

REMA Meeting Minutes
10/20/04

- Introductions of REMA board members and Carol Kuhlthau, guest speaker.
- Attendees were encouraged to formally join REMA, subscribe to the ed-media listserv and join EMA-NJ. All were reminded to sign up for the EMA-NJ conference in December. Registration deadline is 10/31/04.
- The recent EMA-NJ meeting was discussed.
 - Certification guidelines are currently under review and should be passed in November.
 - EMA will be changing their name to the NJ Association of School Libraries
 - Free copies of “Bookmark” EMA’s monthly newsletter were available. REMA is featured in the Oct. issue.
- Next REMA meeting will be 11/17/04. Ross Todd and two speakers on Teacher-Librarian Cooperation are scheduled.
- Featured Guest: Professor Carol Kuhlthau, Rutgers University Ed. Media Director.
- Dr. Kuhlthau discussed the history of the ed. media program at Rutgers, and its prominent reputation within the field. She and Dr. Kaye Vandergrift were hired by the University to oversee the program, since Dr. Vandergrift’s retirement, the department has been actively seeking a replacement for her.
- A brief overview of her foundation CISSL (Center for International Scholarship in School Libraries) and its purpose were discussed. CISSL’s purpose is to develop the research that supports schools libraries and the effective impact on learning.

- CISSL is currently in negotiations to start a Masters Scholarship for a Rutgers student specializing in Ed. Media.
- Making the most of the Ed. Media Program:

The Ed. Media program is designed to be fully integrated into the whole MLIS program

Rutgers program is one which produces leaders within the field of Ed. Media. The incorporation of the information science component within the curriculum is becoming more important.

- Field experience is critical for the understanding of how all the coursework we have studied can be applied within the field. Field experience hours can be split between grade levels if you are looking for experience in more than one format. (High School and Elementary School work is very different but equally valuable)
- In a discussion of the one elective course available to Ed. Media specialist the following were suggested:
 - *Think about your personal interests.
 - *Consider more technology expertise.
 - *If you are considering public librarianship it may pay to take Children's and Youth Services.
 - *If offered, take a course to expand literature expertise.
 - *Outreach services has benefit, especially if interested in learning grant-writing skills.
 - *If considering higher education, Research Methods with Prof. O'Connor may be good.
- It is important to use advisement services as a tool. Ask about which professors are especially helpful and knowledgeable in certain courses.

Please be in touch with Dr's Kuhlthau and Todd regarding mapping out a route for your courses. Keeping this in a timely and effective manner will help your progression.

- At the present time, emergency certification is only available with the promise of employment. Employment for Rutgers graduates is good, as they are highly desirable candidates for Ed. Media positions.
- The network of people students are exposed to while in their course of study at RU are many that will be with you throughout your career. Don't be afraid to contact them and ask for advice when starting out.
- Once you are working, if after three years in a school situation, you feel that the environment is not supportive to what you are trying to accomplish, perhaps seeking a change would be a good idea.
- Professional affiliations are a good idea. Look to EMA, AASL and ALA.
- Several regional library consortiums have opened their workshops to students, some at a discounted rate. They have a lot of great information.

Meeting was adjourned.