Topic: Report Regarding Research on Teen Spaces

Background: In June of 2010 YALSA agreed to receive periodic progress reports on the Institute of Library and Museum Services (IMLS) funded project, “Making Space for Young Adults in Public Libraries: Establishing a Research Foundation.” The research began in fall 2010. Anthony Bernier has submitted a report, which is included below.

Action Required: Information

Periodic YALSA Board Progress Report
Institute of Library and Museum Services
Dr. Anthony Bernier, San Jose State University
“Making Space for Young Adults in Public Libraries”

Progress completed (January 2012 through May 2012):

Research
  • Attained Institutional Review Board approval at San Jose State University to collect narrated video footage of 25 YA spaces in new library buildings (from library staff and youth);
  • Invited 25 new libraries from across the country to record brief “video tours” of their YA spaces and began mailing complimentary video cameras to participating institutions;
  • Dr. Bernier submitted proposal for ALA 2013 presentation with two of the project’s partners: People for Public Space (PPS), and Group 4 Architects;
  • Completed preliminary data analysis of both the adult and youth surveys;
  • Began replicating a second virtual YA space (“Studio B”) in Second Life

Presentations and Dissemination
  • Two Graduate Research Assistants were interviewed for the Community Profiles section of the SLIS webpage. The interviews will also appear in the SJSU SLIS Annual Report; http://slisapps.sjsu.edu/blogs/meet/?p=2167, http://slisapps.sjsu.edu/blogs/meet/?p=2155
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1nXMFI8ia_Outfvy5N7g2RVglbMDxZUwFSJr5pZi6IE/edit
• Dr. Bernier published an author interview with VOYA press in May 2012.

Next steps
• Commence mounting primary data at YouthFacts.org;
• Complete acquisition, transcription, and analysis of 25 library “video tours;”
• Draft manuscripts for publishing quantitative data analysis;
• Develop tools to collect and measure input from virtual space visitors;
• Prepare Graduate research Assistants for two panel presentations:
  o CLA (California Library Association), November 2012;
  o Library 2.012 Online Conference, October 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
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