



CoLIIG August Brown Bag
University of Northern Colorado's Michener Library
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Lyda, Greg and I were delighted to welcome the CoLIIG to our library for this summer meeting. Dean Gary Pitkin and CoLIIG chair Jan Turner welcomed 36 of attendees, from public and academic libraries around the state. We even had representation from CLIC! Nancy Gauss from Western State College deserves recognition for traveling the farthest - Gunnison is more than 250 road miles from Greeley.

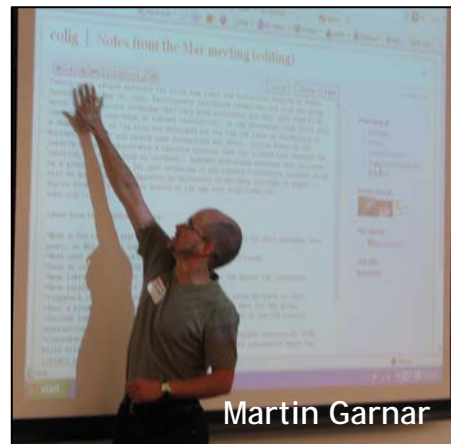


Nancy Gauss

We took some time to get to know one another over lunch, and then had a break before we headed up to the classroom. Lyda and I shared what UNC Libraries offer for instruction, including our new initiatives to incorporate Blogging and a Wiki to support our credit class and one shots.

Martin Garnar shared the CoLIG Wiki, encouraging all of us to take ownership, contributing liberally in the true spirit of Wikidom. He declined to be our Wiki Genie, or Wienie, since we don't really need one.

We had conversations about people's experience with various course offerings, assessment and its role and implementation in library instruction, and new approaches to library instruction. Ongoing, rotating workshops seem to have varied success in different libraries, depending primarily on the populations served.



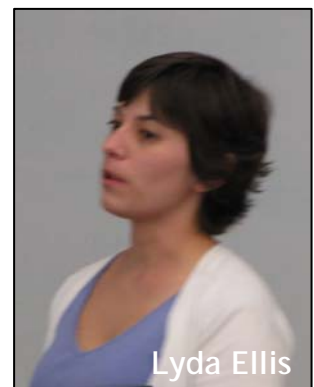
Martin Garnar

Next, Kris Johnson from the Colorado State Library posed the question: "What is the role of Ask Colorado in different types of libraries?" (Kris suggested that academic librarians have a more instructional approach to all reference interactions, and wondered how that affected expectations for virtual reference), and it was proposed that this might actually be a topic for a different time and place, or at the very least, the debate could be located on a page in the COLIG Wiki. Jan demonstrated a very nice DVD that she created to support the Masters in Nursing program at Regis.

For the last half hour we talked about the direction for our group - it was determined that we would like to stay less formal for now, continuing with three meetings a year. Our next gathering is slated for November, during one of the small group meeting times at the CAL conference. We wrapped up with Lyda's announcement about the Instruction issue of *Colorado Libraries*, published by CAL. Volume 33, #3 (due out in August 2007) will be devoted to Library Instruction, with Lyda and myself serving as co-guest editors. We urge you to consider writing an article on any instruction-related topic, and watch for our call for papers later this year or early next.

We concluded with a short evaluation form, which 26 attendees completed - thanks!

Our only real regret about this gathering is that we neglected one photo opportunity - we have no group shot for the CAL website!



Lyda Ellis

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Epperson