

INforum: A Library/IT Collaboration in Professional Development

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Overview

INforum is a collaborative program at Indiana University created by librarians, technologists and information scientists to help meet the professional development needs within these increasingly interdependent professions. Now in its second year, INforum programs have addressed a range of issues related to networked information and its increasing importance to higher education. This briefing session will provide an overview of the INforum program, with discussion of key issues including: the need for professional development, the value of grassroots initiatives and local focus in program design, collaboration as a work-style, and the role of Library and IT administrators in fostering collaboration and local initiative.

Keywords -- Key Concepts

Origin ==> Grassroots Method ==>
Collaboration Purpose ==> Professional
Development Focus ==> Networked Information

Programs: 1993-94

"Making Connections: National Organizations and Local Initiatives in Networked Information." September 22, 1993. (no video recording)"Two Worlds/Two Cultures...How Two Professions Approach the Wilderness of Internet Resources." November 3, 1993. (video: Z674.82 .I59 T85 1993)

"The Library Electronic Text Resource Service: A Case Study in Recombinant Organizational Adaptation to a Turbulent Academic Environment." December 1, 1993. (video: Z674.5 .I4 L47 1993)

"Copyright, Intellectual Property, and Electronic Information." January 26, 1994. (video: KF2994 .C59 1994)

"Information Anarchy/Information Order in the Electronic Age." March 2, 1994. (no video)

"The National Information Infrastructure (NII): National Directions and Local Initiatives." April 20, 1994. (video: TK5105.5 .N375 1994)

"Internet Librarian Conference." May 17, 1994 Developed and offered in collaboration with IU's Task Force on Internet Education. Conference materials at the URL: <gopher://lib-gopher.lib.indiana.edu:70/11/research-aid/internet-room/conference>; Conference introduction ("Roles of Librarians on the Internet") at the URL: <http://lib-gopher.lib.indiana.edu/ilc/ilc-intro.html>

Programs: 1994-95 (first semester only)

"User-Centered Design: Delivering Information Services that Meet Customer Needs." September 30, 1994. (video: Z699 .U735 1994)

"Networked Information and the Scholar." October 28, 1994. A nationally-distributed satellite video teleconference originating at Indiana University, Bloomington. (video: IN PROCESS)
URL: <http://bronze.ucs.indiana.edu/~sheehan/teleconf.html>

"User-Centered Design: Followup Session." November 9, 1994.

"Dialogue on Emerging Technologies: High Speed Networks..." December 9, 1994.

Information Resources

Video recordings of selected INforum programs are available from the Indiana University Library through Inter-Library Loan. Where available, call numbers are listed above.

Selected texts from INforum programs are available at the URL: <gopher://gopher.indiana.edu:70/11/theuniversity/inforum>

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