

SCAMeL Librarian Exchange Professional Development Program
Final Report

VISITING LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

VISITOR

Wesley Lucas, MLIS
Reference Librarian
LSUHSC-NO School of Dentistry Library

INSTITUTION VISITED

University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Library, Little Rock, AR
June 1, 2016

GOALS FOR VISIT

My goals included learning about their educational services, instructional spaces, collaborative projects, and community outreach efforts through touring the Student Services Center, the Active Learning Center, Historical Research Center, and the "Red Room" video production space.

PLANNED ITINERARY

8:00am-9:00am Tour of UAMS Library and Historical Research Center
9:00am-10:00am Sit in on Management Team meeting
10:00am-11:00am Presentation and discussion of LSUHSC-NO Libraries
11:00am-12:30pm Tour Active Learning Center, Student Success Center, and Video Room
12:30pm-2:00pm Lunch with librarians
2:00pm-5:00pm Tour of archives in downtown Little Rock
5:30pm-7:00pm Dinner with librarians

GOALS ACHIEVED

I was able to meet and exceed all of the goals I set for this visit. Not only did I learn a great deal while checking off everything on my list, I was also able to observe a management meeting that gave insight into operational strategies, and tour other Little Rock institutions that gave more perspective on the overarching goals and successes of libraries and archives. In addition, I was able to share about my own institution with the other librarians at UAMS so we could compare experiences.

LESSONS LEARNED

I learned a lot about services to students and faculty, outreach for academic and public communities, the organization and utilization of interactive educational spaces, and the practical management and operation of another medical library and archives. I also learned about the connections that can be made when doing professional development activities. Meeting, discussing work, and socializing with other librarians definitely benefited my development as a growing professional.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

The traveling logistics and professional goals of the visit were all met and exceeded, so I have no suggestions for improvement.

SITE REPORT

HOST SITE COORDINATOR

Wesley Lucas, MLIS
Reference Librarian
LSUHSC-NO School of Dentistry Library

VISITING LIBRARIAN

Tim Nutt, CA, MLIS
Director of the Historical Research Center
UAMS Library
July 12, 2016

PREPARATION TIME

I spent several hours collectively over several weeks making contacts, setting up meetings, organizing the itinerary, and emailing with Tim and our librarians to prepare for his visit. There's no way to be certain about the actual time spent preparing, but I will estimate 4-6 hours spread out over a month.

HOST LIBRARY PERSPECTIVE

Given Tim's expertise in archives and special collections, along with our libraries' limited resources for archives and special collections, it was very enlightening to discuss those topics with him. We were able to share and compare our experiences, and he provided many helpful insights. We also shared experiences in a health sciences library, as an everyday work place and as an overall career.

HOST ANOTHER?

Yes!

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Everything went well, so I have no suggestions for improvement.