

Changing the Way Libraries Do Business

VALE User's Conference, Friday, January 7, 2000*
Scholarly Communications Center,
Alexander Library, Rutgers University

- 9:00 – 10:00 Registration / Coffee
- 10:00 Welcome
Keynote Address – David Majka, Robert Morris College – His provocative article “Of Portals, Publishers and Privatization” appears in the October, 1999 issue of *American Libraries*.
- 10:45 – 11:15 Reactions from Jack Livingstone, New Jersey State Librarian, and John Gaboury, William Paterson University and Executive Director of VALE, on how this fits with their visions for NJ statewide cooperative ventures.
- 11:30 – 12:15 Breakout sessions
- a. Selecting VALE databases: process and criteria used; experiences with/pitfalls of vendor negotiations; bring your suggestions – Judith Hunt, Montclair State University and chair, VALE Electronic Resources Subcommittee, will moderate.
 - b. BI/how does use of VALE resources change the librarian's instructional role? Jane Crocker, Gloucester County College, will moderate.
 - c. Assessment/Usage statistics / Changing the way we measure our success – Paul Rigby, Atlantic Cape Community College, and Brother Paul Chervenik, College of St. Elizabeth, co-chairs, VALE Assessment Subcommittee
 - d. Learning to use VALE resources effectively: What works for you? How can we help? – Barbara Simpson, Kean University and chair, VALE Training Subcommittee, will moderate.
- LUNCH Box lunches, on site
- 1:15 – 2:00 Breakout sessions
- a. Selecting VALE databases: Repeat of morning session
 - b. BI / Librarian's changing role: Repeat of morning session
 - c. Interface Update / Future Improvements / Q&A – what's working for you? – panelists include VALE Interface Subcommittee co-chairs Steve Shapiro, Montclair State University, and Fred Nesta, St. Peter's College; Dave Hoover, Rutgers; Ray Schwartz, NJIT. Bill Vincenti, Bergen Community College, will moderate.
 - d. Digitizing collections: Find out how it's going with Rowan University's unique Stewart Collection of NJ History; ask the OCLC experts about SiteSearch 4.1. Greg Potter, Rowan University, will moderate.
- 2:15 – 3:00 Wrap Up – Marianne Gaunt, Chair, VALE Steering Committee
Summaries from each break out session and concluding remarks.
- 3:00 Adjournment

*Contingency date in case of inclement weather: January 10.