Move Begins Toward Accreditation of Community College LTA Programs

The document "Criteria for Programs to Prepare Library Technical Assistants," first adopted by ALA's Council on Education (COE) in 1998, but never adopted by ALA, has been approved again by COE. At ALA in San Diego, Linda Slusar, Chair of the CJCLS Library Technical Assistant Education Committee, presented justification for the criteria set forth in the document, and for the support of COE. She, David Dowell, and others involved with LTA programs have taken the lead in pushing for consideration of accreditation and more standardization. The next step is to get adoption by ALA Council.

Mark Your ALA Conference Calendar—Attend and Support CJCLS Activities in Orlando—

Friday - 6/25
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm CJCLS Friday Night Dinner

Saturday - 6/26
8:30 am - 9:30 am CJCLS Awards Breakfast & Membership Meeting
10:30 am - 12:00 Noon CJCLS Program — “Bridging the Gap”
2:00 pm - 5:30 pm CJCLS All Committee Meeting

Sunday - 6/27
9:30 am - 12:30 pm CJCLS Executive Committee Meeting I
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm CJCLS/NCLR
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm CJCLS Nominating Meeting (Closed)
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm CJCLS Program Planning Chicago - 2005

Monday - 6/28
8:30 am - 1:00 pm CJCLS Tour Brevard Community College

Tuesday - 6/29
8:30 am - 11:00 am CJCLS Executive Committee II

2004 CJCLS/EBSCO Winners

Community College Learning Resources Leadership Award
Carolyn Norman
Former Coordinator of Library and Learning Resource Programs
the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges

Community College Learning Resources Program Achievement Award
Janice Peyton, Montgomery College Library, and Lonna Beers,
University Center Library,
North Harris Montgomery Community College District, Woodlands, Texas.
Executive Committee News from Midwinter Conference-San Diego
Edited from Secretary Lora Mirza’s Draft Minutes of Executive Committee Meetings (For complete copies of the drafts of the two Executive Committee minutes visit the CJCLS Website.)

BUSINESS
CJCLS Chair Marianne Rough announced that membership is up 2.48%. In order to get more active members, Cary Sowell suggested turning in requests as soon as they are received from members interested in working on CJCLS committees; March 30 is the official deadline. A note will go out on the CJCLS list inviting more members of the group to become active. By committee service, CJCLS members can develop experience and grow into leaders within CJCLS.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bibliographic Instruction Committee: Acting Chair Troy Swanson, reported the Committee voted for a name change to Teaching and Learning Committee. There was some discussion regarding procedures for the name change. Swanson also reported that the committee is working with the Research and Publications Committee.

Library Technical Assistant Education Committee: Chair Linda Slusar, described the day before as a fabulous day. (See top right column, page 1) Earlier Slusar had sent out mailings to the CJCLS listserv encouraging librarians to attend; ten people arrived to participate in committee discussions of the document "Criteria for Programs to Prepare Library Technical Assistants" and to discuss issues relating to the question of accreditation.

Now that the Criteria have been accepted by COE, Dowell suggested a five-year plan to establish the process of accreditation through ALA. The group determined that ten model programs would be chosen to participate in a pilot study. Letters and email will be sent to LTA programs listed on the COLT website to explain the study, list specific criteria for participating, and ask if the program is interested in participating.

Slusar was approved by the CJCLS Executive Committee to be the first CJCLS Liaison to COE. The non-voting position was approved by COE at ALA in Toronto.

Standards Committee: Chair Christine Godin reported that the Standards Committee did not meet, but that she would report on the ACRL Standards Task Force meeting (See page 7.)

Membership/Communications Committee: Committee member Mary Ann Sheble reported for the group, as the committee chair was not present. All were in consensus about the need to build visibility.
Suggestions included the following: (1) Place CJCLS literature in the ACRL booth at ALA conferences; (2) Have new copies of the revised brochure printed for distribution; (3) Tap current membership to see about interest in reaching others at the state association level and at other regional and state meetings of community colleges; (4) Request ALA to provide a list of potential CJCLS members from data given on ALA membership forms

The group also discussed a membership drive emphasizing statistics on enrollment in community colleges nationwide, the unique features of community colleges, and the need to share this unique knowledge with others. CJCLS could seek out new members at CJCLS programs through flyers or by providing information on the back of evaluation forms.

