

ACRL-NJ/NJLA User Education Committee and VALE SIL Committee  
November 8, 2013  
via Adobe Connect provided through VALE NJ

**Attendees:** Cara Berg, Leslin Charles (Co-Chair VALE SIL), Heather Cook, Heather Dalal (Co-Chair NJLA CUS User Ed), Pat Dawson, Megan Dempsey (Co-Chair VALE SIL), Bonnie Fong, Mina Ghajar, Theo Haynes, Ma Lei Hsieh (Co-Chair NJLA CUS User Ed), Leslie Murtha, John Oliver, Lisa Price, Bobbie Tipton, Nancy Weiner, and Donna Wertheimer

Leslin Charles chaired this meeting

**1. Congrats to all for our first Online meeting.**

**2. The minutes of the 9/13/13** The conversation concerning the subcommittee to connect with high school librarians was missing from the minutes. Interested members were identified as Leslie, Leslin, Bobbie, and Marta Deyrup. Leslin will send out a call for others interested in the subcommittee and to select a chair. **The minutes of the September 13, 2013 meeting were approved.**

**3. VALE Executive Committee Update** by Michelle Martin. The executive committee met 11/7/13 at Rutgers, New Brunswick.

- The executive committee approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NJEdge and VALE. The executive committee approved Jersey College of Nursing in Teterboro for membership. The committee is working on a request for proposals (RFP) for a Strategic Planning retreat for VALE. There is a Makerspace RFP 12/11 deadline - \$100K is available for 5-10 libraries.
- The VALID project is going forward. Grace Agnew, will provide a presentation on OLE at the VALE conference. A project RFP will go out once the MOU between NJEdge and VALE is settled. Rutgers has joined Quali, which shows an institutional readiness to embrace the Open Library Environment.
- Treasurer reported all databases have been paid for. Judy Cohn reported on Elsevier Science Direct negotiations and effective Jan 1. all institutions migrate to Freedom collection. NJ State library has put forth its first budget request and Mary Chute is cognizant of the need for all libraries to know status of databases provided by the State Library but noted the sequester will impact on the databases.
- The executive committee stated some issues with Adobe connect. They recommended the use of headsets, turning off speakers to prevent feedback, and to start early to work out bugs.
- Library link membership meeting with NJALA (NJ Association of Library Assistants) 12/5 – there will be a change in bylaws to provide opportunities to solicit nominations for board.
- Velocity will continue (under new name Dynamics) same service – bought out by Canadian company.
- Other Committees: Electronic Resources Committee is working on ebook framework for working with vendors (proposed terms). Resource sharing committee has a new co-chair: Bethany Sewall. Also, they are going to handle the borrowing card for the alpha & beta of VALID project.
- Annual Conference : David Weinberger , Co-Director, Harvard Library Innovation will be the keynote speaker. There are 14 posters sessions, 20 breakout sessions. Poster sessions have yet to be announced. Congrats to Amanda, Bonnie, Cara, Heather, and Michelle for successful proposals.

**4. VALE SIL Committee Update** – Leslin Charles sent out activities for the year. The Executive Committee wants the year to begin with our July 30th meeting. The Exec Committee requests evidence

on committees' impact, including anecdotal/concrete info, number of attendees at workshops and sessions. It is asked that all members keep this in mind while presenting/networking. Michelle Martin added the Exec Committee was very happy with the reports provided and how active this committee is.

#### **VALE 2014 presentations accepted:**

- *Off the Ropes and Away from the Desk: How to Lead the Way for Lifelong Learning Through Successful Programming.* **Amanda Piekart** & Bonnie Lafazan, Director, Berkeley College
- *Personal Librarians: A Collaborative Approach to Easing Students' Research Anxiety.* **Cara Berg** and Dr. Julie O'Connell, Felician College.
- *Who knew? Virtual Reference May Have a Demographic!* Sharon Q. Yang and **Heather Dalal**, Rider University
- *Surveying Graduate Students About Workshops of Interest: Librarians Take the Lead at Rutgers-Newark.* **Bonnie L. Fong**, Krista White, and Minglu Wang, Rutgers University
- *One Minute Promotional Videos: Meet the Corner Team.* **Heather Dalal**, Julia Pendagast, David Reynolds, and Robert Lackie, Rider University
- *The Power Punch of Virtual Reference Tools: LibraryH3lp, LibAnswers and Mosio* Madel Tisi, Ramapo College, Anthony C. Joachim, William Paterson University, Maria Deptula, Berkeley College, Denise A. Brush, Rowan University, and **Michelle Martin**, Burlington County College

