News

1.1. Joint meeting of EUCLID and ALISE, Potsdam, July 30–August 1, 2003
“Coping with Continual Change – Change Management in SLIS”

In today’s world of rapid and continual change, LIS-education faces challenges that require research-based discussions to be handled adequately. The European Association for Library Education and Research (EUCLID) and the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) invite researchers in the field to submit research-based papers that deal with the above mentioned theme.

Topics of relevance include, but are not restricted to:

– Recruitment – student diversity, expectations and capabilities
– Pressures for curricular changes
– Institutional change and its impact
– Effectiveness of distance learning
– The impact of new competitors
– The role of consortia
– The relationship between schools of library and information science and the field of practice
– The scientific and epistemological foundation of LIS education and research

Date and Venue

The conference will be hosted by the Department of Information Science (Fachbereich Informationswissenschaften) at the University of Applied Sciences (Fachhochschule Potsdam (FHP), Friedrich-Ebert-Strasse 4, 14467 Potsdam, Germany, starting on Wednesday, July 30th and ending on Friday, August 1st. The date has been chosen in order to allow participants to join the 69th IFLA General Conference and Council which takes place in Berlin seamlessly afterwards.

The University of Applied Sciences Potsdam is a new university founded just after the reunification of Germany. Its Department of Information Science is characterised by integrated studies of Archival, Library and Documentation Studies. At the University, the German Information Centre for Information Science with its database INFODATA is produced.

Potsdam is a beautiful historical setting with the famous Sanssouci Palace 20 minutes’ train ride from the German capital, Berlin. Some of the IFLA events will take place here too.

Local contact for further information: Hans-Christoph Hobohm (hobohm@fh-potsdam.de).
Accommodation

The conference will make use of the hotel agreements made in connection with IFLA 2003 in Berlin. Local arrangements at affordable prices can be made.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is 80 EUR from Western Europe, US and Canada, 50 EUR from other countries, and covers lunches, a reception and conference proceedings.

1.2. International conference on new directions in the humanities, university of the aegean, island of rhodes, greece, 2–5 july 2003 conference theme: The next world order

http://www.HumanitiesConference.com

The conference this year is to be held on the campus of the University of the Aegean in Rhodes, just outside the walls of the World Heritage listed Old City.

The conference will include major keynote papers by internationally renowned speakers and numerous small-group workshop and paper presentation sessions. It will address the role of the humanities in the new world order. Globalisation so far has defined a common economic order, but, thankfully perhaps, not yet a common political or cultural society. All those researching and teaching in the area of the humanities have an urgent stake in discussing these future-shaping processes, whether these reflections are retrospective or prospective. Key issues to be addressed by the conference will include cultural diversity, globalisation and teaching and learning in the humanities.

1.3. Information Seeking in Context – ISIC 2004

Call for Papers: ISIC 2004 in Dublin, Ireland offers researchers and practitioners the opportunity to hear results of the latest research in the field of information seeking, to debate methodological issues, and to discuss emerging and further areas of research? Previous ISIC conferences have been held in Tampere, Finland 1996 Sheffield, UK 1998 Göteborg, Sweden 2000 Lisbon, Portugal 2002 The 5th ISIC conference will be held from September 1st to 3rd, 2004 in Dublin, Ireland at University College Dublin, Belfield, Dublin. A 1-day doctoral workshop will precede the conference on August 31, 2004. Themes of the conference include the following:

1. Theories and models of information seeking
2. Research approaches and methodologies, including ethnomethodology
3. Information seeking and use in specific contexts e.g., health care, education, etc.
4. Organizational structures and processes and information seeking and use – The impact of structures and processes on the information seeking behaviour of organizational members, and the relationship of information seeking behaviour to work tasks and their complexity
5. Information behaviour in everyday life, including its role in community activities and processes, as well as the role of the Web in supporting such behaviour and the development of virtual communities e.g., information seeking to support citizenship, parenting, career development, etc.

6. Integrating studies on information seeking and retrieval e.g., research into the relationship between information searching and retrieval and the broader field of information seeking, including the role of Web-based searching in the overall information seeking process; task-based information searching etc.

