

**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 09/17/04 at Brookdale Community College**

Attendees: Annemarie Mascarenhas, Karen Topham, Nancy Latimer, Theo Haynes, Caroline Geck

Meeting Highlight: Evan Fleischmann baked good chocolate cookies for this meeting.

- Approximately 80% of the Crossing Borders participants filled out the evaluation forms. Some breakout sessions received higher marks than other sessions. The majority of participants responded that they will not be interested in telecast options. Many expressed a desire to attend more than one breakout session and that these sessions be more hands-on oriented. There were a few complaints about the directions to the venue.
- The 2005 NJLA annual conference is set for April 11th through April 13th. April 13th is set to be college day. Preliminary program proposals must be submitted by October 15th, 2004. After brainstorming about possible User Education conference themes, committee members attending today's meeting voted for an Academic Integrity and Avoiding Plagiarism theme. Theo Haynes will ask Ms. Vibiana Bowman, a librarian at Rutgers Camden, if she is interested in presenting. Ms. Bowman has just written the book entitled "The Plagiarism Plague: A Resource Guide and CD-ROM Tutorial for Educators and Librarians." If Ms. Bowman is unavailable, then Annemarie will ask interested Bergen County Community College faculty if they are interested in presenting.
- The next User Education Committee meeting will be held on October 15th at Bergen County Community College. The November 19th meeting will be scheduled for Westfield High School. The December 17th meeting will be scheduled for Brookdale Community College. All meetings are planned to begin at 10 a.m.
- NJ ACRL is sponsoring a program Friday, October 22nd at Caldwell College from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. entitled "Academic Librarians and the Political Scene: Getting Involved in the Process." The registration form is available at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/Oct22Flyer.pdf>. Karen will be speaking on behalf of the User Education Committee for approximately 2 to 3 minutes.
- Program proposals are due at the beginning of October to present at the January VALE annual conference. The VALE conference theme will focus on the topic of scholarly communications. Committee members attending today's meeting discussed various workshop and breakout session ideas, such as having the

committee host a workshop about teaching college students to distinguish between scholarly and popular periodicals, or alternatively, host a program about how to identify scholarly resources on the Web. Annemarie will send an e-mail to the NJ ACRL general membership inquiring if anyone is willing to present.

- Annemarie mentioned that the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is hosting their 12th National Conference & Exhibition, October 5th, 2005, in Pittsburgh. The deadline for submitting presentation proposals for this conference is Friday, October 1, 2004. The User Education Committee members attending today's meeting discussed several possible User Education sponsored events, such as having Dawn Popoff from Monmouth University speak about college freshmen and what they need to know about information literacy or having AnneMarie speak about her experiences providing WebCT library tutorials and question sets to distance learning students.
- User Education Committee members in attendance at this meeting also discussed possible program ideas for the 2005 User Education summer program. Committee members attending today's meeting discussed several programming ideas, such as a theme focusing on the debate between customer oriented and student driven library services versus librarian driven services, or alternatively, focusing on what pre-service classroom teachers need to know about libraries, especially their future school library media centers. Annemarie mentioned that potential speakers might be interested in a 2 day program with hotel accommodations, cocktail parties, and dinners included. Nancy mentioned that well known educational speakers such as Carol Kuhlthau would draw a large crowd. Other notable names targeted as presentation speakers included Bob Berkowitz, Ross Todd, and Deborah Sheesley.
- New tools were briefly discussed including NoodleTools (www.NoodleTools.com), Questia, Ingenta, and Turnitin. Committee members attending today's meeting discussed whether or not VALE could offer these tools as part of their database offerings. Caroline will contact VALE about this possibility.

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