ECIS LIBRARY & INFORMATION SERVICES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

2022-2023 Executive Summary

Overview & Goals

For the 2022-2023 school year, the ECIS Library and Information Services Committee was comprised of Rebecca Leonhard (chair), Vivienne Blake and Clare Brumpton. Linda Hoiseth participated for part of the year. Goals for the year were developed based on results from a survey shared with our community at the end of the 2021-2022 academic year. Examining the results, the committee chose to focus on three overall goals: planning the next in-person conference, developing virtual professional development opportunities, and enlarging our digital presence on social media and the ECIS website.

Goal #1: Next Library Conference

Development of the next in-person library conference was the committee's top goal throughout the year. In the fall of 2022, the committee developed and sent out a call for schools who might be interested in hosting the next library conference. Unfortunately, while there was some initial interest, no definitive applications were received, so the committee began to proactively seek out possible host schools and alternate venues. Some possibilities arose and are in the process of being explored. In the meantime, the committee has begun reviewing possible keynote speakers, conference themes and strands.

An unexpected but welcome opportunity arose when the ECIS MLIE (Multilingual Learning in International Education) Committee approached the Library Committee with a proposal to host a library strand at their next conference in February 2024 in London. The Library committee agreed and has been collaborating with MLIE on the planning of that conference on keynotes, venue, and vendors.

Goal #2: Development of Virtual Opportunities

The second goal of the Library Committee was to develop virtual professional development opportunities. The committee chose to do this in the form of a new webinar series called "Lessons From the Library." The committee developed

[webinar presentation guidelines](#) and sent out a [call for proposals](#). A logo was also created for promotion purposes. The inaugural episode took place on 31 May 2023 with Vivienne Blake presenting "Brave New World: Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity."

Brave New World: Artificial Intelligence and Academic Integrity
Educators have a new challenge that is now a permanent part of the landscape: Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI) tools. For librarians, this is an opportunity to lead the discussion using our knowledge of academic integrity and research skills instruction. The webinar will focus primarily on secondary school librarians, but all K-12 librarians can help students develop the essential critical thinking skills that support academic integrity and independent learning. The technologies will change, but the challenges remain the same. In this hour-long webinar, we will review recent developments, the connection of K-12 and higher education, and how librarians' expertise is critical to guiding students' independent learning.

- [YouTube Zoom Recording](#)
- [Slidedeck](#)

Additional webinars are also tentatively planned for fall 2023. The committee also continues to accept and review new proposals.

Goal #3: Digital Presence on Social Media & the Web

The third goal of the Library Committee was to enlarge our digital presence on social media and the ECIS website. As part of this goal, the committee chose to revitalize the group's [Facebook group](#). A group summary, rules and joining questions were added to aid the development and management. Management of the group and posting rotates among the committee members each month. This helps address the Facebook algorithm. Membership of the group has increased to over 600 members and continues to grow.

The committee also developed an [ECIS Library and Information Services web page](#) as part of the ECIS website. It lists the committee's DEIJ statement and advertises upcoming events and previous recordings. Guidelines and forms also can be accessed. Additional information about the committee can be found on the web page and is updated regularly.

Another part of the goal was to create an [ECIS Library Committee Twitter account](#), which was realized at the end of May. Promotion of the account is just beginning, and the committee hopes to increase its exposure at the start of the new academic year. The group's Twitter handle is @ECISLibrarySig.

Additional online communication tools continue to be explored and hope to be added soon.

New Members

On a closing note, the committee sent out a call for applications for up to three new members to join the committee. Review of the applications has begun, and the committee hopes to finalize its decision by the beginning of the next school year.