**Posters have not yet been announced. The following have been proposed by members of our joint committees.**

*Consistency In Your Corner: Using a Common Handout for Information Literacy Instruction.* **Megan Dempsey**, Raritan Valley Community College

*Getting in on the Game: A Library and Athletics Partnership.* **Heather Cook** and Megan Bratkovich, Caldwell College

*LIS Students: Step into the Ring of Academic Librarianship - Becoming the Best Candidate.* **Leslin Charles**, Rutgers University, **Lynce R. Dokus**, County College of Morris, **Jaimie Donnelly**, Georgian Court University and **Amanda Piekart**, Berkeley College (This is a subgroup of the outreach to **Graduate LIS subcommittee.**)

**5. NJLA User Education Committee Update:** NJLA Conference proposals are due soon. NJLA CUS is strengthening relationships with the Rutgers SCI Student College, Academic, and Research Library Association (SCARLA) and academic librarians are invited to attend their meetings. NJLA CUS President, Gracemary Smulewitz attended on 10/10. Heather Dalal attended 11/7 and the next meeting is 12/5. The meeting time is 5:50-6:50.

#### **6. Old Business**

- **Report from Graduate Library Programs and Information Literacy/Teaching Sub-committee**
  1. **Local schools and library associations:** The main focus is on nurturing the relationship with Rutgers. No outreach to students in neighboring state graduate LIS programs will occur before connecting with the neighboring state library associations (i.e., METRO, ACRLNY, ACRL

Delaware Valley and PACLI). The committee shared a draft message for feedback from the joint committees and no changes were suggested.

2. **Poster presentation at VALE 2014 Conference** The subcommittee proposed a poster at the annual VALE Conference in efforts to have one-on-one conversations with LIS students, new graduates, and hiring managers/directors. Members of SCARLA will be invited to participate in the one-on-one conversations as well as members of the joint committees.
  3. **SCARLA meetings**– As mentioned in the NJLA report, when Gracemary and Heather attended the meetings, they addressed the issue of coursework in information literacy/user education among the other NJLA topics.
  4. **MLIS Program Administration.** Leslin Charles has been talking to Rutgers SCI Professor Marie Radford, who suggested a workshop at one of the SCARLA meetings. She also suggested we contribute to the SCARLA blog and push information such as “5 reasons to talk about IL.” SCARLA could submit something to one of the conferences. Leslin has also talked with Kay Cassel, Director of the Rutgers MLIS program. Cassel would like the committee to look at the courses offered and make suggestions on what are recommended for academic librarians.
  5. **Rutgers MLIS Program associates meeting.** Representatives from statewide library association leadership were invited to talk to RU MLIS faculty on Oct 21. Nancy Weiner attended and shared our message.
- **Special project across colleges, update.** Ma Lei reported she spoke with Davida, who said she would send a call for interested participants. John Oliver and Megan Dempsey both expressed interest.
  - **Google group** which would allow task forces to work together easily. Lisa and Heather will investigate the emerging technologies that will facilitate our communication in the committee

## 7. New Business

•**Sharing/Planning for Vale Users Conference** – Megan Dempsey reported on the program structure. Last year the format was changed to two breakout sessions in the morning, the keynote speaker, another breakout session, followed by networking dessert time. It was decided to return the keynote speaker to the beginning of the day, followed by 2 breakout sessions before lunch, a little later lunch time, another breakout session, followed by the networking dessert event. The networking event will be more structured allowing groups to have meetings/round table discussions. Attendees will have the option to formalize this informal time.

• **Sharing/Planning for NJLA Conference** Members of the committee discussed their ideas for proposals.

•**Professional Development for upcoming meetings:** Cara Berg will present in February and Lisa Price will speak to her colleague at Rowan about presenting their research in April.

•**Next meeting:** February 14, 2014, virtual conference via Adobe Connect.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Dalal