

South Central Regional Library Council
Education and Training Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 22, 2009; 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Olin Conf. Room 702, Cornell University

Minutes

Present: Glen Wiley, Chair; Pamela Brown, Mary-Carol Lindbloom, Shelley MacFeiggen, Sarah Maximiek, Diane Talbut. Minutes taken by Nora Hardy.

1. **Minutes** - December 12, 2008, approved.
2. **Recent Workshops & Events** – Schedule has been very busy, although registrations have generally been light. Evaluations have been very positive. The market for digitization workshops has been satisfied for now. The Green Libraries workshop was well received; attendees requested more tips and strategies for implementation at their libraries. The Library Assistants' Day Celebration at Corning Museum of Glass was completely filled and attendees were delighted with the event.
3. **Upcoming Programming**
 - – Two additional workshops have been added to the *Practical Digitization* series, topics were chosen in response to attendee evaluation requests. Fiona Patrick and Danielle Mericle will present DIY: Digitization Basics and Joyce Rambo will create a class introducing the newly released version (5) of CONTENTdm.
 - Early enthusiasm for the **Summer Camp 2009 for Teacher Librarians** predicts a great first season. So far, all three BOCES (BT, DCMO, and TST) approached for support have been generous, resulting in very low registration fees.
 - The SCRLC training room is working very well – most recent workshops have been held there. Instructors and attendees report it very comfortable and functional.
 - Initial responses to the Tech Fair (in conjunction with the training room dedication) have been very positive.
 - Third Annual Library Assistants' Day (11-3-09, Syracuse) is being planned with input from past and potential attendees. Early response has been very good, despite the economic climate.
4. **E&T Survey** – Generally the responses were in line with previous surveys, although specific topics were requested for continuing education sessions. 81 responses were received, most from directors, managers, and librarians. The most requested topics were technical trends, cataloging, web design, blogs, and customer service. Workshops have been planned to address these topics within the next 12 months. Library assistants (38.9%) and solo librarians (30.6%) were the top requestors for special interest group activities. Current scheduling and fee structures were affirmed, but responses recommended locating some programming in the Oneonta area. Although 50% of responders have not yet taken a Distance Learning class, interest and awareness was much higher than in the previous survey, suggesting a willingness to try DL if the topic were of interest. We will watch for tutorials and other DL opportunities, especially for upcoming digitization sessions.
5. **E&T 3-Year Plan** – tabled until the next meeting.
6. **New Business** – During general discussion, it was suggested that SCRLC provide OPAL-based opportunities for solo librarians and library science students. SCRLC has not offered sessions on acquisitions, nor reference recently. It was suggested that a session on providing job search resources would probably be welcomed.
7. **Next Meeting (Wed., 10:00-12:00)**
 - June 3 @SCRLC