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NJLA/ACRL User Education Committee Minutes of Meeting
Friday, November 21, 2008 10:30am – 1:45pm
Monmouth University Library
West Long Branch, New Jersey

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Present: *Eleonora Dubicki, Chair; Steve Chudnick; Lisa Coats; Theo Haynes; Chris Herz; Ma Lei Hsieh; Nancy Madacsi; Leslie Murtha; Ellen Parker; Annemarie Roscello*

NJLA Wiki
The Executive Committee, led by Mary Mallery, will provide a workshop on wiki organization.

Joint Meeting on Progression Standards
The User Education committee will meet with CJARL and VALE's SIL at Monmouth University to discuss Information Literacy progression standards. The joint meeting will be held at Monmouth University on December 12, 2008 from 10am to noon at the Center followed by lunch and our regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

- ✓ Jacqui will lead the event which will feature group brainstorming sessions to discuss direction and standards.
- ✓ The creation of a task force representing 2 and 4 year schools will also be discussed. A task force would require a few additional meetings in the spring.
- ✓ Nancy suggested using the MSCHE "yellow book", *Developing Research & Communication Skills* as a guide for progression standards.

VALE-NJ Users' Conference 2009 Proposals

- ✓ Annemarie reported on the committee poster session which will incorporate a retrospective theme on library instruction. Volunteers are needed to staff the poster session table. Annemarie will create a rotating schedule for members
- ✓ Eleonora, Amy and Lisa will provide a power point presentation on Monmouth University's *Library Research Awards: Celebrating Excellence in Student Research*

NJLA Annual Conference 2009 Proposals
User Education committee members have planned a wonderful assortment of workshops for the conference. The following are awaiting NJLA approval:

- ✓ George Germek will present a workshop on plagiarism
- ✓ Ma Lei described her presentation, *Assessment of Library Instruction for Generation Y Students* which was followed by a vigorous discussion regarding the issues surrounding student learning styles and expectations
- ✓ Davida Scharf's session on *College Students as Wikipedia Authors: New Pathways to Information Literacy* will demonstrate how Wikipedia can be used in a technical writing course. Chris Herz has also had success with integrating this assignment into her English course at Gloucester Community College.
- ✓ Eleonora, Jacqui and Gary will host *Information Literacy Progression Standards: A Discussion Forum*
- ✓ Theo is busy locating speakers from various libraries for *Library Partnering to Improve Students' Information Literacy.*

EBSCOHost database
The committee will book a workshop/tech discussion with a corporate representative to address issues such as navigation, subject searching and the EBSCOHost citation generator.

2009 Meeting Schedule
Members agreed that 10:30am -12:30pm, Friday meetings were most convenient. Concerns surrounding travel and meeting locations were discussed. Lisa will investigate NJLA's new online conferencing network. The meeting schedule for the next six months is as follows:
February 20, Brookdale Community College
March 20, Rider University
April 17, Bergen Community College
May, NJLA Annual Conference – no meeting
June 19, Rutgers Camden

New Business
Chris suggested members share new technology products such as software applications at future meetings.
Nancy is seeking a class activity on evaluating information resources and asked members to forward suggestions and/or examples.
The balance of the meeting was spent designing the VALE conference poster presentation.

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Respectfully submitted by
Ellen Parker

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