

Faculty Professional Development Report on Previously Funded Professional Enhancement
Grant to attend and present at the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media April 21-24,
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Professional Enhancement Opportunity

I requested support to attend and participate in the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media Annual Conference on April 21-24 in Rogers, AR. I presented two programs at the conference that were well attended dealing with Current Grant Writing Opportunities and Extending the Summer Reading Program into the School Year using the Charlie May Simon and Arkansas Diamond Reading List Books. I was also able to attend general meetings, break-out sessions by others, and exhibits that were spectacular.

Review of the Professional Enhancement Opportunity

The conference was well attended with over 600 participants. I have been able to use materials gathered from the conference in the web LBMD 6013 Reference Materials in the School Library Media Center, EDMD 6233 Administration of Media Services, LBMD 6003 Selection of Instructional Materials, and LBMD 6033 The Instructional Role of the School Library Media Specialist. Information gathered from sessions I attended has also been useful in classes taught during the summer and fall.

Summary

Arkansas Tech's Master of Education in Instructional Technology was just recently nationally recognized by the American Library Association/American Association of School Librarians/National Council of Teacher Education Specialty Program Area review process. Knowledge gained at this annual conference and others is valuable to me as the author of the SPA report in keeping current with research and current practice in the field.