

LAUC-SD Research & Professional Development Committee

Annual Report, 2023-2024

Submitted by Crystal Goldman, Chair

** COVID-19 was declared a global pandemic in March 2020 and is still on-going through this report period. Remote work impacted the R&PD activities and budget during this LAUC-SD year.*

Membership

- Crystal Goldman, Chair (2023-2024) Member (2020-2023)
- Heather Briston, Statewide Representative (2023-2024) Member (2022-2024)
- Aislinn Sotelo (2021-2024)
- Zemirah Ngow (2023-2025)
- Allegra Swift (2023-2025)
- Farshad Sonboldel (2023-2025)

Budget

Task 2 Allocation (Programs & Professional Development)

The R&PD budget consisted of a total allocation of \$11,750 for the year. The funds are split between Programs & Professional Development (Task 2) at \$6,750 and Research & Projects (Task 4) at \$5,000 and disbursed accordingly from the total balance. Please note that these task numbers change depending on whether the fiscal year is odd (next year) or even (this year).

This year R&PD incurred eight expenses related to Programs & Professional Development: a speaker honorarium, hotel and travel expenses for a speaker, reserved parking for speakers, catering for three events, registration for Library Juice Academy classes, and the annual supplemental professional development funding.

This year there were a total of 27 responses for the supplemental professional development funding with a total of \$2,700 in additional professional development funds disbursed.

Description	Expense
Task 2 Expenses	
Catering for Jan Brase and Timo Henne talk	\$559.00
Reserved Parking for Jan Brase and Timo Henne	\$48.00
Catering for Robert Montoya talk	\$236.00
Hotel + transportation for Robert Montoya	\$386.10
Reserved Parking for Robert Montoya	\$24.00
Catering for Librarian Speaker Series event	\$219.00

Library Juice Academy classes	\$1,125.00
LAUC \$100 supplement	\$2,700.00
Total Expenses	\$5,297.10

Task 4 Allocation (Research & Projects):

The committee received two research and presentation grant proposals requesting funds for \$1,000 and \$1,083.00. The grant proposals were approved and the funds were awarded to the applicants from the Research & Projects Task 4 allocation.

Description	Expense
Task 4 Expenses	
LAUC-SD research grant award	\$1,000.00
LAUC-SD presentation grant award	\$1,083.00
Total Expenses	\$2,083.00
Remaining Task 2 & 4 Year End Balance	\$4,369.90

The total remaining year-end balance from the LAUC-SD R&PD Project and Tasks budget is \$4,369.90.

Grants

The committee received two grant proposals this year. The proposals were reviewed and approved for funding. Research and presentation grant funds were disbursed to support the following projects:

- McGuinness, Sue. "A Disciplinary Model for Collective Impact and Equitable Delivery of Library Research Services." Funded \$1,000.00.
- Work, Amy. "An agile approach to managing a Data & GIS Lab." Presenter at the Western Association of Map Librarians Conference, Albuquerque, NM, September 2024. Funded \$1,083.00.

The final reports for the grant funded projects are provided by the awarded recipient and posted on the R&PD committee website when the research project is completed.

Programming

Presentations

The committee hosted a number of hybrid and in-person events this year for the professional development of LAUC-SD Librarians.

- *UC San Diego Library and Göttingen State and University Library: Update on a Long-Term Collaboration* with Jan Brase and Timo Henne, March 27, 2024 (In person) - 32 attendees

- *The Urgency of Librarianship and the Liberatory Capacity of Publishing* with Robert Montoya, April 18, 2024 (In person) - 22 attendees
- *LAUC-SD Librarian Speaker Series*, April 23, 2024 (Hybrid) - 31 attendees
 - Zemirah Ngow and Laura Schwartz, *Collaboration in Cost-Sharing: Establishing Good Foundations for Long-Term Partnerships*.
 - Sue McGuinness, *Team Building Through Change: Tools and Strategies for Getting Past the Groan Zone*.
 - Sibyl Schaefer, *It's the End of the World as We Know It (and Your Data May Not Be Fine)*

Professional Development

Writers Retreats

Following the success of past years' Summer and Winter writing retreats, R&PD offered newly expanded retreats which spanned the entire year. These retreats offer a low-key, supportive environment where all projects are welcome, from LibGuide refreshes to improving internal documentation to article writing, etc.

Weekly virtual writing sessions lasting 2 hours each were offered every quarter:

- R&PD Fall Writers Retreat
 - 10 writing sessions moderated by committee member Crystal Goldman were offered mid October - mid December 2023.
 - 9 LAUC members participated in the Fall retreat.
- R&PD Winter Writers Retreat
 - 10 writing sessions moderated by committee member Crystal Goldman were offered mid January - mid March 2024.
 - 11 LAUC members participated in the Winter retreat.
- R&PD Spring Writers Retreat
 - 10 writing sessions moderated by committee members Crystal Goldman, Zemirah Ngow, Allegra Swift, and Aislinn Sotelo were offered mid April - mid June 2024.
 - 13 LAUC members participated in the Spring retreat.
- R&PD Summer Writers Retreat
 - 6 writing sessions moderated by committee member Crystal Goldman were offered mid August - mid September 2024.
 - 10 LAUC members participated in the Summer retreat.

Library Juice classes

LAUC-SD R&PD sponsored three sessions of Library Juice class enrollment during Summer 2024, for a total of five course offerings. Four LAUC members enrolled in a total of four classes.

July 1- July 28 session:

- Trauma Informed Librarianship

July 1 – August 11 session:

- Service Design: Towards a Holistic Assessment of Library Services

August 5 – September 1 session:

- Library Resources and Services for Patrons on the Autism Spectrum
- Critical Reflective Practice for Information Professionals
- Introduction to Open Educational Resources (OER)

Other Activity

Preparations for the coming year

- Aislinn Sotelo and Heather Briston will be rolling off the committee this year, and all other members of the committee have committed to continued membership.
 - Crystal Goldman has volunteered to serve another year as Chair.
 - Heather Briston will be taking on the role of Statewide LAUC Vice President/President-Elect, which means she will chair the Statewide R&PD Committee and cannot continue as our local representative to that committee. Farshad Sonboldel has volunteered to step in as the new statewide representative.
- The committee is also in the process of planning a conference roundup event in collaboration with LAUC-SD Mentoring and LDIC.
- The committee has kept an ongoing list in the meeting minutes of potential programming ideas to further develop in the upcoming year.
- Next year, we are focusing on hybrid and in-person events to help foster engagement among our librarian colleagues.