



# CILIP Information Literacy Group Annual Report 2018/2019



## Message from the Chair

Welcome to the 2019 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 and focusing on rolling out the revised definition of information literacy at a number of key events in the past year. We have also started to build a highly successful partnership with those working in school libraries and will continue to advocate for information literacy to be embedded into formal and informal learning at all levels.

I am indebted to the committee and our working groups for all their hard work this year and for providing me with support. In 2019 we hope to continue building 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. To all our members, I thank you for your support this year and look forward to working with you in 2019.

**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 Sarah Pavey onto the Committee to join Rebecca Jones as our School Libraries Rep in growing recognition of the importance of this work. Alison Hicks has also joined Geoff Walton to share the role of the iSchool rep on the group and we welcome her expertise in teaching the future generation of information professionals and her strong research record.

Finally the group were thrilled with the news that Elaine Sykes our wonderful Treasurer was stepping down, to take up a new role as a mum to twins. Elaine has been a fantastic Treasurer and so we were really pleased to be able to recruit a worthy successor in the form of Jonas Herriot, who joins the main committee, in addition to supporting the LILAC conference.

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

## **A revised definition of Information Literacy**

The revised CILIP Definition of Information Literacy was launched in April 2018 at LILAC and this year has seen a number of key events where members of the committee have spoken about the definition both nationally and internationally. We are also starting to collect case studies to sit under the definition to show how information professionals are using it in practice. An example of some of these events are listed below.

## **Our Priorities**

In 2018 the committee priorities remain aligned with those of CILIP's 2020 action plan, which focuses heavily on information literacy. In December 2018 we again held a second joint meeting between ILG and LILAC committees to explore our priorities with regards to advocacy, member services, workforce development and standards and innovation.

## **2018/2019 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.

- Engaged with the DCMS (more particularly, its new unit charged with addressing disinformation) and Ofcom, establishing new lines of dialogue to develop awareness of respective agendas. Held meetings with both organisations, attended a DCMS roundtable on digital/media literacy.
- Made contact and/or reconnected with other relevant players, including Mozilla Foundation, National Literacy Trust, Newswire, UK National Commission for UNESCO, JCS Online.
- Took part in Misinfocon event and a workshop on Fake News, disinformation and media literacy organised by Bournemouth University.

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 presented new IL definition at the German Library conference in Berlin in June 2018 to Informationskompetenz group and started a conversation about sharing survey tools for collecting IL statistics.
- Jane Secker visited Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay and ran a workshop on the new IL definition and work of ILG for university research group. Also met with Chair of Uruguayan Library Association and Uruguay Copyright Council in August 2018.
- Rosie Jones chaired the Information Literacy stand at the CILIP Conference 2018 in Brighton - speakers included: Jacqueline Geekie, Ruth Carlyle and Sarah Pavey.
- Jane Secker presented a keynote at the JCSOnline conference in November 2018, aimed as school librarians and teachers and focusing on digital literacy and independent learning.
- Emma Coonan attended the European Conference on Information Literacy (ECIL), September 2018 as invited speaker and mentor at its inaugural doctoral forum.
- Lisa Jeskins presented a keynote on information and health literacy at the University Medical Librarians conference in March 2018 at the Royal Society.
- Jacqueline Geekie was invited to present the new IL Definition to a SLIC/SCURL event in Glasgow which included an audience of HE and School Librarians.
- Jacqueline Geekie presented to the CILIPS Autumn Gathering on the new IL Definition as an invited speaker.

## 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 2018 we produced an additional set of the Research Smarter resource sheets with CILIP / ILG branding to encourage them to be used by librarians and teachers in schools teaching information literacy more broadly. We are in discussions with a commercial partner to co-sponsor the Research and IL Award from September 2019 due to the ongoing costs associated with the project.

## Research

Another key strand of our work is supporting research into the development of information literacy and related literacies. There were no projects awarded in 2018 however we continued to fund three projects awarded in 2016 and 2017. In 2018 we re-named this award in honour of the late Mark Hepworth. We are also revising the criteria for applications and the amount of funding that is offered in light of reduced CILIP finances and an increasingly difficult financial landscape.