7. Information use – the nature of information and how information is used to help solve an original problem or satisfy an initial need

8. Information communities, including virtual communities

**Deadlines**

- February 15, 2004 – Submission date for papers for review
- April 1, 2004 – Notification of acceptance of papers
- July 1, 2004 – Submission date for final versions of accepted papers.

All participants in previous ISIC Conferences are welcome to join the conference

For further information about ISIC 2004 and submission of papers, visit the conf

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You are invited to participate in HCI 2003: Designing for Society, the 17th annual HCI conference from the British HCI Group.

**Conference Overview**

As advances in computing and communications technologies extend the human-computer interface beyond the desktop and into our clothes, streets and buildings, mobile and pervasive applications provide exciting challenges and opportunities for all of us.

How do we design for usability when human-computer interaction is dispersed and interwoven throughout our environment? How do we interact successfully with and through devices and networks with many form factors? How do we design these applications, devices and networks? How do we manage the intellectual, commercial
and social benefits and impacts of pervasive technologies? How can we understand and account for the web of influences amongst society, environment and technology?

Under the theme of Designing for Society, the HCI 2003 conference provides a forum for you to tackle these and many related issues. The conference includes an exciting range of presentations, panels, workshops, tutorials, interactive demonstrations and opportunities to interact with fellow researchers, practitioners, educators and users.

Conference Themes

The conference theme of Designing for Society is reflected in a range of issues. Mobile and pervasive computing and communications technologies are driving the expansion of human-computer interaction from the office desktop environment to our homes, our pockets and our streets. But are these developments reaching throughout society? Relevant issues include designing for accessibility by different social groups, by users with disabilities, and by different age groups, including the very young and very old. E-government will play a crucial symbiotic role in many of these developments. Similarly, industry has a critical role. Pervasive computing and communications systems will continue to be developed and rolled out largely by commercial companies. It is crucial both to their commercial success and to society’s wider use of these systems that business models identify the ‘killer apps’, the interactive applications that will provide clear benefits to many kinds of user. In turn, sound HCI design will underpin the usability and success of the applications, technologies and business models. HCI 2003:Designing for Society will help us to consolidate and to advance the state of the art in HCI design.

Conference Topics

Relevant topic areas include, but are not limited to:

- Mobile usability;
- Pervasive computing;
- Interaction techniques on the street;
- E-government;
- Widening access to technologies;
- Users with special needs;
- Designing for different age groups;
- Business models for mobile systems;
- Designing across cultures and societies;
- HCI and other professional communities.

The British HCI Conference Series HCI 2003 is the 17th Annual Conference of the British HCI Group, a specialist group of the British Computer Society. Established in 1985, the conference has become the premier annual conference on Human-Computer Interaction in Europe. Attracting hundreds of researchers and practitioners from over twenty countries, its published proceedings (The People & Computers series) form an important part of the archive of HCI research. The HCI conference has always
addressed the needs of practitioners and researchers through a balance of conference activities. Each annual conference has a theme, but submissions on any HCI topic are always welcome.


Cost GBP 395

The fifth Libraries Without Walls conference, to be held in Lesvos, Greece from September 19th–23rd 2003, continues the tradition of the LWW Conferences by bringing together international perspectives on the delivery of library and information services to users who are not in the physical library. When the first LWW Conference was held in 1995, the focus was primarily on distance learning and geographical dispersion. Since then, however, rapid advances in the development of ICT (Information and Communications Technologies) based infrastructures and services have led to a situation where many library users now routinely access services remotely – even when ‘remotely’ means ‘within sight of the library building’. As a previous conference attendee observed, “we are all distance learners now”.

LWW5 is concerned with innovative ways of delivering library and information services in this new environment. Papers may present the results of research or innovative practice, as traditionally LWW is a meeting place for researchers and practitioners. Papers are invited which address the following key themes, but papers on any aspect of ‘Libraries without Walls’ will be considered.

Themes:

1. The integration of library services and Virtual Learning Environments.
2. The relationship between user needs, information skills and information literacies.
3. Usability and accessibility of digital library services.
4. Designing the information environment: national and institutional perspectives.
5. The creation of digital resources by user communities.

Papers will be published by Facet publishing, London, in the LWW Conference Series.

