

Minutes

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

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In Attendance: Linda Beninghove, Lisa Coats, Miriam Mlynarski, Nancy Madacsi, Jacqui DaCosta, Kathy Malanga, Roberta Tipton, Leslie Murtha, Pat Dawson, Ma Lei Hsieh, Chris Herz, Theo Haynes, Karen Topham, Bonnie Fong, Leslin Charles, Robert Lackie

Welcome to joint Shared information literacy committee and the NJLA/ACRL user group meeting offered by Jacqui DaCosta and Ma Lei Hsieh.

Program Planning

Programs that could be offered at the VALE and NJLA conferences were discussed. The due date for VALE programs is October 1 and the NJLA deadline is November 1.

Vale Survey

An information literacy survey was compiled last year. The program will be submitted for the VALE conference. The lead presenter will be Nancy Weiner.

Development of Information Literacy Plans and Strategy

The program will be submitted for the VALE conference. The organizers and presenters will be representatives from William Paterson, NJIT and Seton Hall.

Progression Standards: Where we are

The progression standards document was presented at the NJLA conference and it was well received. We will submit the Progression Standards program for the VALE conference. The taskforce will present the program.

Role of the Librarian in Distance Learning

The elements of this possible program were discussed in detail. Issues that might be covered include; barriers to use, technology issues and the passive vs. active role of the librarian. Leslin Charles will organize this program.

How to Increase Faculty Library Collaboration

The program will discuss; types of collaboration, how to improve and increase collaboration how this can work online, and how assessment works. This is a program that we can submit to NJLA.

Assessment of Information Literacy

The program will deal with a variety of assessments. Ma Lei Hsieh will be one of the presenters. The program will be submitted to NJLA.

The idea of using mobile technology to deliver information literacy instruction was put forward. It was decided that we would pursue this program idea at a later time. The idea of doing a program around “library guides” was discounted because it dealt with a specific vendor.

Letter(s) to AOA/General Education Coordinating Committee

The committee discussed resending a letter, which has been redrafted, to the General Education Committee. The letter recommends information literacy become a separate criteria in the general education core requirements. Information literacy is currently combined with technological literacy. A motion was made by Ma Li, a vote taken and the motion passed. The letter will be sent to Ladylease Goodrich Wright at Essex County Community College.

Information Literacy Progression Standards

The standards have been finalized. The last section of the document is still being developed. The final section will consist of sample assignments and how to use them to assess students. The William Paterson documents dealing with sample assignments will be part of the final document.

Our next step will be to introduce and share the documents at conferences and events. Endorsement of the document will be sought from a variety of groups. A wiki will be set up for ongoing sharing of good information literacy practices and as an awareness tool.

National Information Literacy Month (Oct 15- Nov 15)

We discussed participating in the event. We are asking to be informed if anyone holds an event. We may participate in this more formally next year.

Individual Committee Business

There will be another shared meeting on September 11th beginning at 10:30AM at Monmouth University. The meeting will be attended by visiting librarians from the United Kingdom. We will share information literacy ideas.

New Business

Robert Lackie announced the publication of his new book Teaching Generation M: A Handbook for Librarians and Educators.