



CILIP Information Literacy Group

Annual Report 2016/2017



Message from the Chair

Welcome to the 2018 Annual Report of the CILIP Information Literacy Group (ILG). It's been another busy year for the group, building on our work started in 2017 to develop a greater understanding in wider society of the importance of information literacy. However, it has also been a year that ended with great sadness after the loss of our Deputy Chair, Rowena Macrae-Gibson, who worked so tirelessly for our group.

I am indebted to the committee and our working groups for all their hard work this year and for providing me with support at a difficult time for us all. In 2018 we hope to build on the advocacy work that is forming an increasingly important part of ILG, and to ensure the body of research we have funded reaches the widest possible audiences. We have continued to organise and fund engaging and practical events for librarians and practitioners in the information literacy field and we are delighted that the work Rowena led, to revise the CILIP Definition of Information Literacy has come to fruition. To all our members, I thank you for your support this year and look forward to working with you in 2018.

Dr Jane Secker

Chair, CILIP Information Literacy Group

Changes to the ILG Committee

During the year we have had a number of changes to the Committee membership.

We have welcomed Abi Ward onto the Committee to replace Colin Sawers who was the Membership secretary. Abi is now the Member Relations Officer and we have updated the job description to expand the remit of this job. We are also delighted to welcome Pip Duvall as our new Health Sector representative. Pip is in the process of establishing an ILG working group for the Health Sector.

Despite her illness Rowena Macrae-Gibson served as Deputy Chair for the group until her death in October 2018. Lisa Jeskins and Rosie Jones have been operating as Acting Deputy Chairs since this date and will be standing as Joint Deputy Chair with Rosie Jones, in

elections to be held at the AGM. Claire Packham will be joining the committee as the LILAC Conference Officer.

Full membership of the current Committee can be found in Appendix One.

A revised definition of Information Literacy

Work started in 2017 to update the CILIP Definition of Information Literacy with the formation of a working group from the ILG committee. The original definition was written in 2004 by founder members of our group. Given the changes in the library profession and wider society it felt timely to begin the process of updating this definition to create a more aspirational and broader understanding of information literacy. We are delighted to see the culmination of this work, with the launch of the revised CILIP Definition of Information Literacy in April 2018 at LILAC. The CILIP Board approved our amendments in November 2017 and we have worked closely with the CEO of CILIP Nick Poole. Further work to roll this out beyond the library profession will be undertaken in 2018 in conjunction with CILIP.

Our Priorities

In 2017 the committee worked to ensure our priorities are aligned with those of CILIP's 2020 action plan, which focuses heavily on information literacy. In December 2017 we again held a joint meeting between ILG and LILAC committees to explore our priorities with regards to advocacy, member services, workforce development and standards and innovation. We remain excited by the new possibilities which will enable us to build on past successes and to continue to offer a range of activities and opportunities for members.

2017/2018 highlights

Advocacy

A key part of our work is to raise awareness of information literacy both within and beyond the LIS sector. The committee has sector representatives who work to spread the message in their respective areas and we aim to actively participate in relevant groups, respond to calls for consultation, respond to reports and give presentations at appropriate events. This section highlights some of the activities in which we have been involved during the past year.

- We made contact with a number of external organisations to explore areas of common interest, including ALDinHE, British Chambers of Commerce, Doteveryone, and

Mozilla Foundation.

- We partnered with CILIP on the “Facts Matter” campaign, including producing an infographic for use in the General Election.
- We provided CILIP’s response (Nov 2017) to the consultation on the Government’s Internet Safety Strategy Green Paper.
- Relevant blogs on the ILG website with a focus on outreach related to fake news and “Facts Matter” included a post on fake news, parliament and the psychology of misinformation (Feb 2018), and a guest post from two Open University academics on the role of information literacy in the fight against fake news (Feb 2018).
- The group funded several research projects, including an investigation into information discernment and psychophysiological well-being in response to misinformed stigmatization, and research into the information wayfinding practices of New Syrian Scots. The group intends to build on the latter research to explore the importance of information literacy in relation to refugees.

Several Group members presented at various conferences or published papers, thus helping to raise awareness of information literacy within the library profession. These included:

- Jane Secker attended the ACRL Conference in Baltimore, USA in March 2017 and contributed to a white paper and presentation on Global Perspectives on Information Literacy.
- Kate Grigsby and Anne-Lise Harding attended two COLRIC training days in May and June 2017.
- Stéphane Goldstein hosted an Information Literacy session at the CILIP conference in Manchester, July 2017.
- Jane Secker attended the IFLA World Congress in Wroclaw Poland in August 2017, opening the panel at the off-site meeting on Models of Copyright Education in Information Literacy Programs.
- Jane Secker, and several other ILG committee members, attended the European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL), September 2017 and disseminated research and practice from ILG.
- Stéphane Goldstein was one of the invited speakers at ECIL, presenting on information literacy and the future of work.
- Emma Coonan ran a joint workshop at ECIL with the editors of Communications in Information Literacy.
- Laura Woods hosted a Wikipedia editathon for librarians in February 2018, to coincide with Wikipedia’s annual One Librarian, One Reference campaign.
- Jacqueline Geekie presented the new definition of Information Literacy at a Scottish Library and Information Council event on “Libraries, Literacies & Learning” in March 2018

TeenTech

We have continued to work closely with TeenTech, including sponsoring a TeenTech Award for Research and Information Literacy. We once again attended the TeenTech awards at the Royal Society (to judge the projects) and the presentation at Buckingham Palace. In 2017 we carried out evaluation work to understand the impact of the Research Smarter flyers that explain the relevance and importance of research skills and related information skills, and were first developed in 2016. Recommendations to widen the scope of these flyers beyond TeenTech, so they will be used more extensively by school librarians are currently being put into action.

