



The Student College, Academic, and Research
Libraries Association at Rutgers University

Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2013

Officers Present:

Co-President: Cassidy Charles

Vice President: Kristen Mapes

Secretary: Roslyn Grandy

Treasurer: Karen Jason

Online Student

Representative: Lisa Dunfee

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The meeting came to order at 5:55 pm.

- Introductions
- Guest speaker: Marty Kesselman, agricultural and environmental science librarian at Rutgers
 - Internship opportunity to work with Marty on a grant-funded project to promote librarianship in Liberia. See attached info. If you're interested, email him at: martyk@rulmail.rutgers.edu
- Guest speaker: Gracemary Smulewitz, head of Distributed Technical Services at Rutgers
 - User education class (information literacy) will be offered during Spring semester. Academic librarians are strongly encouraged to take it.
 - Ideas for Dec. 4th colloquium: main issue is embargoes on dissertations and theses. Desired speakers: a major publisher, 2 grad students, someone from scholarly communication. Should we have a hiring committee person?
 - Students can volunteer to help out at VALE conference (Friday, January 10, 2014) – good networking opportunity
 - She is in contact with a scholar who studies retractions from science materials
- Treasurer's report: We currently have \$239 and have applied for \$300 from SC&I.

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- Review of programming survey: SCARLA members would like to learn more about:
 - National associations and networking
 - What do subject librarians do? What path do you take to be a liaison?
- Report on digital humanities student meet-up: Kristen Mapes
 - Librarians and graduate students from all subjects attended
 - She will write a SCARLA blog post about it
- NJLA Job Shadowing Program: Roslyn Grandy
 - Zara Wilkinson (librarian at Rutgers-Camden) recently sent out an updated job shadowing list over LISSA list serv. Contact Roslyn if you would like to see the list.
 - Great low-commitment opportunity to see what academic librarians do on a daily basis
- Member News
 - ACRL-NY will be having a symposium Dec. 6th entitled “The Library as Knowledge Laboratory” <http://acrlnsymp2013.wordpress.com/>
- Article share: Cassidy Charles
 - “Open-access journals confuse contributors as they experiment with peer review models.” <http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2013/10/04/open-access-journals-confuse-contributors-they-experiment-peer-review-models>
- Important dates:
 - December 4 - SCARLA-sponsored colloquium on institutional repositories
 - SCARLA meetings - 5:50 pm – 6:20 pm in the SC&I Student Lounge
 - November 7
 - December 5

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm

Liberia – MLIS Opportunities for Internships and Independent Studies for Credit

Martin Kesselman, Librarian 1, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Librarian and Science Team Leader. Editor, Library Hi Tech News. martyk@rulmail.rutgers.edu 732-309-6574

Why Liberia?

- USAID EHED (Excellence in Higher Education for Liberian Development) Grant
- Liberia is 90% food insecure, 57% literacy rate (43% for women), 70% of GDP is in agriculture (women comprise 80% of the workforce in agriculture), 25% have access to safe drinking water and only 86% have access to proper sanitation, lack of electricity, biodiversity in danger. BUT Rich resources in rubber, gold, diamonds, oil?
- Lack of funding for education/libraries. Only 3 librarians have an MLIS and none since 1983. Opportunity to bring the first MLIS student to Rutgers in over 30 years. Brainstorming funding ideas such as crowd sourcing, book sales, other? Mentorship needed.
- Millions of dollars of full-text content available to developing countries such as Liberia via Research4Life initiatives through UN agencies.

Why work with Me?

Strong track record of experience with students who have gotten conference presentations, poster sessions, refereed and non-refereed journal articles, grant opportunities, as well as valuable experience and strong recommendations.

Ideas for Projects:

- Implementation of Mobile Devices for Libraries – for offline resources and applications
- Metadata creation for full-text offline resources that can be added to an offline database delivered by DVDs where Internet access is not available in rural areas throughout Africa. This may lead to a planning grant with Cornell University.
- Interim offline library software: selection, implementation. Something better than XTF?
- Training Materials for students and for paraprofessionals
- Resources for faculty to incorporate resources and information literacy into their classes.
- Help develop a required course that is embedded into the curriculum, CASD 304 Information Use and Technology that involves information literacy, using resources to develop practical information, information delivery options, social networking – what can be re-used? adapted? Use of e-learning modules, etc.
- Further development of a model of public library services in conjunction with university student trained extension workers to provide agriculture and other information to rural communities, i.e. community knowledge centers. Help develop a Gates Teaching and Learning Grant

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