All enquiries should be addressed to the organisers:
Libraries Without Walls 5 Conference
Centre for Research in Library & Information Management (CERLIM)
Department of Information and Communications
Manchester Metropolitan University
Geoffrey Manton Building
Rosamond Street West
1.6. ACM CIKM 2003. Twelfth International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), November 2–8, 2003, Hotel Inter-Continental, New Orleans, LA, USA

Sponsored by ACM SIGIR and ACM SIGMIS (pending approval)

Since 1992, CIKM has brought together leading researchers and developers from several areas of information and knowledge management, database management systems (DBMS) and information retrieval (IR). We continue this tradition of collaboration between information and knowledge management. Only the highest caliber papers submitted to CIKM 2003 will be accepted.

We have a special interest in papers that bridge the areas of databases and information retrieval. Areas of interest include but are not limited to:

- Data and Knowledge Sharing
- Data Mining
- Knowledge Discovery
- Information Retrieval Effectiveness and Efficiency
- Integrating Structured and Unstructured Data
- Data Warehouses
- OLAP
- Distributed Object Management
- Digital Libraries
- Heterogeneous and Distributed Systems
- Hypertext and Hypermedia
- Semi-Structured Data Management
- Query Processing
- Interactive Data Exploration
- Intelligent Information Systems
- Information Filtering and Summarization
- Information Visualization
- Information Classification
- Intelligent Mediators
- Data Management in Mobile Environments
- Knowledge Management Applications for Wireless
Authors are invited to submit original, unpublished research papers that are not being considered in another forum. At least one author will be required to attend the conference to present the paper. Electronic submission of manuscripts is required, preferably in PDF. An expanded version of this call for papers, as well as detailed instructions for electronic submission, will be available at our website: http://www.cikm.org/2003.

Important Dates:

- May 20, 2003 Electronic abstract due
- May 28, 2003 Full paper submission due, Tutorial proposals due
- August 5, 2003 Notification of acceptance
- September 3, 2003 Camera ready copy due

CIKM'03 Organizing Committee:

- General Chair: Donald Kraft, LSU
- Honorary Chair: Charles Nicholas, UMBC
- Treasurer: Eun-Kyo Park, UMKC
- Registration Chair: Yungyung Lee, UMKC
- Program Chair (IR): Ophir Frieder, IIT
- Program Chair (DB): Joachim Hammer, University of Florida
- Program Chair (KM): Sajda Qureshi, University of Nebraska – Omaha
- Program Chair (Industry): Len Seligman, Mitre
- Proceedings Chair: Nazli Goharian, IIT
- Workshop Chair: Il-Yeon Song, Drexel University
- Exhibits and Corporate Sponsors: David Grossman, IIT
- Tutorials Chair: Allison Powell, CNRI
- Publicity Chair: Padmini Srinivasan, University of Iowa
- Local Arrangements Chair: Erin V. Collier, Tulane University
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- 319-335-5707 (U. of Iowa)
- 301-435-3262 (National Library of Medicine)
- 301-480-3035 (Fax)

1.7. The Third International Conference on Knowledge, Culture and Change in Organisations, Bayview Beach Resort, Batu Ferringhi Beach, Penang, Malaysia, 11–14 August 2003

http://www.ManagementConference.com
CONFERENCE THEME: Knowledge Management

There is hardly an organisation in the world which does not find itself daily negotiating the forces of globalisation and technological and social change. These appear as opportunities as well as threats, and the key challenge for organisations is to find a way to navigate the threats and harness the opportunities. One of the key elements of organisation change today is encapsulated by the often nebulous concepts of ‘knowledge economy’ and its organisational response, ‘knowledge management’.

The conference is being hosted by the Faculty of Business with the Globalism Institute at RMIT Melbourne, Universiti Sains Malaysia Penang and the Singapore Institute of Management. It will include major keynote papers by internationally renowned speakers and numerous small-group workshop and paper presentation sessions. In all sessions we are encouraging people to bring an active sense of the dynamics of today’s organisations, as well as reflective and conceptual understandings.

We do hope you will be able to join us in Penang in August 2003.

