

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

**User Education Committee
Minutes of the meeting on 10/27/2006, Friday, at the Bankier Library,
Brookdale Community College, Lincroft**

Attendees, listed in alphabetical order: Steve Chudnick, Eleonora Dubicki, Carolyn Geck, Ma lei Hsieh, Theo Haines, Chairperson, Ruth Hamann, Christine Herz, Leslie Murtha, Ellen Parker, Annemarie Roscello, Karen Topham

Meeting could not be simulcast due to technical difficulties with Click to Meet interface

Agenda: Database Tutorial Review and NJLA Annual Conference Planning

Members continued discussing online database tutorials. Annemarie presented the completed database tutorial grid. Members then demonstrated their assigned tutorials pointing out strengths and weaknesses.

- Karen Topham, CINAHL, University of Florida - Tutorials are beautifully designed but lack audio.
- Leslie Murtha, ProQuest Research Library – Training Resource Center provides quick and reference guides for trainers but guides lack detail.
- Eleonora Dubicki, Science Direct – Eight Interactive tutorials with balloon captioning, Menus in different languages. No audio. Carolyn suggested contacting the company to request that audio be added to tutorials.
- Ruth, Gale InfoTrac OneFile - No audio but common interface is forthcoming
- Ellen, EbscoHost tutorials offer basic and advanced searching in Academic Search Premier. Flash based with audio and captions.

Eleonora suggested members read “If You Build It, Will They Learn?” in *College and Research Libraries* for ideas on creating an effective tutorial.

Ruth recommended speaking to vendors regarding how their tutorials might be improved using Ebsco tutorials as a benchmark for excellence. Theo offered a list of important criteria for tutorials

1. Purpose
2. Audience
3. Length
4. Greater degree of “interocularity”

Members expressed concerns over the possibility of tutorials replacing personalized reference service.

Annemarie volunteered to create a web page for vendor tutorials.

The committee brainstormed various titles for workshops on database tutorials and decided on submitting at least two proposals for the annual **NJLA conference**. Deadline for submission is November 1, 2006. Theo and Eleonora volunteered to compile a list of speakers.

The next meeting will be Friday, December, 15 from 10am to Noon at the Bankier Library, Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ.

Respectfully submitted by

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