

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 02/16/07, Friday, at the Bankier Library,
Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, NJ

Members in Alphabetical Order: Steve Chudnick, Jacqui DaCosta, Eleonora Dubicki, Caroline Geck, Theo Haynes, Christine Herz, Ma lei Hsieh, Nancy Madacsi, Ellen Parker, Annmarie Roscello, Davida Scharf, Shilpha Shanbhag, Karen Topham

Announcement: Theo stated that the NJLA CUS Board meeting information is now posted on Blackboard. Activity has been sporadic.

High School to College

- Theo will follow-up with Nicole Cooke on the high school to college information literacy project. Annmarie suggested we emphasize what programs and Services the User Education Committee has to offer school librarians and teachers. Davida suggested partnering with teachers as well as school librarians and that expectations need to be defined.
- Members discussed existing K-12 curriculum standards for information literacy.
- Nancy suggested using the high school to college initiative as an opportunity to demonstrate tools used in academic libraries, such as databases and other web resources.

Members noted declining book circulation and increased usage of databases. Usage may also be dependent on student assignments and faculty preference. Theo pointed out that accumulation of a specific subject area in EbscoHost may signal an impending database spin-off as was the case with Business Source Premier.

Annmarie presented information on the following initiatives:

- S.O.S. for Information Literacy from the Center for Digital Literacy at Syracuse University, <http://www.sosnew.data3m2.com/>
- National Forum on Information Literacy. <http://www.infolit.org/> This group includes members of the business community as well as librarians.
- Scholastic Research Foundation Report, *School Libraries Work!* 2006 edition. The report is available through the Scholastic Publishing website at http://www.scholastic.com/librarians/printables/downloads/slw_2006.pdf

ICT Literacy Assessment

- Davida encouraged committee members to get involved with ICT, the standardized information literacy test from ETS. She noted that reading skills seemed to be a primary issue with the 400 students who participated in

NJIT's ICT pilot. Nancy mentioned the importance of students' knowledge of basic library vocabulary.

- Davida will investigate the procurement of ICT trial accounts for User Education Committee members.

VALE Training Committee

- Nancy suggested the committee join forces with the VALE Training Committee to bring in vendors for product demo/training sessions. Attendees could make recommendations regarding product content and/or enhancements.

NJLA Annual Conference

- Caroline requested a planning update on NJLA Conference workshops at the March meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 23, 2007 from 10am to Noon in Room L215 at the Bankier Library, Brookdale Community College.

Respectfully submitted by

Ellen Parker