

Health Sciences Interest Group

Value of Academic Libraries: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

4. Develop and deliver responsive professional development programs that build the skills and capacity for leadership and local data-informed and evidence-based advocacy.

The Health Sciences Interest Group has been working with the regional branches of the Network of National Libraries of Medicine and the National Library of Medicine to market their trainings and resources to our membership. The goal is to increase the number of partnerships between academic libraries and the NN/LM and to provide access to a wider set of professional development opportunities to health sciences librarians. This is particularly important for our membership from non-health sciences libraries that may not be part of the NN/LM network and are unaware of the opportunities available. In addition, the web programming working group has been outlining a program for the 2012/2013 year that will include free web based learning opportunities to our membership that target areas of interest that the NN/LM does not cover but that are of particular important to health sciences librarians in academia. They survived our membership about areas that they felt the need for professional development and targeted four general subject areas: information literacy instruction, assessment, embedded librarianship, and evidence based practice. We are currently lining up speakers and confirming dates.

Student Learning: Librarians transform student learning, pedagogy, and instructional practices through creative and innovative collaborations.

2. Articulate and advocate for the role of librarians in setting, achieving, and measuring institutional learning outcomes.

The Health Sciences group has been working on creating information literacy standards targeted directly to nursing. The working group for this project finished a mapping document in January that shows the linkages between nursing informatics competencies required by the various accrediting bodies and the language of the existing ACRL standards. This document is posted on the groups ALA Connect page. The working group is currently pursuing the creation of the actual standards document. If all goes well with the nursing standards, there has been interest in pursuing individualized standards for dental, medical, and pharmacy that will draw the same connections between existing industry language and the ACRL standards.

Research and Scholarly Environment: Librarians accelerate the transition to a more open system of scholarship.

1. Model new dissemination practices.

The Health Sciences Interest Group is currently developing a blog that will increase our ability to disseminate information. The current plan is to create a similar, but scaled down, version of the peer-reviewed blog In the Library With a Lead Pipe, namely the idea of reader submitted content and a review process of some kind. This will allow the blog to reflect the current interests of the HSIG membership in a timely fashion and will give all our membership a chance for input. The timeline for this project is under development.

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2. Enhance members' ability to address issues related to digital scholarship and data management.

The HSIg program for ALA 2012, NIH's Public Access Policy and the Library: Use, Development, and Ramifications, was a quite a success with somewhere around 85-100 people in attendance. The reviews for the program were all positive and the majority indicated they were interested in learning more.

Enabling Programs and Services

4. Member Engagement

HSIG is committed to engaging our membership. We have an active listserv through our Google Group and maintain a Facebook page. We had a discussion meeting at Midwinter to review the information literacy standards for nursing project and gather member input. During annual, we held a social event and a business meeting. There are also plans underway to hold an informal gathering in Indianapolis the night before the ACRL conference, most likely hosted by the Indiana Health Sciences Librarian Association (plans are still in development). There were also informal socials held during the MLA conference and gatherings at several of the regional MLA's. We also make a point to survey the membership about their areas of interest for programming on a regular basis. We have several working groups that are never short on volunteers. In fact, we are currently looking for more projects that our membership can engage with, since our current working groups are full to capacity and we have more volunteers that wish to participate.