Good rainy morning, Doug, Linda, Anne, Cynthia, and John!

Last Friday, at our first OLSSI steering committee meeting since the July conference, we reviewed the participants comments and evaluations of the classes, instructors, and the venue itself. I thought you might appreciate receiving feedback regarding your round table discussion. The conference participants were asked to rate each topic and instructor from 1 (worst) to 5 (highest rating). Although we realize we can’t please everyone, your session was obviously thought-provoking and appreciated, from the responses received.

I’m so disappointed I had to miss the conference due to my not being released from a federal court jury trial that went on much longer than expected. Thanks again for your enthusiastic participation, and we hope your experience with us was as positive as ours was with you.

Sincerely,
Susan
OLSSI Chair

Changes in the Library Affecting Support Staff (Doug Morrison, OLSSI, OSU; John Burke, Miami University Middletown; Cynthia Klinck, Washington-Centerville Public Library; Anne Ahate, SWON Libraries; Linda Pierro, Finger Lakes Library System)

Avg for class: 4.13, presenters: 4.47
• Most of the instructors were very lively and held my attention.
• All panel very knowledgeable and a joy to listen to also. Very open for questions and able to answer completely. Knowledge is important and is power and I feel both were gained through the round table.
• I wish the round table discussion on changes in the Library would have been longer to allow for more questions/discussion.
• Boring!
• Excellent Presenters – wanted more depth from each one; not enough time for all four to go deeper.
• Would have liked to have a separate class given by each presenter. Each discussed interesting topics that I would like to have covered in greater depth. This is what I came for.
• Thought-provoking session.
• Well done.
• Presenters were very well-prepared and good public speakers. Format was appropriate, but topics were too similar. If choosing a central theme for next year’s forum, consider a panel with different viewpoints or specialties to stimulate thought and discussion.
• Interesting people. Comments not specific enough. Vague & unhelpful format not allowing each person enough time to develop their themes beyond generalizations.
• Anne – I would give a 5. The rest a 3 or 4. They were vague. I would have liked more specifics, but I suppose the time was short. Maybe fewer presenters.
• Appreciated all of their comments.
• Super presenters! Please make this a regular session, not optional, in the future so more will attend & get the considerable benefit from it.
• This could be extended easily. I would like to see more about professional certificate or licensing initiatives. Standards
are needed, and career progression needs clarity.
- Very interesting.
- Doug is tops. The whole panel was so good! I learned a lot.

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"Lasting change is a series of compromises. And compromise is all right, as long your values don't change."
--- Jane Goodall