ACRL/NJLA User Education Committee and VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee

August 11, 2011 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The College of New Jersey

1. In attendance: Denise Brush, Leslin Charles, Claire Clemens, Jacqui DaCosta, Eleonora Dubicki, Bonnie Fong, Ruth Hamann, Erleen Harris, Theo Haynes, Christine Herz, Ma Lei Hsieh, Shirley Knight, Nancy Madacsi, Roberta Tipton, Nancy Weiner (Chair).

2. Approval of minutes from April 15 meeting: The minutes were approved with one correction (Item 7: Madacsi for Weiner).

3. Update on Summer Program: Jacqui provided feedback on the June 14 program at the College of St. Elizabeth. LibraryLinkNJ administered an online survey and feedback was excellent. June seems like the best time to do a program. The turnout was excellent with 98 people. Thanks were extended again to CSE for hosting.

4. Update on Information Literacy Progression Standards: Nancy W. and Eleonora are now chairing the Task Force, which has moved on to develop standards at the upper levels. ACRL disciplinary standards and those from accreditation bodies are to be reviewed as part of this process. New members are Bruce Whitham (Rowan), Luis Rodriguez (Kean) and Mina Ghajar (CSE). Jacqui hopes to be able to continue for online meetings. Thanks were given to the Task Force members who have stepped down: Nancy Madacsi, Gary Schmidt, Amy Clark and Ruth Hamann.

5. VALE Executive Committee Update: Nancy M. provided the following update:
   - Taras Pavlovsky is now Chair of the VALE Executive Committee.
   - There has been some discussion on NJVid and who may remain with the new fee structure.
   - Concerns were expressed over database pricing, e.g. Wiley, Chem. Abs. Some libraries are moving to WALDO for databases or going direct and pulling out of Lyrasis.
   - OLE Project not moving at the moment while they wait for coding from Koha.
   - The Exec is looking at ways to welcome new directors.

6. VALE SIL UPDATE: Leslin and Jacqui updated on the following:
   - A recent vote on the future of Voila saw the majority of SIL committee members vote to discontinue the wiki. It was suggested that Bonnie and Leslin (with Megan) work on this, including:
     o Retain good practice examples for the SIL website.
     o Contact material holders to see if they are willing to continue to have their material hosted on the SIL website.
     o Check if links to materials still work.
   - Leslin and Erleen will work on a SIL logo that could identify us on the website and publicity documents.
   - Jacqui reviewed the 2011-12 objectives and what is already in progress.
   - Nancy W. reported on the assessment session at NJIT. Ma Lei informed people of the upcoming ACRL Immersion project on assessment under Megan Oakleaf.
   - Leslin will be sole chair of VALE SIL for 2011-12.
7. **NJLA User Education Committee Update**: Nancy W. provided the following update:
   - She circulated the annual report that she had submitted to the NJLA Exec.
   - She clarified procedures for the changeover of Chair/Vice Chair in May 2012.
   - NJLA conference was a disappointment because only 2 programs were sponsored by CUS and were scheduled at the same time. A call for conference planning membership has just gone out and it would be good to get a member on there. The timing of the NJLA conference is under review due to a clash with the PLA Conference in Philadelphia.

8. **Committee Membership**: Nancy W. asked how membership lists get updated. Jacqui said that any VALE SIL members not appearing on the website need to request online and they will get approved by Leslin. The VALE website administrators cannot create members; they can only accept/reject and update terms of office.

   Nancy W. will contact Leslie about updating the User Ed list on the website to reflect the people who do attend.

9. **Future Meeting Dates**: Nancy W. suggested that we continue the pattern of VALE SIL/User Ed joint meetings bi-monthly then one other User Ed meeting in fall and one in spring then a summer program. The User Ed meetings will be topic, rather than business, focused, e.g. LibGuides, assessment. Nancy M. asked whether we could make more use of meeting software, e.g. illuminate, but the problem is that this can be license limited and not always available to the Library.

   The following meeting dates were agreed with venues to be confirmed:
   - 10/14 – Joint
   - 11/11 – User Ed – possibly at Passaic?
   - 12/9 – Joint
   - 1/5 – VALE Conference
   - 2/10 – Joint
   - 3/9 – User Ed. Possibly at Rider?
   - 4/13 – Joint
   - June: Possible program during second week of the month.

10. **New Business**: The following announcements were made:
    - Position announcement for Director at County College of Morris.
    - Heather had a baby girl in May but we are still waiting to hear about Megan.
    - Nancy W reported that the state library event on e-books was excellent. The focus was on promoting independent authors.
    - Eleonora reported that the Florida Information Fluency Conference will take place again in March and she has been invited to be on conference committee.
    - Eleonora & Jacqui reported on the institutions that will run their faculty IL survey. There was some discussion on the ACRL standards that seem to be moving slowly. Some disciplines are holding back to wait for general ones.

Respectfully submitted, with an “au revoir” by Jacqui DaCosta