Research

Another key strand of our work is supporting research into the development of information literacy and related literacies. The number of projects awarded in 2017 was far fewer than in 2016. In 2018 we are re-naming this award in honour of the late Mark Hepworth but also revising the criteria for applications and the amount of funding that is offered in light of reduced ILG finances.

We awarded bursaries to several research projects in July 2017:

- ESOL learners: Managing information, managing language, managing lives. PI: Jessica Elmore, University of Sheffield
- EILFiS: Experiencing Information Literacy in Financial Services. PI: Marc Foster, University of West London

We also support research via development awards. This year we have sponsored one learning through gaming projects presented at the LILAC Lagadothon:

- The Harvard Referencing Game: a Library 'Frogger' style guide by Tracy Dix.

Journal of Information Literacy

We continue to publish the [Journal of Information Literacy](#), the diamond¹ open access peer reviewed journal, twice yearly to promote high quality research in the field.

The journal was a decade old in 2017, and to mark this anniversary we published a special issue in June 2017 (volume 11:1) featuring invited contributions from researchers and

¹ Diamond open access signifies a fully open access journal that charges no Article Processing Fees and is free to publish and free to read.

scholars of international repute in IL. The issue was dedicated to the memory of Mark Hepworth.

The Editor-in-Chief is worked with the editor of *Communications in Information Literacy* on a content analysis of the two journals over their respective ten-year publishing histories, and this was presented as a joint paper at ECIL 2017 in Saint-Malo, France.

LILAC

LILAC 2017 was held at Swansea University and attracted 287 delegates, 64 of whom were international. We sponsored 4 bursary places and two student places at LILAC to encourage attendance from across the sectors. The keynote speakers were:

- **Barbara Allan (Independent Consultant)**
- **Josie Fraser (Social and Educational Technologist)**
- **Alan Carbery (Associate Library Director in Champlain College)**

Copies of the presentations are available from the LILAC website <http://www.lilacconference.com/lilac-archive/lilac-2017>. Conference reports written by our student award winners Bethan Davies and Leanne Workman, including interviews with the bursary winners, were published in June 2017 in the Journal of Information Literacy.

LILAC 2018 is being held at Liverpool University, and will see the launch of the new Information Literacy Definition. This year we have seen a significant increase in delegate numbers. Our [keynotes for 2018](#) are:

- Dave White, Head of Digital Learning at the University of the Arts London
- Ola Pilerot, Swedish School of Library and Information Science (SSLIS), University of Borås
- Barbara Band, award-winning Chartered librarian and Past-President of CILIP.

Website and social media

The web team has been working hard to improve and develop the Group's website www.informationliteracy.org.uk. A fresh look and feel for the website, reflecting the ILG's new branding, was launched in summer 2017 and has received highly positive feedback.

Training events and sponsorship

We continue to support the development of library and information professionals' information literacy and related literacies and teaching skills via events, webinars and by

sponsoring teachmeets. Activity this year has included:

- Scoping work continues to develop an online course on teaching information literacy and copyright literacy for librarians
- Lectures and workshops on IL delivered by key members of the ILG Committee at LIS Schools including Manchester Metropolitan, UCL and City University
- Ran a research day in June 2017 on information literacy and phenomenography which attracted LIS students as well as established LIS professionals.
- Training event planned for April 2018 on teaching information literacy for newly qualified LIS professionals
- Sponsored four Information Literacy events at different institutions nationwide covering IL in the age of fake news, supporting the researcher lifecycle and supporting online learners.
- Ran the ILG Research Day which offered practical advice on putting together a research bid and support for the many phases of research projects.
- Sponsored the one day Universities UK and GUILDHE Copyright Working Group workshop aimed at university copyright officers and specialists

Information Literacy Awards

We offer an annual award for achievement in Information Literacy in the UK. The IL Award recognises an outstanding contribution made by a researcher or practitioner working in the IL field in any sector.

- The winner in 2017 was Helen Howard, University of Leeds.
- The runner-up for 2017 was Jo Parker (Library Services Manager, Open University).

The Credo Digital Award for Information Literacy rewards an innovative/high impact digital resource developed by a UK-based individual or group.

The winner in 2017 was 23 Things for Digital Knowledge developed by Stephanie (Charlie) Farley (Open Education Resources Advisor, University of Edinburgh).

Appendix One: Committee Membership

Officers:

- Chair: Jane Secker
- Deputy Chair: Rowena Macrae-Gibson (until October 2017)
- Acting Deputy Chairs: Lisa Jeskins and Rosie Jones (October 2017 - April 2018)
- Treasurer: Elaine Sykes
- Secretary: Laura Woods

Members:

Pip Duvall, Jacqueline Geekie, Stephane Goldstein, Kate Grigsby, Anne-Lise Harding, Lisa Jeskins, Rebecca Jones, Rosie Jones, Catherine McManamon, Dan Pullinger, Andrew Walsh, Geoff Walton, Abi Ward.

Co-opted member: Emma Coonan (JIL Editor)

Appendix Two: Financial report

See separate document