

## **END OF FUNDING PERIOD REPORT**

### **LAUC Statewide Grants, Research & Professional Development Committee**

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### **TITLE OF PROJECT: Undergraduate Library Behaviors in their Information Ecologies**

*Time Period of Grant:* June 2010

*Amount of Award Received:* \$500.00

*Original Abstract as Submitted:*

“This presentation will discuss an ongoing doctoral study on the academic information behaviors of undergraduate students. Data was collected using ethnographic techniques to answer the question: How do undergraduate students manage their academic information environments in their dormitory rooms? Building on studies in Personal Information Management, the goal is to describe and understand how digital natives gather, integrate, and manage academic information in their role as students. After sharing preliminary findings of this work in progress, the audience will be asked for input and suggestions to help drive the focus of the analysis. Participants will then divide into small groups to discuss how these findings could impact interactions with their own students, and information literacy outreach and instruction in their institutions in general. Groups will share their ideas with the rest of the audience in order to further dialog and foster creative approaches to library-student interactions and instruction.”

### **I. ACCOMPLISHMENTS and EVALUATION**

*Describe what was achieved during the time period of the grant.*

The money I received from the LAUC Presentation Grant was used to help finance my participation in the Loex of the West Conference held in Calgary, Alberta Canada. My presentation took place on June 11, 2010, was attended by approximately 15 people, and stimulated positive feedback and dialog. My accompanying paper was published in Reference Services Review, volume 38, issue 4, 2010 (<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/journals.htm?articleid=1896018>).

According to Google Scholar, this article has been cited 14 times.

*What would you do differently next time, if anything?* Nothing.

### **II. IS YOUR PROJECT COMPLETED? Yes\_X\_**

### **III. FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

*Please explain how the funds received were spent. Attach your original budget and indicate how well your estimates matched with actual expenditures. Receipts are not necessary.*

My original estimates were:

\$200.00 (approx) - Conference registration (200-225 Canadian Dollars)

\$250-300 - Airfare from Los Angeles to Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Actual expenditures were:

\$225.00 – Conference registration

\$350.00 – Travel

\$270.00 – Lodging

#### **IV. SHARING YOUR PRODUCT/RESULTS**

An article based on this presentation was published in Reference Services Review as noted above. My dissertation, the original purpose for this research, was completed and successfully defended in 2011. It can be accessed online through Digital Dissertations, as well as in print through the UCLA Library. A print copy of my dissertation is also held at Bar Ilan University Library in Israel.