

GODORT Education Committee
June 25, 2017, 1-2:30
Palmer House, Clark 05

Present: Rachel Dobkin, Megan Hamlin Black, Gwen Sinclair, Dwight Powell, Stephen Woods, Susanne Caro, Jill Vassilakos-Long (Chair).

The ALA Annual 2016 Minutes were approved.

The Committee determined that this is the current committee charge and five year goals:

Education Committee Charge

In order to increase the knowledge and awareness that the library community [needs? Requires?] about government information, the Education Committee shall monitor needs and issues of government information users both inside and outside the library profession, create resources and programs to help meet these needs and resolve these issues in coordination with other organizations working on similar goals.

Five Year Goals:

1. Revise the Government Information Competencies before ALA Midwinter 2018 in order to clarify which competencies are appropriate for generalists and in order to include egovernment, local government, and competencies that are relevant for public librarians.
2. Once the competencies are revised, raise awareness of them in the library profession over the following two years, including in library schools, by publishing information about them in DttP, on ALA Connect, and speaking about them in forums that are open to nonspecialists in government information. Success will be measured by a steady increase in views of the Government Information Competencies on the GODORT wiki as measured by Google Analytics.
3. Propose at least three programs at ALA Annual over the next five years aimed at educating non-specialist librarians, in order to raise their awareness and knowledge of government information in their own areas of specialty. These programs should be cosponsored by other groups within ALA if possible.
4. Cultivate connections with other parts of ALA by using the affiliations of committee members to propose joint programs and to promote the Competencies.
5. Monitor the educational offerings of other organizations, like the North Carolina Library Association's Accidental Government Information series and GPO's FDLP Academy, in order to provide complementary programming rather than duplication.
6. After the competencies are revised, thoroughly review the GODORT Exchange, archiving dated content and soliciting new content. All sections of the Exchange should be current before ALA Annual 2019.
7. Once the GODORT Exchange is updated, committee members will promote the Exchange by monitoring GOVDOCL for questions that can be answered using the Exchange and replying with a link to the Exchange. Success will be measured by a steady increase in use of the Exchange, monitored using Google Analytics.

There was discussion on the concept of "goals/" The committee agreed that something measurable (Objectives?) should be determined. Conversation will continue between conventions. If you would like to participate in that conversation, please contact Education Committee Chair Gwen Sinclair.

We briefly discussed the pedagogy of Threshold Concepts as it relates to government information research.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30