Indiana Chapter

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

1. Build librarian capacity to create new learning environments (physical and virtual) and instructional practices.

Our annual conference (November 14-16, 2011) sponsored the following program: "E-Reference Discoverability: Issues and Solutions" by Sue Polanka, a 2011 Library Journal "Mover and Shaker." This session included a luncheon with discussion and information on the barriers to access, product silos, mobile reference, semantic technology, DOIs, and emerging reference and instructional tools.

3. Increase collaborative programs that leverage partnerships with other organizations in order to support and encourage local and national team approaches.

IALA sponsored "Information Literacy development in K12 and Higher Education", which included ideas and examples of how information literacy development can be cross-promoted through professional development, student outreach, and shared resources. This was presented by academic and school-media librarians, and was co-sponsored through the ILF school library association (AISLE).

4. Build capacity for the librarians' role in supporting faculty development and the preparation of graduate students as instructors.

Also at the annual conference, IALA sponsored "Navigating Students through Their Distance Learning Journey." This session included discussion on successful techniques to employ undergraduate, graduate, and PhD distance students with the necessary knowledge to navigate the process of searching library databases and resources to alleviate stress and ensure student persistence and success; it also focused on the relationships that were formed with the faculty and librarians (in the School of Education) while these students pursue their degrees and dissertations.

Enabling Programs and Services

2. Publications

"Focus on Indiana Libraries" (newsletter, sponsored by Indiana Library Federation; 11 publications/year)
"Indiana Libraries" (open access journal:http://www.indianalibrariesjournal.org/index.php/IndianaLibraries/index)