

Notes from the Arthur Public Services meeting, Thursday, July 26, 2001.

Present: Lisa Braschler (LU), Lucia D'Agostino (CC) and Nina Stawski (SC)

A special Thank You is extended to Catherine Craven, our Committee Chair for this last year. Catherine has a new position at Jefferson City Public Library and will no longer be in the Academic Library arena. Catherine most ably pulled together the nascent Arthur Public Services committee. The very best wishes are extended to Catherine in her new job.

Old Business:

Members got a tour of Hugh Stephens Library. It was decided not to request changes to the minutes from the last meeting as the problems were mostly related to format and were deemed primarily cosmetic in nature.

All three libraries discussed updates to forms or other public services related handouts. Discussion centered around tip sheets for database searching, instructions for login protocol to proxy servers, and internet tutorials. Revised handouts were exchanged and URLs for tutorials will be provided by Lucia.

Because some of the members are so new to the Committee and other established committee members were unable to attend, a little time was spent by Nina explaining a short history of the Arthur Public Services meeting from her perspective. Some time was spent discussing the quicksearch box feature as it appears in Wilo and Lance and what the pros and cons were as expressed by members of the Arthur cluster.

New Business:

There was discussion about whether to install a new committee chair at this time or to wait until the group membership is larger when a new Public Services/Reference person may be hired at William Woods and, hopefully, have a seat on the Arthur Public Services committee. The new chair will of course set the tone for the direction the committee takes and the goals to be

followed most stringently. For the time being the contact person for the Arthur Public Services committee should be Nina Stawski, [nstawski@stephens.edu](mailto:nstawski@stephens.edu) (573) 876-7182.

The committee discussed their work on their “Statement of Purpose for Bibliographic Instruction”. Because of varying degrees of implementation and space for bibliographic instruction already in place at the different Libraries the exercise was found to

be of limited use for the members as a whole. For those Libraries with a strong B.I. program in place the exercise did not seem a practical use of time spent. For those institutions hoping to beef up bibliographic instruction and especially for those institutions hoping to improve the facilities and technology to better display the Arthur and MOBIUS OPAC functions when instructing students how to best search and request materials the exercise was more fruitful. The committee members agreed that the topic had been pursued as vigorously as necessary in this venue and would be tabled.

The next Arthur Public Services meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00-3:00, with the location yet to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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