

VALE's Shared Information Literacy Committee

Minutes of the March 27, 2007 Meeting

Present: Beth Bloom, Anne Ciliberti, Caroline Geck, Valerie Gouse, Theo Haynes, Dave Hoover, Richard Kearney, Sharon Kurzman, Kathy Malanga, Connie Rosenberger, Linda Scanlon, Robert Schriek, Dorothy Warner

1. Following a welcome and introductions, Anne Ciliberti provided a brief overview of the Committee's history and the present need to reorganize and identify new directions. She explained that the SIL breakout session at the Users' Conference was well attended and that a number of ideas for future directions had been identified. These suggested directions are summarized on a handout Ciliberti distributed.
2. The possibility of working more closely with the NJLA/ACRL College and University Section's User Education Committee was discussed. Theo Haynes, chair of the committee, explained that her group meets monthly at Brookdale Community College and that much of their focus has been on sponsoring programs on instruction.
3. The problem of geographic distance for attending meetings was discussed and Haynes noted that her committee often uses video conferencing software licensed by NJ Edge to provide linkage to remote attendees. After discussion, Anne suggested that she work with Dave Hoover to see what other options might be available to minimize travel times and distances.
4. Richard Kearney presented the Database for Shared Information Literacy Materials (DSILM) and indicated that he will continue to focus his commitment to maintaining it and adding new content. Several suggestions were made for advertising its availability and purpose and Caroline Geck volunteered to write some press release announcements for the listservs and possibly an article for the next issue of the NJLA/ACRL newsletter.
5. It was also suggested that the DSILM website include links to other prominent instruction websites, such as Merlot, PRIMO and Go for the GOLD at James Madison University. It also needs a presence on the VALE website.
6. Beth Bloom presented an online pathfinder project developed by several universities in Germany. Several people expressed interest in doing something like that as a collaborative project and Beth will send out the url for members to review the project in more depth.

7. Caroline Geck and Dave Hoover agreed to update the SIL Committee webpages and include more content.
8. Overall, two main interests emerged from the group discussion: creation of roundtable to discuss assessment interests and another to share “best practices” on a variety of topics, such as marketing the library through BI, teaching techniques, etc.
9. To get ideas moving, Ciliberti will put out a call to the entire group to determine in which of the following areas they’d like to work and if there are convener volunteers. The areas are: Assessment, Best Practices, DSILM enhancement and SIL Committee website. Dorothy Warner volunteered to facilitate an assessment group later this term or early summer.

Notes prepared by Ciliberti