Yours Sincerely,

Prof. Margaret Jackson
Dean, Faculty of Business
RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia


DC 2003 will include the 11th workshop in the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI) series, and will be the 3rd DCMI Conference to include full conference and tutorial tracks in addition to the workshop event. The preliminary Conference Web site is now available and gives details of the Conference themes and the call for contributions:


Conference Organizers
Dublin Core Metadata Initiative (DCMI)
http://www.dublincore.org
Information School of the University of Washington
http://www.ischool.washington.edu/
Information Institute of Syracuse, Syracuse University
http://iis.syr.edu/
University of Washington Libraries
http://www.lib.washington.edu/
Stuart Sutton & Jane Greenberg, DC-2003 Program Committee Co-Chairs
1.10. The Judy Pitts Research Forum, Kansas City, October 22–26, 2003

The Judy Pitts Research Forum will be held during the national conference of the American Association of School Librarians. The conference will be held in Kansas City, October 22–26, 2003. The forum is under the sponsorship of the AASL Research and Statistics Committee. The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for discussion, collaborative problem solving, and fellowship among academics and practitioners interested in research-related issues. This is a call for proposals for research presentations at the forum.

The criteria for selection of presentations will be based on the potential to measure and/or evaluate the impact of school library media programs on learning and education; the originality of the research project and the methodology; the potential for replication, the clarity and completeness of the proposal; and the timeliness of the research topic. The research should be completed or near completion. No monetary award accompanies selection of presenter(s).

Proposal should include the following:

- Date submitted:
- Project Title:
- Applicant Name:
- Employing Institution:
- Applicant Address:
- Office Phone: Fax:
- E-mail:
- Home Phone:
- AASL/ALA Membership #
- Abstract of the Research (50 words or less)
- Statement of the Identified Problem:
- Goals and Objectives of the Research:
- Methodology:
- Conclusion(s):  

Five copies of the application and any attachments must be postmarked no later than July 10th and sent to:

Elizabeth Haynes
2900 Lincoln Rd. #5
Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Proposals will be evaluated by a panel of five persons. Applicants will be informed of the committee’s decision by September 1.

The person(s) chosen will present their research findings at the AASL Conference in Kansas City, October 22–26, 2003. The exact day and time are yet to be assigned. No monetary award is part of this program.

The Judy Pitts Research Forum is sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians, Research and Statistics Committee and is held only at the conferences of the American Association of School Librarians.

http://ismir2003.ismir.net/

The annual ISMIR Conference is the first established international forum for those involved in work on accessing digital musical materials. It reflects the tremendous growth of music-related data available either locally or remotely through networks and the consequent need to search this content and retrieve music and musical information efficiently and effectively.

This area presents vast challenges for those who need to organize and structure musical data, provide tools to search and retrieve, and use these tools efficiently. Music representation needs to be multi-dimensional and time-dependent; audio data is voluminous, requiring particular care in storage and transmission while preserving quality; the need for descriptive information about what is musically significant addresses a large spectrum of internal and external characteristics, from acoustic to musicological and cultural features; intellectual property rights issues (about what can be made available to whom and how) are complex, involve a variety of individuals and organizations, and vary from country to country.

All of these concerns are of interest to education, academia, entertainment and industry. This conference thus aims at providing a place for the exchange of news, issues and results, by bringing together researchers and developers, educators and librarians, students and professional users, working in fields that contribute significantly to this multidisciplinary domain, to present original theoretical or practical work in peer-reviewed contributions (papers, posters). It will also serve as a discussion forum (panels), provide introductory and in-depth information in specific domains (tutorials), and show current products (exhibits).

Detailed information about the conference and its organization is available on its Web site (http://ismir2003.ismir.net/).

Domains and Topics of Interest

– Algorithms and methods for classification, clustering, probabilistic modelling, association analysis
– Artificial intelligence and Machine Learning
– Databases and data mining
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– Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) and systems design
– Intellectual property rights issues
– Knowledge representation, discovery and acquisition
– Music perception and cognition
– Music representation and formal models of music
– Soft computing (neural networks, fuzzy systems, evolutionary computation)

Typical topics of interest, in as much as they relate to music information retrieval, are:

