

Report: Reference/Instruction SIG Meeting

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Benedictine University

The Reference/Instruction SIG met on February 23, 2006 at Benedictine University to learn more about science research and resources. There were five people from LIBRAS that attended the meeting and three presenters from Northern Illinois University. The meeting was divided into three areas of science: Engineering, Health Sciences, and Government publications.

Mr. Nestor Osorio, Professor and Subject Specialist for Science and Engineering at NIU, provided the group with many engineering resources including: Compendex, INSPEC, Ergonomics Abstracts, IEEEExplore, Patent resources, ThomasNet, CiteSeer.IST, NTIS, and more. A full list will be available from his website for a short period of time at <http://nlosorio.cjb.net/>. Click on LIBRAS Workshop.

Ms. Jitka Hurych is Professor and Head of the Science, Engineering and Business Department, as well as a subject specialist for Health Sciences disciplines at NIU libraries. She provided a variety of resources in the Health Sciences including CINAHL, MEDLINE (FirstSearch and web-based), Healthfinder, National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Physical Therapist Online, Harvard World Health News, and more. Complete lists can be found at <http://www.niulib.niu.edu/allied.cfm> and <http://www.niulib.niu.edu/nursing.cfm>.

Mr. Earl Shumaker, Head of the Government Publications Department at NIU libraries, demonstrated a wide variety of online government resources that would be helpful for science research. He included FirstGov, FedStats, GPO Access, and Thomas, as well as some resources not as well known like Daily Weather Maps and DPDx. Lists of the resources that he shared are available at <http://www.ulib.niu.edu/govpub/science.html>. Earl welcomes suggestions for additional government publications he can include on his website. His e-mail is eshumaker@niu.edu.

The presenters did a wonderful job and we walked away knowing much more about science resources than when we began.

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