Committee Progress Report

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**Type of report being submitted: Committee Progress Report

**Date: 9/7/10

**Committee Name: Online Discussion Forum

**Supervising Board Member: Amy Harmon

**Chair, Co-Chairs, Assistant Chairs: Rachel McWilliams

**Committee members:
Maureen Barry
Jennifer Bishop
Natalie Bulick
Maureen Cropper
Rabia Gibbs
Liz Noland
Anthony Prince

**Committee Charge: To plan and execute an online discussion forum.

**Project Description / Goals: The Committee has brainstormed topics and facilitators for each month:

August: "What advice would you give to a new librarian in any type of library?"

September: Leadership Development - How can new librarians find and take advantage of opportunities for leadership skills development?

October: A topic that I've become interested in is the misuse of social networking/web 2.0 (including wikis, blogs, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) by libraries: lack of library-wide buy-in and usage, misunderstanding on how to use it/why to use it, and of course, how to address these issues. Example: I just saw an academic library's twitter that hasn't been updated since Nov. What does that say about the library?

November: One idea I had for a topic was a discussion on best strategies for advocacy and proactive collaboration with our communities, whether that be professors, teachers, community organizations, or other kinds of colleagues in special/corporate libraries.

December: effective management in libraries (**Jennifer Bishop**)

**Specific Objectives (numbers, tangible end-products): To complete each month's topic and get members of the NMRT listserv involved in the discussions.

Financial Report Section:

Your budget appropriation (see budget)	a. 0
Amount which you have spent so far this year	b. 0
Your estimated additional expenses this year	c. 0
Total of amount spent and additional "estimated" expenses for this year (b+c)	d.0
Difference between budgeted amount and total expenses from above (a-d)	e. 0

f. Vendor support planned or anticipated for the year (either money or in-kind gifts), list here: N/A

g. Vendor support requested: (From the above list, what, if any, has been requested from the Exhibitor Contact and Relations Committee?) N/A

h. Vendor support received: (From the above list, what if any, has been received?) N/A

Specific Needs/Support (non-financial): (For the categories below, please include approximate date service needed)

a. Web Support (help with webpage creation, web form creation, web database, web database, scripting, etc): Need to have webpage updated with this year's committee information.

b. On-site conference volunteers: (include estimated numbers needed and brief job description) N/A

c. Publicity planned for the committee (posting to other discussion lists, official press release for webpage, etc.): N/A

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