer/projector request.
 - It is suggested that we offer the panel some points to address:
 - Goals of programs
 - Tip sheet of strategies
 - “Getting their attention”
 - Instructors’ shift in thinking
 - What not to do
 - What’s different/same among different venues—one-shot vs summer vs 1st year
 - Assessment strategies
 - Integrated vs stand-alone programs
 - Leslie will put together a list of suggested points for the speakers and ask for committee response before sending on to speakers.
- Web site update: It will go live in January. We will send files to Mary Mallory to upload. Question: Can we have access to update our site?
 - Email addresses have been added to the directory.
 - Past officers to 1997 have been added.
 - Leslie is working on adding the links to Robert’s program.
 - PDF files for the September minutes were added.
 - Leslie is still looking for resources for library instruction from committee members.

New Business

- Spring Projects – Brainstorming
 - Fran Roscello and Harriet Silverstone, AASL leaders, may be available as guest speakers for a June/Summer all-day workshop on preparing students for college research. How do the K-12 librarians prep students? How can we make better connections?
 - Karen reported that the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative Information Literacy committee is planning to reach out to high school librarians for a summer program. They are planning an instruction session that will mirror many of the concepts academics expect of incoming students. The group wants to begin a dialogue with high school librarians to help foster closer goals between the two groups and to better prepare students for academic research.
 - Can we put the two ideas together? Karen will email the CJRLC contact, Roz Reisner, and copy Leslie with this proposal.

- Shilpa reminded everyone to think beyond the library as “the” place where information literacy happens. Museums, depositories, many others venues hold the keys to literacy.
- Dan O’Connor may be a good source for a quantitative assessment workshop.
- Deep collaboration with faculty may be a good topic for a workshop.

Our next meeting will be Friday, February 13, 2004, at 10:30 A.M., at Kilmer.

Other meetings have been scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2004, at 1:30 P.M., and Friday, April 30, 2004, at 10:30 A.M.

Best holidays to all!

Submitted: December 18, 2003, by Karen Topham