

Report 2008-2009

ACRL/New England Chapter Information Technology Interest Group

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I. Objectives

The programming for ITIG addressed the following strategic objectives:

Goal Area: Learning

3. ACRL increases member abilities to create and manage physical and virtual spaces and services as environments for discovery.

The November program dealt specifically with some of these issue because the topic was on online community building.

Goal Area: Advocacy

2. Increase ACRL's communication on major trends and issues in libraries and higher education.
3. Strengthen partnerships with other organizations.

Each program dealt with these objectives but the NISO programs in particular provided opportunities for the membership to learn about developing standards.

Goal Area: Continuous Learning

2. Increase the accessibility of learning opportunities to meet the diverse needs of members by relying on research and best practices for design, delivery, and accessibility.
3. Increase ACRL's agility in providing cutting-edge content for learning programs and publications.

Because our programs deal with technology much of it is cutting edge but we also did not charge programs making them very accessible.

Goal Area: Information Technology

1. Build ACRL's capacity to partner with other technology-oriented higher education organizations to identify standards and best practices for managing digital libraries and digital library services.
2. Support members in their exploration, research on, and implementation of new and emerging information technologies and their application for library services in educational environments.

Goal Area: Organizational Vitality and Effectiveness

3. Increase and improve ACRL's organizational use of information technology.

We tested out using some online meeting software to hold planning sessions.

Goal Area: Sustainability

Strategic Objectives:

1. Expand commitment to adopting green and sustainable business practices for ACRL offices, conferences, continuing education and operations with business partners.

The online meetings we had reduced the amount of driving required.

II. Activities

ITIG held five programs and meetings this year:

- **Topic: NISO Webinar - Open URL**
Location: College of Holy Cross
Date: August 21, 2008
ITIG sponsored the webinar by NISO. There were 12 attendees and this session spoke about the technology and the importance of the standard.
- **Topic: NISO Webinar - SUSHI: Beyond Trial into Real Use**
Location: College of Holy Cross
Date: October 2, 2008
Working together with Continuing Education, ITIG sponsored this NISO webinar on the SUSHI standard.
- **Topic: Online Community Building**
Locations: Bryant University
Dates: November 14, 2008.
Beatrice Pulliam from Providence College spoke on the tools available for social networking, blogging, tagging and others that can be used to build online community. Emily Alling of UMass Amherst spoke on some of the activities they are involved with at her library.
- **Topic: 3rd Joint Meeting with NELIG with "Focus on Online Education"**
Location: UMass Boston
Date: April 27, 2009
This was formatted as an open type of discussion with first part focused on technology and the second part on instruction and use.

III. Operations

We also were able to hold two online planning meetings with mixed success. Part of this was to test online conferencing software. We will also be holding a planning meeting Friday June 8 to try and revitalize some of our efforts and build our programming.

Tim Spindler will be taking over as webmaster and we will be moving our listserv over to BlueHost from UConn.

IV. The new 2009-2010 ITIG officers are:

Talia Resendes, Johnson & Wales University and Laura Kohl, Bryant University, Co-Chairs of ITIG.

Submitted by:
Tim Spindler, Chair