

CARLDIG-South Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

[Zoom Link](#)

Friday, March 28

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Meeting Start/End: 2:08pm - 3:02pm

Attendees: Hannah Cole, Lyric Ripley, Katie Burns, Katie Perry, Christine Juedes, Arantes Armendariz, Dorothy (?), Danielle Noble

Agenda

1. Announcements
2. Approval of minutes from [01/31/2025](#)
 - a. Katie Burns moved to approve
 - b. Katie Perry seconded
3. Updates from Steering Committee
4. CARLDIG-S 2025 Planning
 - a. Vote on a theme
 - i. “Librarians & AI: an unlikely partnership” - Practical AI application in the library / instruction / working with students/faculty
 - ii. “Navigating Information and Overload in Our Modern Chaos” - Information Overload and Information accessibility (what is available and how to navigate that information)
 1. may include AI, but will be expanded beyond AI.
 - iii. Additional themes - None
 - iv. Voting within chat and use majority rules
 1. “Librarians & AI” = 1 vote
 2. “Navigating Information and Overload in Our Modern Chaos” = 6 votes
 - b. Date
 - i. Potential Date: December 5, 2025
 - ii. Discussed changing the date moving forward - add to post-conference survey?
 1. Seems overall agreement is to keep the date as is and do a post-conference survey about moving the date.
 - c. Location
 - i. Ideas → Katie Burns will ask around. Kelly recommended looking around in Oceanside as a more “halfway” point.

- ii. San Diego Public Library Mary Hollis Clark Conference Center.
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/reserve-room/mary-hollis-clark-conference-center>
 - iii. Community Room - Carmel Mountain Ranch - 4 hour max is a negative -
<https://sandiego.librarymarket.com/reserve-room/community-room-carmel-mountain-ranch>
 - iv. MiraCosta Community College - Katie will look into this -
<https://www.miracosta.edu/administrative/facilities/facilities-rental-use.html>; <https://www.facilitron.com/mcco92056> ;
<https://facilities.facilitron.com/63347911f4387b0092913b2a>
 - 1. They have a “Little Theater” but the seating doesn’t appear to be size-inclusive
 - 2. They also have a Community center that might be better -
<https://facilities.facilitron.com/63347911f4387b0092913b2a>
 - v. Katie Burns will look into CSU San Marcos as well as Saddleback
 - 1. CSU San Marcos -
<https://biblio.csusm.edu/content/rooms-university-library>
 - vi. Danielle Noble offered to look into CSU Monterey Bay where she works, but it’s too far for OC folks and definitely for San Diego folks
 - vii. Katie Burns also recommended Vista San Diego County Branch -
<https://sdcl.libcal.com/space/103412>
 - viii. Dorothy will reach out to MiraCosta Community College
 - ix. What to ask:
 - 1. What technology is available? Is it set up for virtual conferences?
 - 2. Costs associated with rental. Is there a discount for non-profits?
 - 3. Is outside food and drink permitted, if so, is there an additional cost?
 - 4. Is there WiFi available to folks?
 - 5. Is there parking available to attendees?
 - 6. Is there a time limit to the programming?
 - 7. Room rental policies on cancellation, etc.
 - 8. Room capacity? (we plan for about 40)
 - x. Deadline for Calls → 2 weeks → Hannah will send out an email in 2 weeks to ask for updates.
- d. Program Flyer Volunteers
- i. Go ahead and send out a “save the date” flier without a location. Date, theme, and that more information will come later.

- ii. Kelly will do this. Send out via email to the steering committee for approval.

5. Additional Programs

a. Field Trips

b. Student/new librarian Q&A

- i. Virtual event for this was done year before last. Very low attendance.
- ii. Dorothy asked for more information on this Q&A
 - 1. Goals - outreach for CARL, Formal mentorship opportunities.
 - 2. Dorothy recommended maybe using the fall event to promote this Q&A
 - a. Hannah recommends starting with this on the date of the event.
 - b. Kelly recommended adding 30 mins to the conference to allow for more discussion time.
 - c. Hannah recommended an informal buddy program for the conference. (In-person only)
 - i. Christine Juedes strongly agrees with this.
 - d. Will definitely do an icebreaker again.
- iii. Katie Burns agrees this is great for the conference, but wants to also push this as an individual event. Perhaps we could do something in September as a way to support CARLDIG
 - 1. Have we done anything with other CARL subgroups?
 - 2. Lyric - sent out invites to chairs of LIS programs (with no responses), sent via listservs,
- iv. Christine Juedes → broad audience of librarians outside of just Reference.
- v. Hannah Cole - Maybe reach out to English departments as it's a possible segue into Librarianship.
- vi. Katie Burns will lead the creating a MLIS Student/New Librarian Panel Discussion. Hannah will assist.

c. Other events

- i. Example → Academic Article Club attempted but had low attendance so was closed
- ii. Katie Burns → Maybe try something after initial outreach attempts

6. CARL Interest Group was supposed to meet recently, but was cancelled.

7. CARL Budget
 - a. IG event budget: \$500

8. Upcoming Meetings
 - a. Friday May 30th - hopefully have a finalized location, will go into call for proposals, plans for
 - b. Friday July 25th
 - c. Friday September 26th
 - d. Friday November 21st

9. Open Discussion: The political climate in recent years has become increasingly hostile towards librarians and libraries, in particular public libraries. Reference librarians are often the public facing arm of the library. Has this changing landscape impacted your work? How can we support our public library colleagues through our work with college students and faculty?
 - a. Move to the next meeting?

Adjournment: 3:02 pm