



LOEX 2008 Call for Poster Session Proposals

36th Annual LOEX Conference
May 1-3, 2008
Doubletree Chicago-Oakbrook Hotel
Oak Brook, Illinois
(In Chicago's western suburbs)

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Deadline to submit poster proposals: Friday, January 25, 2008

The Illinois LOEX Committee invites graduate students in library and information science programs to submit proposals to host a poster session 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.

Poster sessions visually convey research in the areas of instruction and information literacy. They take the form of an exhibit and should include brief narratives, data, and graphics that quickly summarize the student's research. Computer displays, handouts, directions to websites and other materials can also be incorporated into the exhibit. Presenters will be expected to informally discuss their presentations with conference attendees by making brief remarks, sharing information, and answering questions about the topic. Proposals for poster sessions will be limited to graduate students currently enrolled in library and information science programs.

A poster session for the 2008 LOEX Conference should address one (or more) of the following 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

Deadline to submit poster session proposals	January 25, 2008
Notification of acceptance of poster sessions	February 6, 2008
LOEX 2008 Conference	May 1-3, 2008
Poster session presentations	May 2, 2008, 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Submission Information

Deadline for proposal submission is Friday, January 25, 2008. Proposals must be submitted through the online submission form.

Poster session proposal submitters will be notified if the proposal has been accepted for presentation by Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

If your proposal is accepted, then you will be automatically registered for the conference, and required to pay the student poster session registration amount (\$95) by March 17, 2008. Note: Failure to pay the registration fee will result in the cancellation of your poster session and conference registration. All presenters, including poster session presenters, are responsible for paying their own travel and lodging expenses.

Poster Presentation Format

- Exhibits should include pictures, narratives, data, and graphics on topics related to instruction and information literacy.
- Computer displays, handouts, and directions to websites are also encouraged. Power outlets may not be available in the poster session display area. If you use a laptop computer, you should plan to use your battery.
- The conference committee will provide each poster session with a 36" x 48" trifold presentation board. The trifold board will be available at the conference hotel beginning Thursday, May 1, 2008. Photocopying, markers and tape will be at the presenters' expense.
- Poster session presenters will be expected to informally discuss their presentations and answer questions on Friday, May 2, 2008, at 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Proposal Selection Criteria

In addition to criteria listed under the session description, 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

Presenter Benefits

- Eligible for the student poster session registration fee (\$95)
- Contribute to the field of library instruction and information literacy
- Develop excellent experience to include on a resume
- Obtain valuable feedback from colleagues
- Receive automatic registration at the LOEX conference