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Please come celebrate the accomplishments of Christine Crowley and her colleagues at [Northwest Vista College Library](#) as they receive the 2010 ACRL CJCLS EBSCO Community College Learning Resource Program Achievement Award. The Awards/CJCLS Friday Night Dinner will be held on June 25th at the [District Chop-house & Brewery](#), 509 7th St. NW in Washington D.C. Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. with an informal social hour beginning around 6:00 p.m.

The menu includes Caramelized Onion Tart with Chevre Cheese and a house salad, served with corn bread and honey butter. Your choice of entrees (ordered on-site) include: Prime Rib with Rosemary Au Jus, Grilled Salmon with Cilantro Aioli and Roasted Corn Scallion Relish, Chicken Saltimbocca with Prosciutto, Mozzarella, and a Red Wine Sage Sauce, and the special -of-the-day vegetarian entrée. All fish and meat entrees are served with vegetables. Dessert will be Mountain Berry Custard Flan. Soft drinks, tea, and coffee are included.

Thanks to the generous support of the CJCLS Awards sponsor, EBSCO Information Services, the cost of dinner – including gratuity, service charge, and tax – is \$38.00. You can register online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/acrlcjclsindc> You need not be a member of CJCLS to register – and as always, your guests are welcome! —Mary Ann Sheble

Below are snaps from the Midwinter dinner at **647 Tremont** in Boston. Carl Antonucci and Mary Ann Sheble share a moment; Elinor Appel joins her friend Andy Husband, the chef!



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

NCLR AWARD

Awards & Annual Dinner

Friday, June 25th

7-9:30 pm

District Chophouse

Pre-registration required

NCLR/Hot Topics in Community College Librarianship Discussion

Saturday, June 26

3:30-5:00 pm



In October 2009, we did a ribbon-cutting to our new library facility. It took us more than two years to complete the renovation. However, with the support and leadership of our president, Dr. Gregory Powell, it became a reality in which the students, faculty, staff as well as the local community have taken great pride and pleasure in the project's success.

To this end the National Council for Learning Resources (NCLR), awarded Dr. Powell the 2010 Administrative Leadership Award. Needless to say, M.P. Baker Library, along with our stakeholders, colleagues, students and local patrons, we are equally proud of this accomplishment. I am attaching a photo to this effect. I thought this might be noteworthy for the CJC newsletter.

—Zeny Jett, Panola College

Executive Committee

Saturday, June 26

8-10:00 am

Membership & All Committees Meeting

Sunday, Jun 27

10:30-noon



Room assignments will be published in the conference program.

Yours, Mine, & Ours: Moving Students through Information Literacy Ladder from High School through Community College to College/University Level

Saturday, June 26

1:30-3:30 pm

SOME OF OUR FAVORITE AND INDISPENSABLE RESOURCES

Remember when you were asked which five reference books you'd want if stuck on a remote desert island? Now we expand that list to include our favorite and indispensable online resources. In our library we love [Credo Reference](#) and that sentiment was echoed by Joan Perlman of McHenry County College Library in Illinois. She added that we need to "throw in [Global Issues in Context](#)", a Gale product as another title they can't live without. Ye Editor won a year's subscription the latter at the recent Texas Library Association Conference and we are excited about promoting it to our faculty and students.



NEW LIBRARIAN IN A NEW JOB

Welcome to the world of community college libraries to Sue Keefer, new Director of Library and Learning Resources at [Otero Junior College](#)'s Wheeler Library in La Junta, CO. She writes that she started in January and is excited to be part of their team, work-

ing with Instructional Services to focus on building information literacy resources. Sue will complete her M.L.S from Emporia State University as part of their Colorado IX Cohort. Sue will be attending ALA Annual Conference in DC, so we will have a chance to

welcome her personally, too!

—Christine Crowley

WELCOME



FYE CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

On Saturday, February 14, 2010, Carrie Croatt-Moore, Information Services Librarian II, and Judith Arnold, Information Services Librarian III, both from Wayne State University (Detroit), along with Olga Conneen, Library Director of Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA, presented a session at the 29th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience (FYE) in Denver, Colorado. Based upon the success of their panel presentation at the CJCS program at ALA Annual Conference 2009, the speakers were invited, in fulfillment of the approved CJCS Action Plan (approved by the ACRL Board of Directors, 2009), to propose a ses-

sion for the FYE Conference. The session, "Connecting First-Year Students with the Library: Two Institutions' Initiatives," attracted an engaged audience of approximately 26, many of whom were also librarians.

