

Special Libraries Association: Education Division






Information Profile Survey

Selected Results





The future planning by this Division will depend upon your involvement. You pay the dues; you can have a say in what is featured. Please take the time to let the SLA-DEDU Board know about your information profile: your job description and duties, information needs in your institution, resource use: [ERIC, education databases, other information resources] and roles SLA-DEDU could play in your professional development. The SLA-DEDU Board is also interested in your specific profile because we are entering into involvement with NEN (National Education Network) and the ERIC User's Group, hosted by the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section, ACRL/ALA. We wish to fully represent you in these two ventures.

The SLA DEDU Board

How would you describe your job:

Academic		41.0%	(25)
Special Librarian: Association		3.3%	(2)
Special Librarian: Government affiliation		6.6%	(4)
Special Librarian:: non-profit organization		18.0%	(11)
Student			(0)
Other		31% [annotated]	(19)
TOTAL		100.0%	61

Please indicate your involvement with digital resources (web, databases, etc.) in your position:

Not much: work is primarily with print resources		3.3%	(2)
Digital resources are moderately involved in my work		37.7%	(23)
Digital resources are the primarily resources involved in my work.		57.4%	(35)
TOTAL		98.4%	61

Please indicate how involved you have been in SLA-DEDU:

Member : primarily as audience		54.1%	(33)
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Member: attended conference(s)	23.0%	(14)
Member: active involvement(Board member at one time or presently)	21.3%	(13)
TOTAL	98.4%	61

SLA-DEDU now offers programs at Annual conferences, Bulletin, web site, and a peer reviewed journal (Education Libraries). What do you value most about DEDU's present planning? Please assess which of these services are most valued by you: (1 = most valuable; 4 = least valuable)

	Average rank				
	1	2	3	4	
Programs at Annual conferences					(2.0)
SLA-DEDU Bulletin					(2.2)
SLA-DEDU web site					(2.2)
Peer reviewed journal (Education Libraries)					(2.2)

If you find value in a service that is not listed as an answer, please elaborate:

#	Response
1	Division breakfasts at the annual conference and other networking opportunities. The Division's listserv.
1	Do you have a listserv?
1	I actually got my membership a couple of months ago so I am not familiar with any of it.
1	I have not seen the other services.
1	I haven't gotten very involved so I'm missing out on these valuable services.
1	I haven't had an opportunity to attend an SLA conference in a number of years but the programs appear to be relevant and timely. Can't comment on the web site because I didn't realize the division maintained a site. Education Libraries may be more useful to IPs working in academic libraries. I seldom find relevant articles.
1	I'm a new member
1	Informal Networking
1	listserv, esp. with announcements re: ERIC.
1	more contact would be nice
1	Networking with Education Division members at annual conference. (1) Education Division mailing list (1)
1	Networking with other education librarians
1	Networking. Email and listserv contact with division members is great! I have used it frequently in the past.
1	Note: I would like to add a condition to my ranking of the Bulletin, the web site, and Ed Libraries: I received Education Libraries many months after the publication date, the bulletins are sporadic and thin (at best), and the web site is poorly organized and lacking a professional image. I ranked them all as "2" because I think they have great potential to be useful.
1	Peers to discuss issues with

1 Research conducted by SLA/consultants, although the most interesting report on Trends needs to be updated.

1 since I am a new librarian, networking for jobs is important component for the journal and the website. Over the next 10 years I plan to change jobs about 3 times, or as necessary to attain the skills and training I need to be expert in my field. CONTINUING EDUCATION - mini seminars over a four day weekend, DVDs for purchase with workbook, materials that would take me from novice to basic, or from basic to advanced knowledge of a subject area.

1 The DEDU listserv has been helpful in disseminating information recently about the changes to the ERIC database.

1 The web site should include links for Educators

1 This is the first communication I have received from the education division since I have joined, so I am unable to evaluate the services listed above.

What can SLA-DEDU offer that is not offered now to you?

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Response

1 Have just recently joined

1 Career networking, education news alerts, professional mentoring, and, most importantly, and active, open listserv that encourages regular communication on all aspects of education librarianship. The MAME list is an excellent example of cooperation, mutual encouragement, and professional sharing.

1 Closer conventions. More time to devote to SLA

1 Education links on the web page

1 Everything I see happening in SLA seems to centered in Denver, Colorado. I can't get to Colorado most of the time so most of the announcements mean nothing to me.

1 Have some meetings in Chicago. - Include me in projects - we can communicate via email or have video-tel conferences. I would like to do programming and writing. May want to help with future conferences.

1 I am new to SLA -DEDU so could not appropriately comment.

1 I can always use more staff development

1 I have only been a member for a few months and I'm not sure I know what all is available.

1 I joined the SLA recently, so I am not familiar with the services that are offered. I shall explore the services that are available.

1 I would like to develop info. org. teaching modules that link directly with the work and interests of Special Librarians. Not sure how to do that and would like to collaborate with someone in SLA.

1 I'm a very new member--I want to learn more about what is involved in educational librarianship since it may be something I will be pursuing in the near future.

1 I'm not sure.

1 I've never received any service from SLA -DEDU (not even the bulletin) so it would be nice to hear from you once in a while.

1 Information about the services listed.

1 It would be nice if the journal offerings were not so out of date. Is it because of the peer review process?

1 Many teacher unions in Canada and the United States produce excellent research publications and web sites. Is it possible to network with the information professionals from these organizations who are members of the division? The annual conference is probably the best opportunity.

- 1 Marketing, I missed out on many of these services
- 1 More current research on trends in S.L. job requirements, job analysis and knowledge & content management.
- 1 More information about what other members do as part of their everyday library work. Product reviews about what members are using.
- 1 No suggestions
- 1 Perhaps greater professional development opportunities. Is there some way we can offer workshops and seminars targeting our division in venues other than the annual conference?
- 1 Provide a subject guide to access Education articles. Now that ERIC is restructuring--access and information to access Education Journals content would be great. This should appear in a user friendly manner for Educators. It is a maze out there.
- 1 Send me the publications.
- 1 Since this is the first contact I have had with the division, more contact would be nice
- 1 Topics that are hotter, e Libs go electronic
- 1 Would like to see created by...someone (?)....a repository/depository of full text papers that have been presented at AERA conferences. Evidently neither AERA nor folks at ERIC have done this in an systematic, organized, comprehensive way.