

## SCIL Summer Retreat 2009 Evaluation

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### *How well did the discussion/working session meet your expectations?*

Very Well:	65%
Mostly:	18%
Somewhat:	3%
Not very well:	0%
No Response:	14%

### *Please indicate which session you attended:*

A (Sheldon & Chin):	18%
B (Chappell & Higgins):	12%
C (Delson & Ly):	12%
D (Russo):	12%
E (Schnirring):	12%
F (Sellar):	18%
G (Cunningham):	15%
No Response:	3%

### Comments:

- (A) I was a co-facilitator, so I might be biased, but I thought it was a productive and fun session.
- (A) Very useful to hear others' ideas on collaborating and communicating with faculty concerning assignments.
- (A) Discussion leaders had good prompts and kept things moving.
- (A) It was helpful to bat around ideas with each other in a free-flowing format. I'm coming away with a couple of ideas for things I can do differently, and that's always useful.
- (A) It's a pleasure to be able to sit quietly for more than a few minutes to discuss issues of interest and get some good ideas to try at home.
- (B) I was able to think through things in a way I had not done before. I had thought there would be more of a presentation but I was very happy with what we did.
- (C) I love this type of format. You can do this again, but with new topics.
- (C) Details about facilitation were a little unclear and it made planning difficult. The un-conference idea is neat but some structure is needed.
- (D) Interesting idea (journal club) but did not lend itself to much significant discussion. Our group ended up talking about other things.
- (D) It was an interesting session. I liked the fact that the setting was relaxed enough that we were able to incorporate related topics.
- (D) I enjoyed the chance to share ideas with other librarians, the last half was a bit dull but it's hard to fit so many topics in an hour.
- (E) I enjoyed the open discussion.
- (E) Favorite words -> into images; Bambi in the woods; subversive; staying calm, reflective and focused.
- (F) Diversity of experience was useful. We're all in the same boat – looking for new ideas, new direction.

- (F) Scheduled program was as useful as “informal” exchanges at lunch etc.
- (F) Not too many solutions or future plans, but wonderful comments about repositioning IL in the academy.
- (G) This session challenged me to change and incorporate new ideas into my teaching.
- (G) It was an informative session for me to hear about some of the issues academic librarians face. An eye-opener! Thanks!
- (G) I liked the “retreat” format, and seeing the program go from the planning phases to fruition was very instructive as well. As usual, I learn something every time from my fellow librarians!

***How well did the discussion/working session enrich your SCIL Summer Retreat experience?***

Very Well:	74%
Mostly:	21%
Somewhat:	3%
Not very well:	0%
N/A:	2%

**Comments:**

- Good, helpful comments and contributions.
- Very enjoyable!
- I enjoyed the day very much!
- I always appreciate the opportunity to reflect and share about information literacy and instruction issues. I look forward to these events to touch base, network, and catch up on what others are doing.
- It would be nice to have participated in more than one session.
- I would have much preferred the opportunity to participate in more than one session. Two or three sessions (2 @45 mins or 3 @30 mins) would have really expanded my exposure to new ideas and subsequent learning.
- As is often the case at conferences, it’s a shame that we can’t/couldn’t have attended more than one seminar/discussion group. Maybe consider similar structure (open/informal discussion groups) but with option to rotate among 2-3 topics?
- I have not been to a SCIL in a long time so this was great.
- I liked the relaxed, informal but relevant conversation.
- Great idea. Really like the opportunity to learn from my colleagues.
- Lunch also provided a wonderful opportunity to have a discussion because the length of time allowed for.
- It was nice being able to discuss in a small group, everyone got a say. Also, I was able to get to know the other librarians much better that way.
- I would have liked to have shorter discussion groups and attend different ones.
- Variety of viewpoints, but very similar issues and challenges.
- Addressed topics that were bubbling around in my head.
- I really enjoyed having the opportunity for longer discussion, more in-depth, on one topic.

***What topics would you like to see covered by future programs?***

- What new topics are you covering in your sessions? Are you using new techniques?
- Implementing ideas from reflection.
- Okay, you have a Facebook page – now what? Social networking and IL.
- How to be creative with IL and more expansive in what we teach; to have a broader conception. (E.g., What is our value add? How can we push the boundaries and claim our role as educators?)
- SCIL - librarian generated topics = good! (like today's were)
- How to put together a conference (or workshop) presentation (the components – including keeping on time and making certain that your presentation has a definite beginning, middle and end.
- Innovative uses of Library 2.0 info reference service (academic) that has broad applicability – not just utility for a unique institution.
- Rethinking the ACRL standards.
- Librarians as instructors.
- How to get to the sweet spot?
- Something that addresses role of instruction for librarians whose principal responsibility is not instruction.
- Outreach to students.
- I would like to see a program that includes the sharing of very specific examples of successful instruction practices, as well as a program on better incorporating educational technologies.
- Connection between school librarians and academic librarians. What type of instruction are school librarians doing that would inform us?
- Digital scholarships and “new” literacies.
- I would enjoy similar “retreat” discussions that do not have “strict” process/schedules that allow us to learn from each other.

***Please let us know your institutional affiliation:***

4-year college or university:	60%	
Special library:	0%	
Community college:	25%	
Public library:	3%	
Other:	12%	High school, private institution, just graduated

***Please let us know your professional status:***

Teaching faculty member:	6%	
Librarian:	68%	
Student:	0%	
Teaching faculty member and Librarian:	12%	
Librarian and Student:	3%	
Other:	9%	Director, Library assistant

*Additional Comments:*

- Thanks!
- Thanks for making a relevant, useful program.
- Great format – informal, semi-structural. Wonderful talk.
- Very helpful to have observations from so many types of institutions.
- It was nice to have this after the hectic semester when we actually have time to attend and reflect on our practice.
- Interactive sharing sessions are very effective.
- During a stressful time it was great to have a relaxed, positive event. Thanks for making this a great chance to connect with colleagues.
- I love that we have the opportunities to focus on improving instructional practices, but I would love to have an opportunity to immerse in a content area, e.g., the evaluation of newspaper media.
- I try to attend most SCIL events. It's very useful to learn from colleagues in the area.
- I've attend all of the SCIL Workshops this year, so I wanted to attend this one as well. The fact that the workshop (retreat) ran on schedule was very impressive!
- This is the first conference/workshop I've attended in a long while. The lure for me was the treatment of how to interact effectively with faculty, and the applications of business models (SWOT) to library instruction. The bonus was meeting other librarians with the same and different issues. In our own words, we tend to think our concerns are unique to our own situations. Thanks, SCIL, for reminding me this is not so.
- If ALA was held at the end of June (this year in July) it might have been hard to come to this. But the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June is a good time.
- This location was kind of far. Beautiful campus but maybe a more central location – OC or a later start time.
- Great location. I love this campus.
- Thank you for having this event in/near LA; often times, it seems like the events are too far away for me to attend.
- Location + cost excellent! Food was exceptional ÷ The fact that this was a SCIL event caught my interest immediately.
- I came because the timing was right. I hope to come to more SCIL events!
- Great food!
- The idea of spending ½ day, with all meals taken care of was great. All we had to think about was IL. Also met some great colleagues.
- Thank you, Marcia.
- Would have been nice to participate in one/two of the other sections. Since I was a facilitator, I was not able to attend any of the other sessions.
- Great time to end to beat traffic.