

Text Answers Submitted

ACRL Distance Learning Section

Membership Survey, 2005

23. Do you have any other comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding the Distance Library Services section?

Answers submitted for Question 23

Are there libraries offering blogs or chat rooms for DLS learners to reference personnel? If so, what kind of hours are kept?
continue to send a paper newsletter; we're all overloaded online.
DLS and all the people in it are awesome !! Great colleagues
DLS needs to push ALA for e-resources for library schools I love the OFFCAMP list!
DLS seems to spend a lot of time preoccupied with its guidelines. I would like to see some of the time and resources devoted to guidelines diverted to more programming and events.
Friendly group, supportive of all members Can DLS increase the contacts with LITA Interest Group and other ALA entities? In addition to co-sponsoring programs, which is being done. What if we have a joint social? Informal or formal liaison to LITA et al committees?
Good survey!!
Great newsletter and list.
Happy 15th and many more to come...
Has served my needs nicely over the last 2-3 years of ideas and hope of networking.
Have you considered regional conferences?
How to get started with a distance learning program using the staff that you have.
I am always happy to return from meetings with good technical information; also not just best practices but practices that are predictably successful. A session on key issues in 2005/6 would probably be helpful.
I think the group does a great job.
I wish we could find a way to foster the volunteerism of new members. We seem to recycle many of the same people and although they are good, we need to see more activity from newer librarians.
I would be interested in serving on a committee. Now that I'm settled in my new position I'm ready to get involved in the section.
I'd like to attend your ALA social or programs, but they are usually the same time as the CJCLS ones that I like to attend. Do you have any regional programming or meetings? Every Fall we have a FL ACRL program, maybe DL could be a part of that?

In reference to a previous question about amount of time spent serving distance learners: There is actually only one service that only DL have access to; we've taken all of the improvements we made for DL and have applied them across the board here. I don't really deal with DL per se much anymore: I deal with remote users of all flavors. As for the section, I enjoy my work with the section. It's a good group of people.
Inform new members of how to get involved and find meetings
It is a friendly group
It is informative for me to keep up with the discussions as our library faculty must make some type of effort to extend our services.
It's a good section with many nice people!
It's a great section; I've enjoyed my involvement in it.
I've been unable to participate because of extensive official commitments in RUSA
just keep up the good work
Keep up the good work!
Keep up the good work! Happy 15th Anniversary!!
Kudos, Happy 15th Anniversary to us all.
Make virtual (online) attendance options at DLS gatherings a priority. If we don't, who will? If funding for this currently does not exist, perhaps grant applications could be made, or perhaps OCLC could assist.
More communication and networking opportunities --More collaboration and sharing with the non-distance learning librarians
Of all of the sections in which I have been a member, DLS is the best!
Provision of distance education for library staff throughout the state, involving all types of libraries and all levels of staff
Thank you for existing!
Thank you for helping me keep informed with distance library services issues.
Thank you from a new Distance Librarian (and librarian) who sometimes doesn't have a clue! This resource has been very helpful in times of need!
Thank you to the officers and committee members for the work they do!
Thanks for trying to make the Distance Library Services section relevant to our needs.
We are a technical college, not a university. The difficulty for me is in finding/supplying services that meet the needs of our students and employers of our students, at the level of a professional trade person rather than a research oriented grad student.
We're getting better all the time!
You're doing a fine job! Looking forward to seeing everyone in Savannah!