



LOEX 2008 Call for Proposals

36th Annual LOEX Conference
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Doubletree Chicago-Oakbrook Hotel
Oak Brook, Illinois
(In Chicago's western suburbs)

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Deadline to submit proposals: Friday, November 16, 2007

The Illinois LOEX Committee invites you to submit proposals to be considered for presentation at the 36th Annual LOEX Conference. The 2008 conference theme, *Librarian as Architect: Planning, Building & Renewing*, explores the meaningful building of supportive information literacy learning environments and experiences in instruction.

Presenters are encouraged to think creatively about the theme. Proposals should provide active engagement of participants, model best practice, provide useful information, skills, or ideas or include effective and innovative practices and collaborative approaches. Successful proposals reflect elements of the six themes.

- *Assessing Needs & Outcomes* includes assessing user needs, assessing student learning, assessing information literacy initiatives, peer assessment, and evaluating teaching or instructional tools.
- *Breaking Ground* includes comprehensive planning or implementation of cutting edge innovation, technology, or emerging trends in all aspects of information literacy and instruction.
- *Building Relationships* focuses on innovative approaches to collaboration on or off campus and the development of new communities or increased diversity.
- *Laying the Foundation* refreshes thinking about fundamental aspects of information literacy and instruction, including the pedagogy of teaching, the instructional design process, core curriculum initiatives, ethics, and the relationship between information literacy and intellectual property.
- *Creating Learning Spaces* stresses new uses for old spaces, showcases new spaces and explores using virtual spaces.
- *Cutting the Ribbon* includes creative ways to deploy new technologies, promote new programs, integrate new initiatives with existing programs, and renew ongoing programs.

Proposal Timeline

Nov. 16, 2007	Deadline to submit proposals
Jan. 11, 2008	Notification of acceptance of proposals
April 25, 2008	Deadline for breakout session presenters to submit of full papers (up to 3000 words) for inclusion in the LOEX Conference Proceedings
June 2, 2008	Deadline for interactive workshop presenters to submit of full papers (up to 3000 words) for inclusion in the LOEX Conference Proceedings

Session Types

Three types of proposals will be accepted.

- *Breakout session:* A 60-minute session that includes time for a 45-minute presentation and 10-15 minutes of question and answer. These sessions are the core of the conference program. Most feature a successful program, practice or key issue related to instruction or information literacy. Breakout sessions are intended for an audience typically of 50-70 people. Presenters should include in the proposal description the topic and an outline of the presentation.
- *Interactive workshop:* A 60-minute session where the presenter facilitates a learning environment in which attendees develop teaching and or research techniques. Presenters are expected to facilitate a well-planned and interactive workshop. Although the exact number of participants won't be known until the session takes place, estimates based on room size and interest surveys will be provided to the presenters before the conference. Proposals should include a description of the topic and details on how the presenter will make this session a "hands-on" experience for attendees.
- *Poster session:* Library students will be invited to propose poster sessions. Details about proposing poster sessions are posted separately.

Submission Information

Deadline for proposal submission is Friday, November 16, 2007. Proposals must be submitted through the online submission form available at <http://www.loexconference.org/2008/proposals.htm>.

The primary contact on the proposal will be notified that the proposal has been received by Friday, Nov. 23, 2007. The primary contact on the proposal will be notified if the proposal has been accepted for presentation by Friday, January 11, 2008.

If your proposal is accepted, then up to three presenters will be automatically registered for the conference, and required to pay registration in full by March 17, 2008. Note: Failure to pay the registration fee will result in the cancellation of your presentation and conference registration. All presenters are responsible for paying their own travel and lodging expenses.

Proposal Selection Criteria

In addition to criteria listed under the session type descriptions, the following will be considered:

- Relevance and importance of the topic to instruction and information literacy across institutional types
- Methods used to engage the audience
- Originality of the topic
- Overall standing among similar proposals
- New presenters to LOEX will be given special consideration

Presenter Benefits

The solid reputation of the LOEX Conference ensures that presenters benefit as much as their audience. Presenters can expect to:

- Contribute to the field of library instruction and information literacy
- Receive professional recognition at the conference
- Be invited to publish a full paper on the presentation topic in the LOEX Conference Proceedings
- Obtain valuable feedback from colleagues
- Receive automatic registration for up to three presenters at the LOEX conference