Research and Publications Committee: Chair Carolyn Norman reported that the Committee was looking at a publication on ESL information competency including ESL instruction and also a conference presentation. CJCLS membership in Chicago said this was of interest. Attendees discussed various services in several states, such as library service for migrant workers in Florida. Norman suggested finding a way to say that we are building basic skills.

Awards Committee: Chair Paula Asch, reported that the ACRL Awards Program Coordinator had visited the Awards Committee and had asked the group to submit forms explaining how it promoted the awards. She also clarified other correct procedures to follow in evaluating and announcing the Awards. Any future potential changes should be cleared with the ACRL Awards Program Coordinator.

Technology Committee: Chair Pauline Lynch Shostack reported that the Technology Committee had discussed content on the Technology Committee section of the CJCLS site as well as guidelines for CJCLS pages. Some pages are outdated and may be removed or updated; discussions by the committee will continue by email. The new CJCLS webmaster, Kenley Neufeld, Fresno City College, as put the protocol in place. Shostack said that the Committee is continuing to add western and southern community college library links to the CJCLS site.

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ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award:
Richland College of the Dallas County Community College District.

Attend the ACRL Program at 1:30, Monday, June 28, in Orlando to support our winner.
Sign up now for CJ CLS Library Tour of BCC/UCF Joint-Use Library

Monday, June 28, 2004 (8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)
$28.00 includes van drive to and from Library and box lunch

Itinerary:
8:30 a.m. Meet at Peabody Hotel across from Convention Center
1 hour drive from Orlando to Cocoa on the Space Coast
1:00 p.m. Arrive back at Peabody Hotel

BCC/UCF Joint-Use Library  1519 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, FL

The BCC/UCF Joint-Use Library is a joint use facility 45 miles east of Orlando, minutes from the Kennedy Space Center and the Atlantic Ocean. Partners in the Joint-Use Library are the Brevard Community College Cocoa Campus, the University of Central Florida Cocoa Campus and the Florida Solar Energy Center's Research Library.

The spacious facility opened in January 1995 and features an electronic instruction classroom, open stacks, abundant study areas, a conference room, study rooms, and exhibit space. After a library tour and box lunch, BCC and UCF Librarians and Administrators will share the unique benefits and challenges of a joint-use academic library.

To reserve you space on the tour, send a check for $28 by June 1 to:

Benjamin Hawk
CJCLS Library Tour
ACRL
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611-2729

Questions? Contact Karen Simpson at: simpsonk@brevardcc.edu or 321-433-7264

ALA Annual Conference 2004 ACRL/CJCLS Library Tour of BCC/UCF Joint-Use Library Registration Form

Enclosed is my check for $28 payable to ACRL (U.S. funds only; others please use an international money order). Registrations will be honored with receipt of check payment. Checks must be received by June 1, 2004. Cancellations after June 1, 2004 cannot be honored.

Name: ___________________________________________
Email: ___________________________________________
Institution: ______________________________________

___ I’d like ADA assistance  ___ I need more than a cancelled check as my receipt.
Welcome from the CJCLS Chair:  
Marianne Rough  
Prince George’s Community College

Mickey and I hope that you will join us in Orlando this Summer. CJCLS members and volunteers have worked very hard to make your 2004 Annual Conference informative, memorable, and fun.

We will start out with our CJCLS Friday Night Dinner at the CAFÉ TU TU TANGO, where artists will be painting while we munch on items such as “Mandarin Pork Pot stickers”. Save some room for dessert. Key Lime pie, Almond Flan, and Molten Chocolate Cake are on the menu!

We will then have our CJCLS Awards Breakfast and Membership Meeting at 8:30 on Saturday morning, (with a special thanks to EBSCO). So far, it sounds like we will be well fed!

