



CSG Information Literacy Group

Annual Report

2005 – 2006

1. Introduction

This has been a year of considerable achievement for the CSG Information Literacy Group (CSG IL) beginning with the Librarians Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC) 2005 and ending with LILAC 2006. The group has consolidated on its work on the CILIP information literacy definition by successfully bidding for funding from CILIP to develop this work in the form of cross sectoral case studies. An information literacy themed edition of CILIP UPDATE was produced in January with articles from many of the sectors represented by the group.

A regional training programme has been established by the group in support of the core aim of improving staff training and development. Members of the committee have also supported this by giving presentations under the CSG IL banner at other organisations conferences and seminars. The event details are listed in section 6.7.

Aware that many progressive achievements are made in collaboration the group has developed partnerships with others culminating in a cross sectoral information literacy website independently hosted by Eduserv. The partner organisations include:

- CILIP
- SCONUL
- School Libraries Association
- HE Academy
- EDUSERV
- MLA

The debate surrounding the restricted access to digital information for some social groups, commonly known as the "digital divide", is an area of concern in today's information society. Libraries and librarians have a leading part to play in supporting and developing digital citizenship. Embedding information literacy within the schools curriculum would help this iniquitous situation, although the group would not claim that it could resolve all the issues. Outstanding levels of advocacy and the promotion of an understanding of information literacy will be essential if CILIP is to be successful in getting this message to a wider audience. Therefore, the group are working with CILIP to organise a, by invitation only, high level horizon scanning conference for organisations and departments within education.

The CSG IL receives no capitation from CILIP because it is a subgroup of the Community Services Group. Although currently the finances of the group are strong due to outstanding success of the LILAC conference the committee continues to investigate the possibility of developing a more secure and appropriate member based revenue regime. At the close of the 2005 financial year the group had a cash surplus of £9,748.70.

The considerable success of the group is due to the hard work of a committed membership. They have worked incredibly hard towards achieving the common vision of an information literate society. With this in mind the committee

continues its pledge that all monies will be used to support training programmes, future developments and conferences.

IL continues to be high on the library agenda and the group will continue to work towards furthering its cause within the library and government communities.

Debbi Boden
Chair CSG IL

CILIP has defined IL as:

“Information literacy is knowing when and why you need information, where to find it, and how to evaluate, use and communicate it in an ethical manner.”

2. CSG Information Literacy Group (CSG IL)

The CSG Information Literacy Group is a sub group of the CILIP Community Services Group (CSG). The sub group was formed in January 2004 and has a committee with 27 members which includes representatives from many sectors including Schools, Public libraries and the NHS.

The aims and objectives of the groups are:

Aim

To provide a forum across all sectors of the profession, which encourages debate and allows the exchange of knowledge in all aspects of information literacy.

Objectives

- To provide a forum for discussion through:
 - An email list
 - Conferences
 - Meetings
 - Web page
- To disseminate information about local, national and international initiatives and respond if appropriate
- To encourage the publication both nationally and internationally of articles which share new ideas, initiatives and experiences
- To encourage collaboration and support across all sectors of the profession
- To help promote the ideal of information literacy in all sectors

3. Membership

3.1 Group membership

The group has four types of membership:

(1) Members of CSG : If a person is member of CSG they are not automatically a member of CSG IL. To join the group they need to request membership.

(2) Members of CILIP who are not members of CSG : If a person is a member of CILIP but not CSG they are entitled to affiliate membership of CSG IL. Cost £3

(3) Non-members of CILIP : A person can still join CSG IL if they are not a member of CILIP as an affiliate member. To join the group they need to request membership. Cost £5

(4) Student/unwaged: Free

3.11 Membership numbers

- CILIP CSG full membership 55
- CILIP membership 53
- Affiliated membership 14

3.12 Infoliteracy Jisc email list

Total membership 1000

4. Partnerships

CSG IL has commercial partners and partners from national organisations.

4.1 Partners from national organisations

- SCONUL Advisory Committee on Information Literacy (ACIL)
- HE Academy
- EDUSERV
- MLA
- Schools Library Association

4.2 Commercial Partners

- Ovid
- 2CQR
- CSA
- Edina
- Keynote
- Reuters
- Swets
- Ex-Libris
- RDN
- Sage Publishing
- Aneataprint
- Office Depot
- Ebsco
- IBSS
- RefWorks
- Thomson Gale

5. Publication

5.1 CSG Journal

The group provides articles and book reviews for the CSG Journal.

5.2 Conference proceedings

The group support the open archive policy and therefore conference proceedings will be freely available on the IL website.

5.3 Journal of Information Literacy

The Journal of Information Literacy (JIL) will be launched in October 2006. During 2005/6 the Editor (Sheila Webber) and Deputy Editor (Jane Secker) were appointed and an Editorial Board is currently being established. To date the following members have been appointed: Debbi Boden, Mark Hepworth, Ronan O'Beirne, Christine Bruce, Judy Peacock. Other Editorial Board members are currently being recruited. Cathie Jackson has been appointed as Reviews Editor.

It has been agreed that JIL will be an open access title available to anyone. It will be hosted on the Information Literacy website: www.informationliteracy.org.uk and will publish two issues per year. Issues will include a variety of refereed and un-refereed papers. The first two issues of JIL will include selected papers from LILAC 2006 and all presenters have been invited to submit a written paper. The Journal has been registered with the British Library and it has been assigned the following ISSN: 1750-5968. Notes for contributors have been drafted and all contributors will be asked to sign a Licence to Publish. Papers will be published in PDF format, with abstracts converted to HTML.

