

ACRL/NJLA User Education and VALE Shared Information Literacy Committee

June 20, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

UMDNJ – Newark, George F. Smith Library, C916 Conference Room

UMDNJ – Stratford, Library (in Academic Center) via Videoconference

Present: (Newark) Nancy Becker, Leslin Charles, Heather Dalal, Bonnie Fong, Erleen Harris, Lynee Richel, Bobbie Tipton, Nancy Weiner. Mina Ghajar and Amira Unver via telephone. (Stratford) Claire Clemons, Theo Haynes, Leslie Murtha, John Oliver, Lisa Price, Donna Wertheimer

Minutes

1. **Welcome and introductions.** Committee members welcomed Nancy Becker, from Middlesex County College to her first meeting.
2. **Minutes of Last Meeting** – February 10, 2012- Approved.
3. **Update from ACRL/NJLA User Education Committee :** Nancy Weiner
 - a. Nancy mentioned that she would remain as co-chair for the coming year and was still seeking a co-chair to ease the transition.
 - b. Nancy also reported on the results of a brief survey that was sent out to current members to determine how often and on what day of the week meetings should be scheduled for the coming year. So far, 9 people have responded to the survey and the majority (56%) selected four times a year as the number of times the committee should meet. Nearly half of the respondents (44%) indicated they would prefer meeting mostly in person and the same number of respondents preferred some in person and some online. Morning meetings were favored by the majority, 67%, although there was no consensus on what day of the week would be best. Nancy noted that the responses will be useful in scheduling meeting for the coming year since holding monthly meetings is not feasible for many of the committee members.
 - c. Nancy also noted that in discussion with the NJLA/CUS Executive Board and members of the User Education Committee, the suggestion was made that committee members be required to attend at least one meeting per year in order to remain a member of the committee.
4. **Programs:**
 - a. **NJLA Annual Conference.** June 4-6, 2012
 - i. Three programs were sponsored/co-sponsored by the User Education Committee. All programs were well attended and Nancy noted that the NJLA Conference is scheduled to be held at the Revel Hotel in AC for the next two years and it is never too early to start thinking about programs for the conference.
 - ii. Nancy also mentioned that Brunilda Sanchez from the Census Bureau is available to conduct workshops at libraries and said she would share her contact information with anyone that is interested.
 - b. **Writing Performance Objectives and Developing Assessment for Instruction Librarians Workshop.** May 10, 2012. Presented by Heather Dalal and Lynee Richel
 - i. Heather & Lynee reported on this and noted that it was well attended and their presentation was well received. Committee members at the

Stratford location expressed interest in possibly having them present a similar program in the southern part of the state at a future date.

5. VALE Executive Committee Feedback

- a. Amira thanked the VALE SIL Committee members for their service but did not have any updates/feedback

6. VALE SIL FY12 Annual Report – Review of Objectives:

- a. **Assessment** – Review the range of information literacy assessment tools and methods that are being used both within and outside of the state with a view to sharing good practice among VALE institutions. One possible option would be to sponsor a program or a VALE Users' Conference breakout session on this topic. Will be continued as an objective for FY13.
- b. **Information Literacy Progression Standards** – To continue to contribute to the development of the Standards as they are extended to cover upper level and graduate skills. Will be continued as an objective for FY13.
- c. **Website** – To update the VALE SIL website to provide relevant information and links to members, and to make the most of it as a communication tool. It was noted that this was accomplished during FY12 and will be the primary means of sharing information with members.

7. VALE SIL Membership

- a. Leslin indicated that committee members serve two year terms but are welcome to continue their service. Leslin will also follow up with members that would like thank you letters for their service on the committee.

8. FY13 Objectives: The following were identified as objectives for FY13

- a. **Information Literacy Progression Standards** – To continue to contribute to the development of the Standards as they are extended to cover upper level and graduate skills.
- b. **Professional Development /Assessment** – To provide opportunities for professional development. One possible option is the concept of roving workshops.
- c. **Graduate Library Programs and Information Literacy/Teaching.** The VALE SIL committee is investigating ways to connect with the either the administration or the students in the local library graduate programs to emphasize the importance of instructional design or user education courses for future academic librarians.

9. Other Business

- a. A few meeting dates were discussed for an in-person in August. Potential locations mentioned were Rutgers, New Brunswick, TCNJ and Middlesex County College. Leslin and Nancy will follow up and select a date.

10. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50am.