– Automatic summarization, citing, excerpting, downgrading, transformation (including associated intellectual property issues)
– Business models and experience
– Formal models of music and their digital representations
– Intellectual property rights issues (nationally and internationally), digital rights management, identification and traceability
– Music digital libraries and archives, content management systems and frameworks for music
– Music indexing and metadata (authoring and generation)
– Music recognition (printed, audio)
– Music representation, coding, language modelling
– Music similarity metrics (perceptual criteria such as pitch, rhythm, timbre; musical criteria such as form, genre, etc.)
– Musical styles and genres
– Query languages for music IR (expressiveness, complexity)
– Real-time applications of automated music identification and recognition, such as score following, automatic accompaniment
– Routing and filtering for music and music queries
– Semantic Web and musical digital objects: intelligent agents, ontologies, topic maps, metadata, indexation, markup languages
– Socio-cultural aspects
– Standards (RDF, XML, INDECS, MPEG, Dublin Core, *MARC, Z39.50 . . . ) and other metadata or protocols for music information handling and retrieval (CDDB, . . . )
– Systems issues (performance, compression, scalability, databases, architecture, distributed search, multi-agent systems, mobile applications)
– User interfaces and usability
– Validation (user needs and expectations, evaluation of music IR systems, building test collections, experimental design and metrics)

General information on the conference is available on its Web site (http://ismir2003.ismir.net/) and will be regularly posted in the music-ir mailing list (information on subscription available on the conference site).
1.13. *The ethics of electronic information in the 21st century (eei21), memphis, October 23–26, 2003, the university of memphis*

Information regarding EEI21 – MEMPHIS is available at http://www.memphis.edu/ethics21 or by contacting Mr. Mendina.


Proposals are invited for concurrent breakout session presentations at the VRD 5th Annual Digital Reference Conference on Monday and Tuesday, November 17–18, 2003.

The VRD conference explores the nature of Internet-based question-and-answer service within a broad range of contexts, including libraries and information centers, government, business, education, and other industry sectors or organizations, as well as the specific issues involved in providing any type of digital reference service. The theme of this year’s conference, “Reference Roundup”, emphasizes the latest advances and practices in reference today. Authors are encouraged to examine issues, identify practices, and propose organizational and technological systems, standards, and procedures that advance the state of reference librarianship as practiced in a digital environment.

Presenters will receive free registration for the conference.

**Deadlines**

- Proposals will be accepted until May 31, 2003 (see proposal submission instructions below).
- Selected presenters will be notified by July 14, 2003.
- Final papers are due Friday, December 5, 2003 in order to be considered for inclusion in the VRD 2003 Conference print proceedings, to be published in 2004.
- PowerPoint presentation slides, handouts, and other materials to be published in the VRD electronic proceedings will be due Friday, December 5, 2003.

**Conference themes**

Proposal themes may include, but are not limited to, the following topics and categories:

Technology for Digital Reference

- Real-time/live reference
- Software selection issues
- Commercial vs. “home-grown” solutions
- Standards for digital reference technology, including NISO standards
- Tools for digital reference, including:
* Workflow software (for question/answering)
* Question-answer archiving tools/knowledge bases
* Web contact center software
* Customer relationship management software
* Networking/routing solutions
* Voice over IP (VoIP)

– Planning for technological evolution

Digital Reference Service Management
– Foundations for building digital reference services
– Defining service levels
– Integration of digital reference into other reference models (service hybrids)
– Archiving/tracking questions and answers/FAQs
– Policies and standards for consortia and cooperative reference
– Evaluation approaches and quality standards
– Training solutions and models for service staff
– Models for funding/pricing
– Personnel/staffing, optimizing human resources
– Planning for equipment and space
– Marketing services to potential users
– Reference outsourcing

General Issues in Digital Reference
– Partnerships – cooperative/collaborative networks, sharing/pooling resources
– Partnerships with vendors
– Museums and other subject-specific service issues
– Providing reference services for kids and teachers
– Special services for special needs users
– How to identify, attract, and keep patrons
– How to create and maintain digital reference services (for new providers)
– Intranets
– Commercial/fee-based services
– Question negotiation in the digital environment
– Policies and the law – liability, privacy, ethics, copyright, licensing
– Accessibility
– Case studies (experiences from practicing digital reference services in all contexts)
– Performance and evaluation measures
– Future directions of reference

Digital Reference Resources
– Search engines
– Reference meta-sites
– Collection development
– Online resources for ready reference
– Intermediary search services vs. end-user systems
– Locally-mounted digital resources vs. remote resources
– Evaluation of digital reference resources

Proposal submission instructions

Proposals should include speaker’s name, job title, institution, address, phone, fax, e-mail, brief biographical information, and a topic related abstract of 250–500 words. Please e-mail your proposal to VRD Conference (vrdconf@vrd.org) by May 31, 2003.