At 10:30 on Saturday morning, we hope to attract 250 people at our spectacular CJCLS Program. We have been given special symbol in American Libraries as a program about “what libraries and librarians [are doing] to promote and/or support equity of access”. Our track is “Information Literacy” and the title of our program is Bridging the Gap: How well are We Serv-ing Our Students; Needs as They Move Along in Their Learning Careers?

Our Panelists, who are serving students at the high school, community college, four-year college, and research university library level will demonstrate how their online tutorials and web sites are being used to support their students’ current needs and prepare them for the next step in their learning careers. Needs of students at satellite campuses, taking online courses, day and evening/weekend students, and life-long learners will also be addressed. Please come and show your appreciation for all the hard work that has gone into the planning and presentation of our program.

From 2:00 to 5:30 the CJCLS All-Committee Meeting will take place. (Are we keeping you busy enough?) This is the time to show-up and get involved. There will be tables marked with the various CJCLS Committees. If you have not yet joined a committee, just sit down at a table of your interest; either by subject matter or congenial members. You will be welcomed, either way.

At 7:30, if you have signed-up for the Scholarship Bash; you will be off to Universal Studios for another evening of fun and fantasy.

On Sunday morning at 9:30 the CJCLS Executive Committee will meet. This is also an open meeting and another way to see what CJCLS is all about. Simply come and sign-in as a guest. You are also encouraged to attend the CJCLS/NCLR Discussion Group at 2:00 on Sunday, and find out how Community College Libraries are finally getting the attention of Community College Presidents, through the efforts of the hard-working folks in this group.

For those of you who can stay over through Monday morning, we really have a treat planned! Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Florida, will pick us up at the Convention Center and provide us with a lovely ride across the state, toward the east coast, to their College. While there we will have a tour of their shared facility with the University of Central Florida and the Solar Energy Center. We will then be provided with lunch before being brought back to the Convention Center, in time to attend the ACRL President’s Program.

If you are still managing to hang-in there, on Tuesday morning at 8:30 the second Executive Meeting will take place. Again this is an open meeting.

My goodness! I’m getting exhausted just writing this. I think it will be time for a vacation after this conference. -Time to go to see Mickey and his friends.

I would be remiss not to thank the special people at ACRL who have smoothed the way for CJCLS to provide such a wonderful conference for you this Summer. Please join me in thanking our ACRL Liaison, Mary Jane Petrowski, who provides us with guidance every step of the way; Megan Bielefeld, who handles awards along with her host of other duties; and Ben Hawk, who makes sure we have a place to meet and gets us properly appointed to our committees.

CJCLS members, I also thank you for making my Chairmanship a very special experience.

-Marianne
Sign up for CJCLS Dinner, June 25, ALA Orlando

Café Tu Tu Tango 8625 International Drive, Orlando  (Close to intersection at Sand Lake Road)

Friday, June 25, 6:00-8:30 pm; Cash Bar: 6:00-6:30 pm

$33.30 includes food, non-alcoholic drinks, tax and tip

Café Tu Tu Tango is a quaint multi-ethnic restaurant conveniently located close to conference hotels and has its own parking lot. It is reminiscent of an artist’s studio in Barcelona, Spain. View the works of local artists displayed in the restaurant and watch artists work as we eat. The menu selections are served in intervals as the evening progresses. Special dietary restrictions can be accommodated beyond the selections listed. The menu will be as follows:

Mediterranean Spinach Dip & Chips
House Salad
Cajun chicken egg rolls
Fresh vegetable pizzas
Mandarin Pork Pot stickers
Oriental Steak skewers
Dijon chicken skewers
Desserts: key lime pie, almond flan, molten chocolate cake

Send a check made out to Sheila Hiss by June 16 to:
Sheila Hiss
North Florida Community College Library
100 Turner Davis Drive
Madison, FL  32340

Questions? Contact Pat Henderson at: henderp@bellsouth.net or 407-275-6247

Please return this portion with your check. You will receive an email confirmation of receipt.

