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Information Commons 101

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“INFORMATION COMMONS 101: NUTS AND BOLTS PLANNING”

Friday, June 25, 2004, 8:30 A.M.—4:30 P.M.
Orange County Convention Center, Room 231 A/B
9800 International Drive
Orlando, FL

Program Web Site: library.uncc.edu/infocommons

Summary

Description: Academic Library Information Commons leaders will provide nuts and bolts information for early-stage I.C. planners. Workshop and breakout sessions will lead to increased clarity of I.C. concepts and definitions; better understanding of the rationales and effectiveness of various I.C. models; better understanding of I.C. planning, implementation and assessment issues; increased clarity of I.C. problems and possible solutions; practical guidelines and preliminary planning and implementation documents.

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Program Outline

8:30 AM—8:45 AM   Welcome, overview, introductions (Russ Bailey)

8:45 AM—9:10 AM    IC PowerPoint (Russ Bailey)
For each institution shown Panelists will briefly mention:
- IC model developed
- Evolutionary process
- Challenges and successes
- Future

9:10 AM —10:00 AM   Introductory IC Panel Discussions

A. Rationale for the I.C. model (9:10 AM- 9:35 AM)
   a. Reasons, rationale for integrated ICs
   b. Advantages to patron
   c. Support of student learning
   d. Advantages accruing to library
   e. Some specific questions:
      - Are ICs impacting bibliographic instruction?
      - Are ICs the solution to the “deserted library” problem?

B. Information Commons: types and common elements (9:35 AM-10:00 AM)
   a. Common components, services, and resources
   b. Spectrum of institutions
   c. What’s on the desktop?
   d. Some specific questions:
      - What are some historical IC models?
      - How does each model reflect integrated or discrete service provision?
      - Is there a “best formula” for a dynamic Information Commons?
10:00 AM - 12 Noon  IC Planning

A. Overview of IC planning issues (40 min.) (Allison Cowgill)
B. Panelists discuss IC planning at their institutions (40 min.)
C. Questions/Break-out session (40 min.)

LUNCH BREAK  12 Noon—1 PM

1:00 PM—3:10 PM  IC Implementation  (David Murray)

A. Overview of IC implementation issues
   (40 min. presentation by David Murray)

B. IC staff training at the University of Arizona
   (40 min. presentation by Robyn Huff-Eibl)

D. Panelists discuss IC implementation at their institutions
   (30 min.)

E. Questions for the Panelists and/or Break-out session (20 min.)

3:10 PM –3:50 PM  IC Assessment  (Russ Bailey)

A. Overview of assessment modes
   (20 min. presentation by Russ Bailey)

B. Panelists discuss IC assessment at their institutions
   (20 min.)
IC Challenges—Tragedies and Resolutions

Overview (20 min. presentation by Russ Bailey)
- Resources depletion
- Obsolescence & replacement of technologies—commitment to state-of-the-art resources
- Resistance
- Chauvinism
- Dealing with success—future implications
- What is the future of the IC?
- How might IC models evolve in the coming decade?

Questions and Answers


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