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Public Services Working Group Minutes

September 22, 2006

Illinois State University

Environmental Scanning

- 1. Large numbers of transfer students
- 2. Non-traditional students
 - new services, expanded hours
- 3. Stronger inter-institutional partnerships
- 4. Distance/Blended learning
 - delivery of materials
 - collaboration with instructors
 - ask away chat
- 5. Funding
 - lack of institutional understanding
 - cut to materials
 - loss of positions/staff
 - inability to expand resources/services
- 6. Old Facilities
 - lack of space for collections, study areas, impact on student retention
- 7. Next Generation Learning styles
 - branding
 - learning commons
 - redesigning libraries
- 8. Technologies
 - new/redesigned instruction
 - need familiarity with distance learning technologies/web site/tutorial production
 - staying current with technologies
 - web site design-who does it?
- 9. Creating responsive organizations in response to all of the changes.
- 10. Changing needs of faculty
 - open source
 - SPARC-digital archiving
 - copyright
 - support for collaboration in teaching/learning
 - workshops for faculty about library services, resources
- 11. Information Literacy on Campus
 - models for teaching
 - integrating info lit into curriculum
- 12. Library Staff
 - new technology skills required
 - necessity of integration of library and IT
 - aging of profession

- professional development designed for both libraries and for staff well being
- development of front line staff
- 13. Library Science Education-Making it relevant
- 14. Changing Staffing models
 - circ/ref combined
 - diversity of staff

Implications for Public Services

- 1. More Outreach
 - awareness of student/user needs, styles
 - how to market/advocate
 - how to implement
 - how to organize library to do this
 - conducting focus groups (for awareness)
- 2. Ongoing Assessment and Action
 - systematic and regular
 - strategic planning
- 3. Creating positive, optimistic working environments
 - support for Prof. development
- 4. Instruction, special outreach to transfer students
- 5. More flexible and expandable to meet changing user needs
- 6. Expanding distance learning possibilities
- 7. Staying current with technologies
- 8. Doing more with less?
- 9. Redesigning next generation reference services
- 10. Integrating new technologies into public services operations
- 11. Collaborating more closely with faculty
- 12. Integrating info lit into the curriculum
- 13. Unmediated ILL
- 14. Self checkout

Recommendation for OUR CARLI

- 1. Folders"- online containing useful information
 - content
 - place for conversion
- 2. Conferencing technologies
- 3. Coordinating sharing of expertise
- 4. List of experts
- 5. Consultancies-Volunteers
- 6. Regular Series of Programs and presentations and Workshops
 - publicizing them and other non-CARLI programs
- 7. Listserv for Public services issues
- 8. Collaboratively created assessment tool for info lit

- 9. Interpreting and using assessment info
- 10. Collaborative creation of Public Service assessment instruments
- 11. Survey of Prof. developmental needs (see OCLC survey)-other national surveys
- 12. Public Service retreats within individual libraries about creating positive environments
- 13. CARLLI Conference on Public Services
 - at ALA
 - CARLI Membership Meeting