

ArLA Two Year Colleges Round Table

Spring Meeting

Friday, April 17, 2020

Meeting via Zoom

1. Attendees: Ronald Russ, ASU Beebe, Chair; Phillip Shackelford, South Arkansas CC, & Shawna Thorup, NWACC, co-Vice-Chairs; Lynn Valetutti, National Park College; Michelle Palmer & Sharla Hellen, North Arkansas College; Tina Bradley, ASU Mountain Home; Christine Peterson, Amigos; Kristen Cooke, UACCM; Ugoma Gilbert, Nithin Lakshmana, Brittany Rodgers, & Gwen Dobbs, NWACC
2. Call to order at 10:03 AM
3. Fall 2019 Minutes unanimously approved.
4. 2021 Chair and moving forward: ArLA is moving to “communities of interest” which require 15 ArLA members, but procedures aren’t clear. It goes into effect January 1, 2021. We will probably still need some leadership as in chair and vice-chair. Shawna Thorup is willing to serve if elected by the group.
5. Program for Annual Conference will be virtual per the Board. Looking at vendors, presentations, etc. May 1st is deadline for proposals. **Tina Bradley, Nithin Lakshmana & Shawna Thorup will coordinate** a virtual presentation on online courses and programs best practices. Maybe librarians helping faculty through this process?? Or an online open house or show & tell? This may be a panel or “5 minutes, 5 slides” format. Want to focus on helping libraries at all stages of this process, with emphasis on Covid-19 times, but also distance learning in traditional school cycles. Other brainstorming to be shared with CULD for a possible joint program:
 - a. HLC accreditation review from TYC perspective, new pathway
 - b. Offering multiple modalities of instruction – classes that are simultaneously synchronous and asynchronous (UDL)
 - c. IPEDS – Henderson did a program at last year’s conference; more in-depth instructional session on completing the survey and using the data
 - d. Maybe a good crossover with Ref & Instruction on providing reference & instruction off site or when our students aren’t in front of us
6. COVID-19 – How are Arkansas Two-Year College Libraries Coping?
 - a. ASU Beebe building is still open to students, also serving faculty & staff. Limiting to 10 people in building at a time. May have to wear masks now. ILLs are digital only. Reference & instruction no change to online services – Zoom classes, etc. Extending due dates. 3-person rotation working each day. No nights, no weekends, only 7:30am-4:30pm. WiFi access available from outside building. Wiping down returned materials, wearing gloves, hand sanitizer. <http://www.asub.edu/abington-library/covid19-library-services.aspx>
 - b. SouthArk is open for curbside pick-up. 1 librarian rotates in Mon-Thu. Quarantine materials for a 1-week period. Materials are being returned to external drop. Gloves, etc. used to put them on designated tables for the 1-week quarantine. This year’s budget not much impacted, but 2021 may be. College priority was preserving full-time positions and student success efforts. <https://southark.libguides.com/homepage/covid>

- c. NWACC is offering digital services only 45 minutes less per M-F & still providing service over the weekend. Scheduled to go back May 26th. Need to put together a plan with risk management to get materials returned. They are considering a table where students would place materials. Staff would retrieve after student got back in car and wipe down table for next person. Gwen will share the plan she's writing. NWACC is looking to save every position right now, but if cuts have to be made, priority will be full-time. Library is primarily fee-funded, so looking forward is questionable. Will enrollment drop or spike? Predictions are for a drop. <https://library.nwacc.edu/c.php?g=1011306>
 - d. North Arkansas College will open for curbside drop off with specific dates/times. Probably a Friday and a Saturday. It will be like restaurant curbside service with staff in masks/gloves taking materials from students. Extended due dates. Will need to cut some databases. Looking at budget reductions.
 - e. UACCM – having to cut databases and reduce budget. Budget proposals with 10% and 20% cuts presented.
 - f. ArLA has a Pandemic Response Committee gathering and sharing information - https://arlib.org/pandemic_response
7. New Business
- a. 2 Year Colleges column in ArLA magazine – Ron Russ will edit and be first contributor. First article will focus on our Covid-19 response.
8. Adjourn at 11:27 AM.

Minutes taken by Shawna Thorup