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Hi Lis and Adam - FYI, the CLS Medium-sized Academic Libraries Discussion Group's topic for DC is as follows. John and I will publicize the topic and venue on lists beginning Monday morning. Thanks!

Greetings!

Please join the ACRL-CLS Medium-Sized Academic Library Discussion Group at ALA Annual on Sunday 6/23, 10:30-12:00 PM at the Hotel Washington, Federal Room

We will discuss the following topic:

Aren't There Any Good Books Here? (Un)Required Reading and the Academic Library

Long, long ago in a land far, far away, when libraries were primarily focused on connecting readers with printed journals and books, academic libraries had the luxury of promoting reading for self improvement, reading for enrichment, even reading for pleasure. This has changed, as we all know, as our budgets and our time have been drawn to other adventures and battles. It seems now one of the most difficult and rare of reference questions for the academic librarian is "How can I find a good book to read here?"

Is it time for the academic library to re-engage with the culture of the book? The National Center for Education Statistics' latest National Assessment of Adult Literacy scores (released in December 2005, see link below) reveals a significant decline in college graduates' literacy in English. Could or should the academic library make a difference in student literacy rates by actively promoting reading? And how would we do that?

Some points for us to ponder:

- * What is the culture of the book today? Is it a print culture?
Audio? Visual?
- * What does it mean to promote reading?
- * Who is taking the lead in this on our campuses?
- * Can libraries form partnerships with other campus units (writing centers, English departments, academic success initiatives, first year experience programs, teaching and learning committees, etc) to collaborate for greater impact on student literacy?
- * How many libraries are actively involved in a one-book, one-campus initiative on their campus? What does this entail?
- * What kinds of programs are academic libraries staging that feature readings, reading promotion, or some other related idea?
- * What kind of reading is being promoted and what is it being called? Recreational? Extracurricular? Leisure?
- * Are libraries resurrecting a browsing collection? Is there resistance to promoting recreational reading? And where does it come from?
- * What role does technology play? Are there Web sites or Web-based tools that can help librarians in this arena?

For some thoughtful reading around this topic see:

- * "A First Look at the Literacy of America's Adults in the 21st Century" (NCES) at <http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubsinfo.asp?pubid=2006470>
- * Dillon, Sam. "Literacy Falls for Graduates from College, Testing Finds," The New York Times, December 16, 2005 at <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/12/16/education/16literacy.html>
- * Elliott, Julie. "Academic Libraries and Extracurricular Reading Promotion," Reference and User Services Quarterly 46:3 (Spring 2007): 34-43.
- * Feller, Ben. "Johnny Still Can't Read - In College," The Globe and Mail, January 20, 2006 at <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20060120.wliter0120/BNStory/International/>
- * MacAdam, Barbara. "Sustaining the Culture of the Book: The Role of Enrichment Reading and Critical Thinking in the Undergraduate Curriculum," Library Trends 44:2 (Fall 1995): 237-63.

This discussion will be moderated by John Pollitz, Assoc University Librarian for Public Services and Innovative Technology at Oregon State University Libraries, and Jan Zauha, Reference Librarian at Montana State University. We hope to see you there!

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