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Abstract

News from various sections and roundtables within the South Carolina Library Association.

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NEWS FROM AROUND SCLA

Information Literacy Round Table

The librarians at the University of South Carolina Upstate Library offered a free workshops day to educators and librarians in South Carolina on July 30. Karen Swetland offered a workshop on copyright and was answering librarian's copyright questions until the last possible minute. Breanne Kirsch discussed plagiarism prevention and detection during the other morning workshop and introduced many educators and librarians to the Goblin Threat game by Mary Broussard at Lycoming College, available:

<http://www.lycoming.edu/library/instruction/tutorials/plagiarismGame.aspx>. One of the

afternoon sessions included an overview of emerging technologies and apps by Breanne Kirsch. Another workshop offered public communication suggestions and tips, presented by Kevin Shehan. Virginia Alexander spoke about digital citizenship and social media. More details about the workshops can be found at the related LibGuide, available: <http://www.uscupstate.libguides.com/Workshops>. Since this first, free workshops day was well attended and seemed to be a success, the librarians are considering offering similar events in the future.

Since its last SCLA Board meeting, the Information Literacy Round Table (ILRT) has:

- ♣ *worked on producing its second issue of the 2014 newsletter;
- ♣ *participated in a SCLA conference (the Chair) call pertaining to the revised budget; and
- ♣ *continued to tie up loose ends from its iTeach workshop (e.g., reimbursements, thank yous, and related activities).

Regarding the current online forum discussions about the revised budget and SCLA's

contributions to Sections and Round Tables, I concur with ILRT's Vice Chair that services SCLA rendered toward the iTeach workshop was greatly appreciated. After losing one of four officers in May and sometimes others during the year due to job and/or personal related demands, SCLA's assistance became most valuable. These services included the promotion, registration, cost/budget management, Web page management, keynote speaker hospitalities, and related assistance. Our goal was to develop and provide a professional workshop, which at times became quite demanding for three, sometime two people; therefore, the extra help was invaluable.

The ILRT would like to mention ACRL's [Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education](#). These will be a significant revision to the current *Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education*, which were adopted in 2000. The Task Force completed the feedback stage for the Framework and expect to send a completed document to the ACRL Board for consideration in August 2014, to be voted upon at the September 2014 meeting.

The Framework is organized into six Frames, each consisting of a threshold concept that is central to information literacy; a set of knowledge practices; and a set of dispositions. The six threshold concepts that anchor the frames are:

1. Scholarship is a Conversation
2. Research as Inquiry
3. Authority is Contextual and Constructed

4. Format as a Process
5. Searching as Exploration
6. Information has Value (Revised draft, pp. 1-2)

Threshold concepts as tools were discussed at the ALA Annual Conference in 2014. For more information, a concise description can be found at

[Threshold Concepts: Undergraduate Teaching, Postgraduate Training and Professional Development](#)

[A short introduction and bibliography.](#) The concepts include a set of abilities that each learner will/should be able to do as well as dispositions, or “critical self-reflection” components. (p. 2). At first glance, these seem to not have much in common with the current Competency Standards; however, the Framework gives these ideas a contemporary context.

Respectfully submitted by
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New Members Round Table

The New Members Round Table has had a fun and productive year preparing for the SCLA Conference in October. The officers have worked hard to promote the round table’s core values, namely to help newer librarians through interchange and professional development opportunities. Each officer hosted a brunch in his or her area, so there was one in the Columbia area, one in the Greenville area, and one in the Charleston area. Although there were plans to host a webinar about best practices for new library employees, the officers decided to cancel it because of issues related to finding the best webinar hosting software. Instead, they have focused their efforts on involvement in the annual SCLA Conference. The round table will be hosting

two conference sessions, *Off the Beaten Path: Best Practices for New Librarians & Library Paraprofessionals* and *SCLA Play*, as well as assisting with a networking event called the *Speed Networking Coffee Hour*. Membership to the New Members Round Table is open to any person who has worked in a South Carolina library for less than five years and is a member of SCLA. Please feel free to contact the officers with questions or comments: Jake Duffie (Chair) jduffie@richlandlibrary.com; Megan Summers (Vice-Chair) summersm@ccpl.org; Breanne Kirsch (Secretary) bkirsch@uscupstate.edu.

GLBTQ Interest Group

The SCLA GLBTQ Interest Group met earlier in the year to discuss ways in which to promote nondiscriminatory access to GLBTQ information to both individuals and allies. These ways include how to provide access to an online repository for resources concerning GLBTQ topics. The group would also like to see ease of conversation and connections between all South Carolina libraries in regards to GLBTQ resources, not only through face to face interactions, but also via virtual meetings. The GLBTQ interest group sees online collaboration as a way to increase services to a greatly underrepresented community.

Youth Services Section

The Youth Services Section (YSS) of SCLA partnered with the SC State Library on their fourth annual Summer Reading Kick-off, StoryFestSC. StoryFestSC was held on June 7, 2014 and featured local storytellers, author presentations by Nina Crews and Brian Lies, face painting, a visit from Cocky and SC ETV’s Smartcat, and a Reader’s Theatre. Young adults enjoyed some photography fun with a green screen booth and props.

YSS hosted the craft station at the event, which was manned by dedicated YSS officers and members who volunteered their time to make this event a success. (In total, more than 100 volunteers contributed almost 700 volunteer hours to make StoryFest a reality!) Participants made beaded pipe cleaner bubble wands and got to try out their creations with homemade bubble liquid. YSS gave out the recipe to encourage kids to go home and make their own homemade bubble liquid as a fun family activity and to promote the Summer Reading Fizz Boom, Read science theme. Other crafts included a construction paper robot and a balloon hovercraft.

At the end of the day, 1663 children and adults (or 485 families) attended from across 26 different counties throughout South Carolina! That's a lot of crafts!

Currently, YSS is gearing up for the 2014 SCLA Conference by planning conference sessions and fun activities for youth services participants. You're going to want to stop by the YSS table because the candy bar will be back!

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