Print and Electronic Proceedings

Presenters are encouraged to submit papers or related materials (e.g., handouts, copies of slides, etc.) for publication in the conference’s print and electronic proceedings. The print proceedings will be comprised of peer-reviewed papers from the 2003 conference, and the content will differ from material published in the online proceedings. For more information, contact vrdconf@vrd.org.

For more information regarding the VRD 2003 Annual Digital Reference Conference, please contact Pat Grimsley, vrdconf@vrd.org, 800-464-9107. For hotel and other information, please see the VRD 2003 Conference Web site at http://www.vrd2003.org/.

Deadlines

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Notification of Acceptance: July 14, 2003
Final Papers Due for Print Proceedings Consideration: December 5, 2003
Presentations and Other Materials Due for Electronic Proceedings: December 5, 2003

2. Library and Information Schools

2.1. University of North Carolina (US)

Digitization for Cultural and Heritage Professionals 2003

The School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in conjunction with the Humanities Advanced Technology and Information Institute, University of Glasgow, and Rice University’s Fondren Library is pleased to announce the fourth Digitization for Cultural and Heritage Professionals course, May 11th–May 16th, 2003. The course ran at Rice University, Houston in 2000 and 2001 and in UNC-Chapel Hill in March of 2002. Full information, course
details, and an online registration form can be found on the SILS web pages at: http://www.ils.unc.edu/DCHP/.

The one-week intensive course will consist of lectures; seminars; lab-based practicals (offering both guided tuition, as well as an opportunity for individual practice) and visits to the UNC and Duke University libraries. The teaching team includes Drs. Seamus Ross and Ian Anderson from Glasgow, Dr. Helen Tibbo from UNC-CH, Dr. Paul Conway from Duke University, and Steven Weiss, head of UNC-CH’s Southern Folklife Collection.

Enrollment is limited on the course, so please register early to confirm a place.

COSTS, REGISTRATION, AND DEADLINES. Course Fees (including study materials, mid-morning coffee, lunch, and afternoon tea breaks, not including accommodation):

- Advanced booking price: $675 (if a place is booked and the course fees are paid by March 1, 2003).
- Normal price: $775 (if a place is booked and the course fees are paid after March 1, 2003)

Please use the web page to register online at: http://www.ils.unc.edu/DCHP/ or for registration questions, contact:
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2.2. Texas Woman’s University (US)

Under the direction of Jeffrey Huber, the School of Library and Information Studies at Texas Woman’s University has received an Access to Electronic Health Information Grant award from the National Library of Medicine. This is a collaborative project
 involving Texas Woman's University, Houston Academy of Medicine-Texas Medical Center Library, and Camp For All. Camp For All provides barrier free camping experiences for children and adults with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Funds from the award will be used to place Internet-connected workstations in the health center located in the main lodge of the Camp For All 206 acre camp facility. Project staff will also provide training for Camp For All staff regarding use of electronic health information resources. The project will allow Camp For All staff to make better informed health care decisions for Camp For All campers.

For more information, contact Jeffrey Huber at jhuber@twu.edu

2.3. Kent State University (US)

Kent State University has received $2 million in federal funds for a new library education project as part of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2003 signed into law by U.S. President George W. Bush. The library project – creation of the Institute for Library and Information Literacy Education is being coordinated by three university partners including the School of Library and Information Science, the College and Graduate School of Education, and Libraries and Media Services.

The Institute will provide leadership in developing coordinated collaboration among K-12 teachers and library and media specialists who are concerned with advancing library and information literacy in the school curriculum. The idea for the Institute originated with the White House Conference on School Libraries in which Regula participated. He concluded that a national model for collaboration between teachers and librarians is crucial to the successful integration of library and information literacy into the classroom. As a result, students learn to use library resources more effectively and are able to deal with changing forms of electronic communication and information access technologies.

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