Value of Academic Libraries

The Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries (MACRL) serves as a unit of the Missouri Library Association. During the Missouri Library Association Annual Conference held October 2-4, 2013, MACRL held a luncheon, a “un-conference” with people sharing best practices from their libraries. In addition MACRL sponsored program sessions: (Library) Design on a Dime: Creating a Functional, Attractive Circulation and Reference Area; Part-time Librarians Provide Full-Time Benefit; Starting from Scratch: a New Recipe for Integrating Outcomes-Based Information Literacy into College Gen-Eds; Status of Academic Librarians in Missouri; and Getting in on the Ground Floor: Integrating Information Literacy in New Campus Curricular Initiatives.

Student Learning

Assessment: the Proof of the Paper, a MACRL sponsored session, described a project to analyze the effectiveness of library instruction as reflected in 2nd semester students research papers. Librarians worked with English faculty to construct an assessment rubric. Another MACRL sessions included Teaching Social Information Literacy to Undergraduates demonstrating how university librarians teach students how to evaluate social media and how it differs from print and e-resources subscribed to by the library; Cool, Calm, and Collected: Getting Better Search Results with Worse Search Terms; and Active Learning Show and Tell.

Scholarly Environment

Librarians from the University of Missouri-Kansas City presented a MACRL sponsored session on Find a Need, Fill a Need: Research Workshops to teach international graduate and transfer students how to navigate through the research process. Another was Keep Calm and Try Again: the Evolution of a Literary Research Assignment.

Enabling Programs and Services

In collaboration with the MOBIUS Annual Conference MACRL sponsored the ACRL webcast Applying the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education – Communicating Results and Crafting the Library’s Story on June 4, 2014.