6. Review of Activities

6.1 LILAC 2005

The group organised a 3 day International IL conference at Imperial College London in April 2005. As a new event, LILAC had to be entirely self funding. The conference had five themes:

- Collaboration with in HE with academic staff
- Plagiarism and copyright issues: new technology, new problems?
- School librarians and key skills
- Information literacy and e-learning
- Widening participation: the role of the librarian.

Over the three days there were six keynote speakers, 21 parallel sessions and 12 posters sessions. Approximately 150 delegates attended from the UK, Australia, America, Hong Kong and many other countries. The conference ended on a high note with much praise for the facilities and organisation.

6.2 CILIP UPDATE

The group worked with Elspeth Hyams, the editor of UPDATE to provide content for a bumper themed IL edition of UPDATE in January 2006. The group facilitated the writing of six cross sectoral articles.

6.3 Training

A training officer was appointed in April 2005 to co-ordinate a programme of regional information literacy training events across the UK. These events will provide accessible, affordable, training for people involved in information use across all sectors, including health, schools and government. Over the last few months the administrative preparation has been completed and partnerships have

been forged with key organisations. Several training sessions have successfully run this year such as 'Information Literacy for beginners' for the CILIP Careers development Group, London & South East branch in October 2005. A series of additional events will be promoted for summer 2006.

6.4 IL website

The site was launched on Tuesday 28th March 2006 by Jonathan Douglas, Head of Learning and Access at the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA), at LILAC 2006. The site has been established through a partnership with Eduserv, Sconul, the MLA, CILIP, the HE Academy and Schools Library Group. The website will be hosted independently and maintained by Eduserv, content will be provided by 'partners' from the various sectors. The site will support practitioners by providing news, case studies, examples of best practice and freely available toolkits. The aim is to provide a practical resource that information professionals regularly visit to discover the latest developments in information literacy.

6.5 IL case studies

In 2005 the group worked with other members of CILIP to provide a definition of IL for CILIP. To develop this work further the group is commissioning six case studies that illustrate best practice in the delivery and / or promotion of information literacy in differing library sectors:

- Commercial / special libraries
- Further education libraries
- Health libraries
- Higher education libraries
- Public libraries
- School libraries

CSG-ILG hope that these case studies will provide a valuable resource to help librarians and teachers choose successful strategies for designing and delivering information literacy programmes for customers in their fields, by collecting the experience of others who have implemented them in a practical situation

6.6 IL High level conference

The group are working towards running a high level conference with the aim of demonstrating to educators that information literacy is key to the development of digital citizenship.

6.7 Presentations

Presentations have been given on behalf of the group:

- 'Lesson's learned from LILAC 2005'
Umbrella 2005
Debbi Boden, Jane Secker & Ruth Stubbings
- 'Current issues in Information Literacy: are we making all the wrong assumptions? (Round table discussion)
Elit 2005
Debbi Boden, Jane Secker, Ruth Stubbings, Gwyneth Price & Lynn Parker
- 'Librarians role in supporting information literacy'

London Libraries Development Agency – London Knowledge City 2006
Debbi Boden

- 'Information Literacy for beginners'
CILIP CPD group (get proper name!) 2005
Debbi Boden & Jane Secker
- 'Helping students find there is more to life than Google'
M1 / M69 CPD event 2006
Ruth Stubbings

6.8 LILAC 2006

LILAC 2006 is being held on 27th – 29th March at the University of Leeds.

Conference themes include:

Embedding and enriching
Information Literacy and citizenship
New areas of practice and research
Practical approaches to Information Literacy
Staff development and Information Literacy
Strategic approaches to Information Literacy

Keynote speakers:

Lynne Brindley

Chief Executive
The British Library

Professor Peter Brophy

Director of the Centre for Research in Library & Information Management,
Manchester Metropolitan University

Professor Philip Candy

Director of Education, Training and Development,
NHS Connecting for Health

Jonathan Douglas

Head of Learning and Access at the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA)

Professor Dorothy Williams

Dept. of Information Management
Aberdeen Business School
The Robert Gordon University

After dinner speaker

Sheila Corral

Professor and Chair in Librarianship & Information Management
University of Sheffield

7. Finance

The finances of the group are quite healthy thanks to an exceptionally well attended LILAC 2005 conference. At the close of the 2005 financial year the group had a bank balance of £13,347.04 (of which £7,344.92 was in deposit) and with a total of £3598.34 payments still to be made it left a cash surplus for

the year of £9,748.70. LILAC 2005 contributed a profit of £11,081.72 which is being used to fund the development work being undertaken by the committee. As the group receives no capitation revenue income from members is marginal, in 2005 it amounted to £232.00. This doesn't cover annual administration charges of approximately £430. This influenced the committee to make the decision that travel expenses would not be paid directly but funding for travelling to committee meetings would be sought from the parent group (CSG) in exceptional circumstances.

The 2005 balance sheet and accounts have been lodged with CILIP and are available for inspection. Any one wishing to see the accounts should email marcus.woolley@luton.ac.uk.

Committee members

- Chair: [Debbi Boden](#)
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- Treasurer: [Marcus Woolley](#)
- NHS representative: [Belinda Hylton](#)
- Government representative: [Adrienne Harris](#)
- Public Library representative: [Andrew Lewis](#)
- CyMAL representative: [Helen Williams](#)
- Schools Representative: [Rebecca Jones](#)
- Training Officer: [Hannah Hough](#)
- Conference Officer: [Jane Secker](#)
- [Angela Abell](#)
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- [Diane Lindsay](#)
- [Rebecca Mogg](#)
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