CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AT MILNER LIBRARY

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PCPAC: Libraries at the Crossroads: Programming for Civic Engagement
Campus
Residential comprehensive university

Began as a teacher’s college

Nearly 19K Undergrad FTE

CE is 1 of 5 core values in campus strategic plan
American Democracy Project

- Political Engagement Project
- Civic Engagement Minor
- Chicago Teacher Education Program
- Engaged Campus
- Voter Registration
- Service Learning
- Social Issues Fair
- Candidate Debates
- CE/Leadership Camp for HS speech students
- Professional Development Grants for Faculty
- Panels / Talks
• Voter registration

• Collection development

• Information Literacy instruction

• *Thoughts on Democracy* exhibit

• Working with local CE organization
Living Democracy Project of B-N

- Community group located in Bloomington-Normal, IL started in early 2000’s
- Received Deliberative Democracy training
- Forums
  - End of Life – Fall 2009
  - Political Partisanship – Spring 2010
  - Illinois Budget – Fall 2010
  - Mission of Public Schools – Spring 2011
Working with LDP

• Set up the Facebook site

• Assisted with a survey of forum participants

• Organized organizational documents

• Deliberative Democracy forums
  • Librarians have acted as table facilitators and note takers
  • Librarian led research effort on information guide for one forum
  • Librarian coordinated campus site for forum
  • Librarian has assisted with training of new moderators/note takers
Deliberative Democracy Event

NIF - 21st Century Mission for Public Schools

Held at the ISU student union on April 2011

Coordinated by LDP and paid for by PEP/ADP

Two faculty members served as moderators

Local press coverage
Tentative Plans

• Teach CE methodologies to CE minors
  • Perfect info lit project
  • Interesting program – PACE at Indiana University

• Offer CE professional development workshops
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