

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 Friday, Sep. 19, 10:30 – 12:30, 2008
Monmouth University

Attendees in Alphabetical Order: Amy Clark, Jacqui DaCosta, Eleonora Dubicki (Chair), Ruth Hamann, Theo Haynes, Chris Herz, Ma Lei Hsieh (Minutes), Leslie Murtha, Ellen Parker, AnneMarie Roscello

July meeting minutes:

Lisa Coats needs to be added to the attendance list for July 10.

Update Membership list:

- Yahoo group is needed for email communication among members. Eleonora and Jacqui can add to it.
- Eleonora will update the change of address and new members on the list on Yahoo Group.

PBWiki :

- For external communication with people outside the Committee.
- Eleonora will ask Mary Mallery at NJLA to link the group Wiki to the NJLA User Education Web site. The main website will have contact information of the Chair and the Vice Chair.
- Committee meeting minutes, the presentations/events of last year, and upcoming events will be posted on the Wiki website.

Info Literacy Plans (Enforcement of NJ Academic Licensure Requirements):

- This plan is now required by the State that students obtain information literacy (IL) skills and institutions are required to provide supporting document of student learning outcomes of IL. Librarians discussed reactions from the heads of their institutions/libraries.
- Monmouth University's CETL (Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning) offers two sessions of Information Literacy workshops on Sep. 25, 10 – 11:15, (Lunch 12 – 1) at Library 206. The afternoon session is from 2:30 – 3:45 at Wilson Auditorium. Dinner 6 – 8 pm. Dr. Dolores Peters and Kris MacPherson of St. Olaf College are the speakers. The experts will provide a model of how librarians and faculty work together to incorporate library and information technology resources in teaching. All are welcome. Contact Richard Veit (rveit@monmouth.edu) if you plan to attend.
- Eleonora said that information literacy is a term used by librarians but may be understood by faculty as critical thinking skills.
- AnneMarie will share an article from the Wall street Journal related to this issue. She will send it via the group email.

Proposals for VALE Conference in January:

- The VALE theme is "**Ten Years of Experience, a Future of Possibilities.**"
- **Breakout session:** Eleonora Dubicki, Lisa Coats, and Amy Clark will propose a breakout session on the Research Awards experiences MU and Brookdale College had.
- **Poster session:** the Committee will propose a poster session on 10 years of library instruction (how we have, or have not changed over the years).
 - List presentations the Committee sponsored for the past 10 years (Leslie, Ruth, AnneMarie, Ellen may be able to find most of them).
 - Instruction handouts 10 years ago (examples)

- New tools used for instruction (i.e. LibGuides for creating websites and research guides)
- Other ideas on changes in instruction...
- Everyone brings their ready to post samples and artifacts to the November meeting (11/21). We'll make a poster.
- Ellen will bring a tri-fold poster board.
- **AnneMarie will write and send the proposal description to VALE (by Oct. 1)**
- Jacqui said the VALE SIL Committee are preparing a proposal on assessment of information literacy skills.

Proposals for NJLA

- Ruth suggested the Group to have a panel on the Licensure requirements to exchange ideas on what is done at different institutions.
- AnneMarie suggested to invite Mary Macdonald (U. of Rhode Island) to speak about how to write an Information literacy plan.
- More discussion in the next meeting.

Immersion 08

Amy Clark shared her learning from the ACRL program (San Diego)

- Start small (change).
- Better with 2 or three objectives than 12 in one session.
- Focus on the few objectives in the session and give information for other resources.
- Interact with faculty and work with faculty on assignments.
- Librarians need to present and write for non-librarian audiences. For example, attend a conference English faculty will go to. This is a way to educate faculty about information literacy issues.

Discussions:

- Ellen mentioned an article – What students need to know about librarians – will send the citation to the Group.
- Ma Lei referred to a new book: *A disciplinary blueprint for the assessment of information literacy* by Dorothy Warner. The author offered a plan to integrate information literacy in various disciplines.
- Leslie will refer a book citation to the Group.

Future speakers/topics

- Amy reported that CJRLC might be interested in collaborating on a K-20 IL program.
- AnneMarie has communicated with different high school librarians and recommended a better approach is directly with sending high schools in each college area.
- Suggestion: let VALE SIL set up a meeting with Amy Kearnes at CJRLC, and invite our group to participate. (Jacqui)

Other

Eleonora will be on vacation for the October 17 meeting but it will still take place at Monmouth, with Jacqui chairing.