

2006 Report

User Education Committee

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Thank you for the opportunity to present this annual report to the Library Faculty from the User Education Committee.

Members of the User Education Committee for 2005-2006 were:

- Melody Allison
- Susan Avery
- Paula Carns
- Lori Carroll
- Christopher Hamb
- Karen Hogenboom
- Patricia Hswe
- James Kelly
- Lori Mestre
- Joe Straw
- Yoo-Seong Song

and myself as chair. In Spring 2006 we benefited from the able assistance of graduate assistant Chris Stevens.

I wish to particularly acknowledge Yoo-Seong Song who has rotated off the committee and welcome Dawn Cassidy who has joined for 2006-2007, as well as the many members who requested re-appointment.

The User Education Committee was quite active this year. The following list highlights some of the activities:

- Continued to plan, expand, and support the annual Library Fall Festival.
- Established the Outreach Innovations Working Group, a sub-committee which created and promulgated the Library Toolbar, search plugins for Firefox, the Library Bookmarklet, and the Greasemonkey Search Script (all available from the LibLabs website - <http://www.library.uiuc.edu/liblabs/>), sponsored a Library workshop for campus academic advisors, and investigated a research skills wiki for patrons.
- Re-established the Information Literacy and Instruction Lunch Discussions.
- Explored options for instruction through gaming and virtual worlds.
- Sponsored a promotion to highlight the CD and DVD circulation policies in the Music Library.

- Provided Snag-It and Camtasia software to library units developing instructional materials.
- Initiated work on a graduate student information literacy needs assessment
- Discussed ways to support the Institute for Information Literacy Immersion Program if Illinois was selected as the regional host for 2007.
- Co-sponsored the Edible Books Festival.
- Identified areas of computing, software, and network needs to support instruction for contribution to the IT Review process.
- Investigated the University of Michigan Library's Instructor College as a model for professional development for teaching.

The User Education Committee looks forward to continued productivity in the coming year, building on its past successes. We are particularly looking to start some new projects and re-vitalize those that have waned a bit in the recent past such as the GSLIS-Library Teaching Alliance. I would welcome your questions and suggestions.