

**SCAMeL Librarian Exchange  
Professional Development Program**

**UAMS Library and LSU Health Shreveport Library**

This exchange was a two-way visit held at the UAMS campus in Little Rock and the LSU Health Shreveport campus. Below is Shreveport's visit report and site report.

**Visiting Librarians' Report**

**Name, title, institution of visitors:**

LSU Health Shreveport, Health Sciences Library  
Mararia Adams, Assistant Director/Head, Systems  
Dixie Jones, Interim Director  
Donna Timm, Head, User Education and Outreach  
Deidra Woodson, Metadata and Digitization Librarian

**Institution visited:** University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Library, Little Rock, AR

**Hosts:** Mary Ryan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Services  
Jon Goodell, Web Services Librarian

**Dates visited:** June 21-22, 2012

**Goals for visit:** to learn about UAMS Library's outreach program, its support for the NIH Public Access Policy and role in campus compliance, encouraging faculty to participate in open access publishing, systems/technology, Learning Resource Center, Teaching Resource Center, videoconferencing facility, involvement in campus committees including hospital committees and the Arts Advisory Council, and use of AAHSL charts for benchmarking.

**Itinerary:**

June 21

12:00 pm	Arrive at UAMS
12:15 pm	Lunch with UAMS librarians
1:00 pm	Tours of campus and library with Mary Ryan
1:30 pm	History of Medicine and 24/7 student study area meetings
3:00 pm	Outreach, support for the NIH Public Access Policy and campus compliance, open access, systems, assessment and benchmarking meetings
5:30 pm	Working dinner with UAMS librarians

June 22

8:00 am	Arrive at UAMS/breakfast meeting
9:00 am	Learning Resource Center and software, Teaching Resource Center and services offered, videoconferencing facility, review of campus committees and librarian involvement

11:30 am      Lunch  
12:30 pm      Depart

**Goals Met or Not Met by Visit:** Goals of the Shreveport visit to the UAMS campus were met.

**Lessons Learned:** The Shreveport librarians learned about library furniture, software, management and budgeting tools, campus participation, digitization equipment, and proactive roles in public access compliance and open access. It was very productive to have a firsthand look at how another library handles various tasks and issues. The Shreveport group came away with some new ideas to implement and knowledge about educational products to purchase.

**Suggestions for Improvement:**  
None

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### Site Report

**Name, title, institution of host site coordinator:**

Dixie Jones, Interim Director, LSU Health Shreveport Health Sciences Library

**Names of visiting librarians and dates of visit:**

Debra Boddington, Liaison & Education Librarian  
Suzanne Easley, Archivist & LRC Night Floor Manager  
Jon Goodell, Web Services Librarian

**Estimated number of hours to prepare for visit:**

Time wasn't tracked so the estimate could be quite inaccurate! Estimated time spent in preparation as the host site was probably four to six hours—consulting local staff, communicating with visiting staff about topics and provision of directional information, and preparing for meal functions.

**New or different perspective for the library management and staff:**

Even though only four staff members were visitors to the UAMS Library, all the Shreveport library faculty had the opportunity to talk with the three UAMS visitors. The exchange was a mutual one, and local staff learned from the visitors, in addition to explaining and showing how things are done locally.

**Hosting another exchange:**

This library would be willing to host another exchange visit.

**Suggestions for improvement:** none. Thanks to SCAMeL for this opportunity and we recommend that this worthwhile program be continued.