The presentation began with an initiative situated in a research university environment at Wayne State University, which utilized technology to create a first-year (FY) webpage (<http://www.lib.wayne.edu/sites/fye/>) that brought together library information and resources with relevant university-wide services. Carrie Croatt-Moore began by discussing the impetus for the project, the literature review, and

other research that went into the design and development, and then did an overview of the webpage. Judith Arnold reported on the findings of the usability studies conducted with the FY webpage. Using a think-aloud protocol reviewed by the university's institutional review board, students completed a series of tasks on the FY webpage and on the library homepage. Their actions were screen captured for later analysis and as they verbalized their mental processes, their comments were recorded. Average time per task, as well as overall time spent on completing tasks on each page, illustrated the success of First-Year page in comparison to the existing

homepage in simplifying students' information seeking. A survey on the students' affective response to the page revealed that they preferred the customized page. The session concluded with a look towards the future by transitioning the page using LibGuides software.

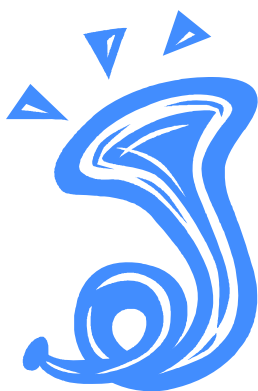
The Northampton Community College project involving formative assessment is an ongoing effort that began in response to an Achieving the Dream initiative. The presentation included a short summary of the library's journey into a First-Year Experience/Academic Success course, and the collaboration that took place in order to develop agreed-to student learning outcomes based on the Association of College and Research Library's Information Literacy standards; a shared assignment; and a shared rubric. The presentation focused on how library faculty developed inter-rater reliability in measuring student performance. Using the final assignment rubric and a sampling of anonymous student work, Olga Conneen demonstrated the process by which her library faculty explored evaluation habits and increased consensus to improve grading reliability. As a result of this demonstration, it became clear (as it did to her staff) that modifications to the assignment were necessary in order to realize the desired student learning outcomes and analyze student work more consistently.

The conference provided a broader vision of first-year students and their needs beyond the library. The opening keynote speaker shared factors related to student success in the first year of college, particularly the value of engagement. The conference provided the opportunity to network with other librarians who share the responsibility for helping first year students succeed. As a result an interest group for librarians interested in the FYE is being formed. One highlight was the publisher's luncheon where we heard five authors speak about their newly-published books—all good candidates for a first-year "common read" program.

—Carrie Croatt-Moore, Olga Conneen and Judith Arnold

PROMOTING OURSELVES

Promoting the library is always on our minds, whether it is to draw patrons in, educate a particular niche population, or impress our administrators for more funding and support! Beside and below are some examples from different institutions around the U.S. where the library staff worked to celebrate and/or educate their community. What's really obvious is that they all seemed to have a good time! So, continue to share how you tooted your own horn!



Student assistants at the **Coastal Bend College** (Beeville, TX) library made a poster of all the movies that had been shown in the past year. This can promote reading as well as attendance at other library programs.





New York Times bestseller *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein was this year's title selection for the A Tale for Three Counties reading program. Partnering with the *Batavia Daily News*, and public libraries of Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming counties, **Genesee Community College** in Batavia NY participated for a 6th year with great success! English, Sociology, Reading, and Human Services faculty integrated the book into their curriculum and over 500 students, faculty, and staff attended Tale events. The semester long program culminated with Mr. Stein visiting and speaking at several locations, including GCC. Director of Library Services Nina Warren and Reference Librarian Michele Asmus served as co-chairs of the GCC Reads! portion of the program. Michele is also the Tale webmaster. In the spirit of Stein's book, which is told from a dog's point of view, the GCC Library also assisted in collecting 162 cans of dog and cat food for delivery to Meals on Wheels recipients who own pets. The program at GCC has been so successful that it has received the GCC President's Innovation Award, given to projects and programs that successfully involve the college and the community.

Lurleen B. Wallace Community College instructor Seth Ard participated in the library's Big Read program, sharing his favorite passage about Tom Sawyer's church attendance. The program was part of the Alabama Reads initiative on *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Thanks go to Theresa Trawick, LBWCC library coordinator, for the photo!



Joan Perlman at **McHenry County College Library** shared a PowerPoint they put together to celebrate National Library Week. Above is just a sample of the very creative and fun library staff members as they posed for each slide.

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