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March 17, 2006
University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, MA

Minutes

NELIG and ITIG held a joint program entitled "Using Google Technologies for Information Sharing and Library Instruction" at the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, Massachusetts, on March 17, 2006.   NELIG Chair Sandra Rothenberg opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and thanked the host institution. She then introduced the ITIG Co-chairs, Frances Schlesinger and Susan McMullen.

Announcements from the NELIG Chair:

Sandra announced the call for officers for NELIG for 2006-2007.   The Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and Secretary offices are open for the coming year. Sandra is also running for Member-At-Large for ACRL/NEC.

Presentation

David Cobb, Curator of the Harvard Map Collection, Harvard College Library, cobb@fas.harvard.edu

David Cobb has been with Harvard since 1992 and has worked with maps for over thirty years. His presentation started with a look at Mapquest, which was developed in 1996. Then he demonstrated Google Earth by flying us from Bali to Boston. Google Earth uses satellite images, which allows us to look at the physiography of a particular location. You can type in an address and zoom right in to a location; get driving directions; tilt and rotate images to see 3D terrain and buildings. Not all images on Google Earth are high resolution imagery—only the areas with shading provide high resolution. However, there is high resolution for all Massachusetts locations. It must be remembered when using Google's elevation modeling that there is a vertical exaggeration.

Next David showed us Windows Live Local www.local.live.com/.   David suggested viewing a location that you are familiar with to judge the quality of software. The biggest concerns about these programs include the scale, the date of the images, and how often and when are they updated.

Presentation

Jennifer Hanson, Coordinator of Instruction/Reference Librarian, Emerson College, Jennifer_Hanson@emerson.edu

Angie Locknar, Instruction Coordinator for Engineering and Science Libraries, MIT, locknar@mit.edu

Jennifer talked about how Google Scholar can be used as a tool for leading undergraduate students to the Emerson Library Catalog and library databases. She shows the students how to search for a particular article in both Google Scholar and a library database. Students see that the same search retrieves results in both places.   However, there is a fee for full-text articles in Google Scholar. Articles are free to students in the library database.

Angie teaches graduate students, who are early adapters of technology. Her focus is to teach these students that not everything in PubMed or other databases is indexed in Google Scholar. She challenges her students to search for a particular topic using Google or other search engines, Google Scholar, and Inspec/Compendex. Students look at their results for each tool and try to answer questions, such as: What are the most highly cited articles on this topic? Find some current scholarly articles? And so forth. Then they decide which tool is the most appropriate for each question.

Presentation

Rich Wenger, Systems Programmer, MIT Libraries, rwenger@mit.edu

Rich discussed the linking mechanisms used to connect Google Scholar and the MIT Library holdings - Google Scholar and Link Resolvers

Respectfully submitted,

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