Name: __________________________________________

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Contribute to the C&JCL Journal

Keep the C&JCL Journal alive. Every two-year college library has a story to tell and Community & Junior College Libraries Journal is your venue to tell your story or publish your research. Community and Junior College Libraries is a refereed journal especially for staff of academic and technical libraries, learning or media centers, library education Programs, and library organizations. The Journal's focus is on the distinctive, dynamic nature of learning resources centers in two-year colleges and the professional contributions being made by you. The Journal is published quarterly, so articles are always needed.

Send your proposals for articles to Susan Anderson, editor: andersons@spcollege.edu.
Executive Committee News - San Diego
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Research and Publications Committee: Chair Carolyn Norman reported that
the Committee is working on two projects. The first, CJCLS Guide #5: Information Competency Web Pages, is not yet ready for publication. The second, Resource Guide for Books for Community College Libraries, is in progress. Following the resignation of the project lead due to a position change, a draft template for previous work was developed. The intent of this template is to provide an ongoing framework to assist in the identification of the wealth and diversity of information resources available for each discipline, so that the work on the project can continue.

Library Resources Review Committee: Chair Ann Campion Riley announced that Choice will have two new community college reviewers. The phrase "suitable for community colleges" will no longer be used in Choice reviews.

NCLR Report Urges More CJCLS Members Join NCLR
(http://ol.scc.spokane.edu/nclr/)

Mary Carr, National Council for Learning Resources Chair, reported that NCLR is getting a lot of attention at the American Association of Community Colleges. The AACC commissions are now looking at the passage of a statement on the importance of learning resources and student services for remote learners. AACC Board member Pat Stanley, President of Frederick Community College, Maryland, joined the NCLR-CJCLS discussion group at San Diego. She will be instrumental in getting the statement passed when it reaches the AACC Board.

Carr reported that she and N. J. Wolf, NCLR treasurer, had attended a Leadership Council. Council attendees discussed the need to get more people to attend AACC. There is also a need for more CJCLS members to be a part of NCLR; with more members, NCLR could set up preconferences. The culture of AACC is changing, and librarians can be active members without being presidents.

California Position Abolished
With regret, we report that the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office has abolished as of February 24, 2004, the Library Specialist Position that was held by Carolyn Norman. The CJCLS Executive Committee had earlier voted to support retaining the position, threatened because of the California’s fiscal crisis. It had been established in 1988-89.

Retirement
Bill Locke retired August, 2003, from Loop/ Harold Washington College, Chicago, after 35 years, 20 years as chair. In 2000/2001 he was designated Distinguished Professor. Locke was active in CJCLS and NCLR.

CJCLS Tours San Diego City College’s New State-of-the-Art LRC

At Midwinter, 20 members of CJCLS took part in a reception and a tour of the spectacular new Learning Resources Center at the San Diego City College. The event was organized by Carolyn Norman and co-hosted by The San Diego City College and the Imperial Counties Learning Resources Consortium. The building rests on the water’s edge, and the architects’ designed it to have a ship-board feeling.

Library Director Cecilia Cheung and her staff graciously allowed the group to view this facility, while describing the process of its planning and development. CJCLS extends its appreciation to all those involved for allowing us the opportunity to share in the beauty of this library.

Marianne C. Rough, Chair, CJCLS

Editor’s Goodbye and Thank You

This is my last edition as editor of the CJCLS Newsletter. I want to thank all those who have supported me, and the Section’s Newsletter, for the past three years with contributions, especially the Section chairs and secretaries. At ACRL, Dawn Mueller has been wonderful.

I also thank the Oakton Community College Professional Development Center staff, and especially Lyn Amentisch, for providing technical education and support.
ACRL Standards Task Force Progress

By Christine Godin,
Northwest Vista College, San Antonio, TX

The ACRL Task Force on Standards is charged with composing a document to combine all types of academic/higher ed institutions. The draft of that document is at http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/standardslibraries.htm.

