

Reference & Instruction Services Division

Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2019

3:30 – 4:00 PM

In Attendance

Allie Stevens (RISD Chair), Jessica Riedmueller (RISD Past Chair), Shawna Thorup, Margaux Burleson, Karen Pruneda, Lacy Wolfe, Ron Russ, and Janice Weddle (RISD Secretary)

Meeting came to order at 3:35pm.

Old Business

Conclusion of Reference Exchange Day, held at Faulkner County Public Library in Conway. The Exchange Day consisted of a genealogy panel in the morning and a reference panel in the afternoon. See attached agenda.

New Business

Discussion

Attendees discussed a suggestion that the division consider changing its name to “Information,” instead of “Instruction.” Following discussion, this suggestion was ultimately rejected. Attendees felt that instruction in areas of financial literacy or technology would fit under the current name and still be inclusive for all types of libraries.

Ideas to expand the division’s programming and create opportunities for involvement were discussed. Anyone interested in becoming more involved in the division or serving as an officer is encouraged to contact the current officers, or any member of the ArLA Executive Board.

Using the sign-in sheet from the Reference Exchange Day, the division will create a listserv for people to connect with their statewide colleagues for information, resources, or advice. An initial discussion thread will be started with panelist comments not covered during the Reference Exchange. Attendees discussed the pros and cons of having the listserv be open or closed. It was determined that the listserv will be closed (i.e., only visible to members) for now, but may be converted to an open listserv in the future.

RISD did not submit a session proposal for the 2019 ArLA Annual Conference, to be held jointly with SELA, in Hot Springs September 28-29, 2019. It was suggested that the division look into co-sponsoring a session with the Two Year Colleges’ Round Table. The RISD Chair will reach out to the Two Year Colleges Chair to investigate that possibility.

Meeting adjourned.



2019 Reference Exchange Day

10:00am - 10:30am - Welcome and Introductions

10:30am - 12:00pm - Genealogy Panel

Panelists:

- Kathy Anderson - Associate Librarian, Discovery Services and Student Success, University of Arkansas - Monticello
- Russell Baker - former Archival Manager at Arkansas State Archives
- Charity Park - Assistant Librarian, Digital and Special Collections, Ross Pendergraft Library & Technology Center at Arkansas Tech University
- John C. Head - member of Union County Genealogy Society
- Carolyn Smith, member of Union County Genealogy Society

12:00pm-1:30pm - Break for Lunch

1:30pm - 3:30pm - Reference Panel

Panelists:

- Hope Donovan Rider - Collection Development Librarian at Faulkner County Library, formerly Reference Librarian at Arkansas State Library
- Robert Robinette - Assessment & Academic Engagement Librarian and Head, Research & Educational Support Department, Dean B. Ellis Library at Arkansas State University
- Michael O'Connell - Director of Union County Public Libraries, formerly Reference Librarian at World Bank in Washington, D.C.
- Ronald Russ - Electronic and Public Services Librarian, Abington Library at Arkansas State University-Beebe
- Shawna Thorup - Head of Reference and Instruction, Pauline Whitaker Library at NorthWest Arkansas Community College
- Kathleen Lehman - Head of User Services at University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
- Lacy Wolfe - Information Literacy and Reference Services Librarian, Huie Library at Henderson State University

3:30pm - 4:00pm - RISD Business Meeting