

**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 02/18/05 at the Banker Library,
Brookdale Community College**

Attendees (alphabetical listing): Denise Feder, Lisa Florio, Caroline Geck, Ruth Hamann, Theo Haynes, Annemarie Mascarenhas, Karen Topham

Meeting Highlights: The committee viewed the 18 minute information literacy film entitled, "Navigating the Sea of Information" which was produced by the University of Pittsburgh. Karen e-mailed committee members a copy of the film's MARC record and information about how to purchase this videotape. Another highlight is that 2 students from SCILS attended the meeting today; Ms. Denise Feder and Ms. Lisa Florio.

- Karen mentioned that the biannual ACRL conference will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 7th through the 10th. More information about this conference is available at <http://www.ala.org/acrlconf/template1.html> Ruth will be hosting a roundtable discussion at this conference entitled, "Promoting Partnerships: Strategies for Integrating Information Literacy across the Curriculum."
- Committee members discussed the possibility of hosting a future workshop about writing conference proposals for activities, such as poster sessions, roundtables, and presentations.
- Ruth reminded committee members that April 13th is college day at the 2005 Annual NJLA Conference. A two hour long luncheon is planned for this day.
- Along with two other Kean University Librarians, Caroline will be presenting a poster session at the 2005 Annual Conference entitled, "Webliographies: Leaping 'Beyond Google' in a Single Bound."
- Annemarie reported that Kathy Schrock will not be available in August for the User Education Committee's summertime programs. Along with Robert Lackie, Kathy Schrock will be presenting at a New Jersey area private school in late July, but afterwards will not return to the state. Several committee members stated that they wanted Kathy Schrock as a keynote speaker for the summertime program, and would be willing to change program dates to accommodate Kathy Schrock. Annemarie will contact Kathy Schrock again and present her with this date change option.
- Committee members continued to brainstorm potential themes for the 2005 summertime programs. The avoiding plagiarism theme is still the top choice. Several committee members also suggested having a panel discussion about Turnitin at this program.
- The committee members voiced their reactions to the article:

Wilder, S. (January 7, 2005). Information literacy makes all the wrong assumptions. *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 51(18), B.13.

Committee members generally agreed that Wilder's views about information literacy are controversial, because his views depart from traditional views of information literacy and librarians' roles. Furthermore, in response to this discussion, many committee members offered teaching tips which have proved successful in their library instruction classes. For example,

- Karen tailors classes using faculty syllabi for guidance.
- Annemarie explains in her classes why certain resources or types of resources are better than others when answering specific research questions.
- Theo tries to coordinate three library instruction sessions instead of just one, so each class can focus on developing specific skills.
- Ruth makes copies of the library homepage for ESL classes and reviews with students the different page links and terminology. Ruth also shows short library instruction films to capture students' attention and interest.

Submitted: 04/08/05 by Caroline Geck