

Reference/Instruction SIG Meeting Report 2/27/2004

A small but faithful group of Reference/Instruction SIG members met after the EBSCO demonstration Friday, February 27 to discuss our fall Information Literacy Event. New SIG member and new librarian Charlene Thompson of Judson College was welcomed.

Many ideas were generated, which will be used in planning this event. Dane Ward, Immersion faculty member and Associate Dean for Public Services, Milner Library, ISU has been agreed to be our keynote speaker. He has suggested several possible additional speakers, and the SIG group suggested that they would sooner hear from a librarian from another institution than the ISU Coordinator of Information Literacy, who was also on the list.

Some additional topics suggested for breakout session include: where to get new ideas, active learning or creative teaching, assessment, learning styles, reaching out to adult learners (androgogy - pedagogy for adults). It was felt that Charlene could present an interesting breakout relating to what is currently being taught in library school about teaching information literacy, and she has agreed to do so. The group asked that the same breakouts be repeated morning and afternoon in order to increase the chances that attendees will be able to attend most of the sessions of interest to them.

The next item of planning will be to find a site to host the event. The group suggested looking into the facilities at Aurora, Columbia, Trinity International and Wheaton. If anyone would like their institution to be considered, please let me know as soon as possible.

I will keep you posted on developments.
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