## Journal of Information Literacy

We continue to publish the [Journal of Information Literacy](#), the diamond open access peer reviewed journal, twice yearly to promote high quality research in the field. The impact of JIL has risen steadily over the last 5 years, with 298 citations in 2018. Use of social media to raise awareness is paying dividends, JIL now has 2268 followers on Twitter with an average of 5981 impressions per month. As the level of submissions to JIL increases, standards remain high with the percentage of submitted articles being published steady at 45%.

## LILAC

LILAC 2018 was held at the University of Liverpool and was one of the largest yet attracting 353 delegates, 116 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:

- 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.

Copies of the presentations are available from the [LILAC website](#). Lisa Gardner who was on her first year of a distance learning PGDip in Library and Information Management at Ulster University. Bethany Sherwood who was a first year part-time student of Information Science at City, University of London. Conference reports written by our student award winners Lisa Gardner and Bethany Sherwood, including tips for getting the best out of the LILAC experience and interviews with the bursary winners, were published in June 2018 in the Journal of Information Literacy.

LILAC 2019 is being held at the University of Nottingham. Our [keynotes for 2018](#) are:

- Sandeep Mahal, [Director for Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature](#),
- Ruth Carlyle, Health Librarian and a health promotion specialist, Health Education England
- Professor Allison Littlejohn, Academic Director for Digital Innovation at The Open University.

## ICEPOPS 2018

Organised the first international copyright literacy one day event with playful opportunities for practitioners and scholars as a satellite meeting of LILAC at the University of Liverpool. Attended by 75 delegates. Keynotes from Professor Ronan Deazley and Alex Moseley. Sponsored by the Copyright Licensing Agency, Learning on Screen and CREATE.

## Website and social media

The web team has been working hard to improve and develop the Group's website [www.informationliteracy.org.uk](http://www.informationliteracy.org.uk). A number of initiatives have been launched by the web team to encourage guest blogs posts on the website and regular contributions from the ILG committee. The ILG Committee now has a small working group looking after Marketing and Communications to support Kate Grigsby's work.

## 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 and webinars.

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 the course 'Teaching for New(er) Professionals' at Sheffield in April 2018
- Ran 'Reflective Practice for Information Literacy Practitioners', 18th June, London.
- Ran 'Weighed down in Words' event at Sheffield Hallam University November 2018
- Ran joint event with ILIG on attending international conferences at CILIP in November 2018
- Ran the course 'Teaching for New(er) Professionals' at UWE in March 2019
- Ran 3 free events for UNESCO Global Media and Information Literacy week in London, Manchester and Aberdeen. The Aberdeen event was available to attend virtually as well as physically, with recordings also made available - e.g. <https://youtu.be/NM69XE9Wqak>
- Sponsored a TeachMeet at Manchester Metropolitan University
- Sponsored 'Library CampCamp' in September 2018.
- Sponsored the one day Universities UK and GUILDHE Copyright Working Group workshop aimed at university copyright officers and specialists in July 2018.

## 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 2018 was Emily Hurt, Clinical Librarian (Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)

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 2018 was [LEAP Online](#) (Mary Barden, Dawn Grundy, Graeme Prescott & Emily McIntosh, University of Bolton).

## **Appendix One: Committee Membership**

### **Officers:**

- Chair: Jane Secker
- Deputy Chair: Lisa Jeskins and Rosie Jones
- Treasurer: Elaine Sykes until January 2019, replaced by Jonas Herriot
- Secretary: Laura Woods

### **Members:**

Pip Divall, Jacqueline Geekie, Stephane Goldstein, Kate Grigsby, Anne-Lise Harding, Alison Hicks, Rebecca Jones, Catherine McManamon, Claire Packham, Sarah Pavey, Dan Pullinger, Andrew Walsh, Geoff Walton, Abi Ward.

**Co-opted member:** Emma Coonan (JIL Editor)

## **Appendix Two: Financial report**

See separate document