Mary Carr and Christine Godin, members of the CJCLS Standards Committee, attended the 2004 Midwinter Task Force meeting. Cary Sowell, formerly Standards Committee chair, serves on the Task Force.

At the San Diego meeting, several guests were in attendance and a lively discussion took place regarding some of the wording. There will be some tweaking, nothing major, and I hope a final document will be ready to look at in Orlando. Concerns included the treatment and collection of audiovisual materials. Community colleges and subject-speciality institutions felt the need to give this subject more emphasis. There was also the feeling that the document reflected guidelines rather than standards, since the language focuses on outcomes rather than providing strict quantifiable "standards."

It is likely that whatever comes out of the Task Force will not make everyone happy. Regardless of that, the present CJCLS Standards (now 10 years old) do not address many of today's issues and were hard to fit into the current language used by accrediting bodies.

If you feel strongly about the draft, please don't hesitate to communicate this to Barton Lessin, Wayne State University, Task Force chair, email:

The Ray Hartstein Campus Library, Oakton Community College, has won an Isaac Bashevis Singer Centennial grant awarded by the Library of America, American Library Association and NEH. The grant was awarded in conjunction with Oakton adjunct theater faculty member, Karol Verson. Several exciting programs about Singer will be presented for the College's Emeritus Passages programs. From Rose Novil, Librarian, RHC, Oakton Community College, Illinois

Special Programs:
Information Literacy Summits

In Illinois, Moraine Valley Community College, Illinois Central Community College, and John A. Logan College, representing northern, central, and southern Illinois, are hosting summits this spring that bring together librarians and classroom faculty to share and to learn strategies to prepare students to effectively and efficiently access, evaluate, and use information.

Moraine Valley Community College Library is also hosting the National Library of Medicine’s traveling exhibit, Frankenstein: Penetrating the Secrets of Nature. The Library is partnering with nine area public libraries to host a range of related cultural exhibits. For further information visit:www.morainevalley.edu/Frankenstein. From Troy Swanson, Moraine Valley

Awards:
NSLS (North Suburban Library System, Illinois) Membership Awards for 2003 Included Two Oakton Community College Winners

The Academic Library Staff Member of the Year
Judith Mayzel, Professor of Library Services. The Academic Library Staff Member of the Year Award is presented to an individual in recognition of exceptional contributions to NSLS and the member libraries.

The Innovation Award
Oakton Community College, Gary Newhouse, Dean of Library and Media Services, for Beautiful Minds, the Library's Distinguished Speaker Series Series organizers were Mayzel and Joan Cichon

This Award is presented to a library in recognition of a unique new service, program, or promotion that has had a positive impact on service for library patrons. The Beautiful Minds Series has helped to build strong librarian-faculty collaboration and provided an opportunity for the audiences, including many students, to view the presenters as passionate about research and the use of libraries. For further information contact the CJCLS Newsletter Editor, smaltese@oakton.edu.
NILRC Awarded IMLS Grant
By Laura Dare, Project Manager
NILRC IMLS National Leadership Grant

Thanks to a large grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), NILRC: Network of Illinois Learning Resources in Community Colleges is working to design and develop information literacy resources that address the unique needs of at-risk community college students. The project runs from September 2003 through August 2005.

The six participating Illinois community colleges are John A. Logan College, Carterville, Lincoln Land Community College, Springfield, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Triton College, River Grove, Wilbur Wright College, Chicago, along with one or two of the high schools in each of these community college districts.

In these community college districts, college librarians and faculty will collaborate with high school librarians and teachers to create replicable instructional resources designed to be introduced at the high school level and further developed at the college level. The project will also address the assessment of information literacy skills of students during the critical transition period from high school to college.

“For at-risk students, information literacy skills may be the key to success in college,” said John W. Berry, NILRC’s Executive Director and Project Director of the grant. “The potential benefits of the project are enormous, to at-risk students, to high schools and colleges, and to society as a whole.”

In the second year, NILRC will develop a web-based repository, and will have a teleconference and an institute on information literacy.