
USTLG - University Science and Technology Librarians Group

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The University Science and Technology Librarians Group is an informal group which meets two or three times a year to discuss topics of interest to members. We use the lis-scitech <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/lists/lis-scitech.html> discussion list to foster contact and we welcome everyone who works in engineering, science or technology in a university, college or research council library in the UK. Perhaps you have been lurking on lis-scitech for years! If so, then you are very welcome to come to a meeting. The meetings are a useful way to keep in touch and to get to know colleagues from other libraries in an informal setting. We try to meet in different locations around the country so that as many people as possible have the opportunity to come.

The group has no budget, so we usually ask for volunteers from within the group to lead discussion on topics. This means that the themes of the meetings are very relevant to current practice; members might report on a specific project with which they have been involved or suggest that we discuss a topic which is concerning them at the time.

We have a web site, maintained by Katy Sidwell of Leeds University, <http://www.leeds.ac.uk/library/ustlg/> on which you can find details of all our past meetings, including presentations and meeting reports. Recent themes have included 'Access to e-resources', 'Information literacy', 'Scholarly communication', 'Science and society' and 'e-books'

EEVL, the Engineering Hub of the RDN, hosts a directory of members of USTLG at <http://www.eevl.ac.uk/ustlg/>. If you would like to be added to the directory, just send an e-mail to Linda Kerr (L.Kerr@hw.ac.uk).

Meetings are organised and chaired by Moira Bent (Moira.Bent@ncl.ac.uk) of Newcastle University, Bill Downey (downey@kingston.ac.uk) of Kingston University and Linda Davies (DaviesL10@Cardiff.ac.uk) of Cardiff University. We would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the group, come to a meeting, volunteer to speak or suggest a theme or get involved in hosting or organising a meeting.

Our next meeting will be in March or April 2005, probably at Cranfield University and will be advertised on lis-scitech in the usual way. We look forward to meeting you there!