

# **NLLN Continuing Education Scholarship Reports for 2008/2009**

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I will highlight several of the sessions that I attended. There were only two keynote sessions during the two days so that left time for many small group sessions - many choices and many opportunities to hear about a variety of initiatives in libraries.

First keynote featured the concept of library as *Information Commons* - an area in a university library centered around the concept of group activity. Area contains moveable furniture, wireless access, whiteboards on wheels, food and beverage allowed, technical and traditional library reference support, not a quiet zone, open 24 hours. We have instituted many of these ideas in our libraries, but I have ideas for some tweaking of our services.

Eric Lease Morgan of *Notre Dame* and *Infomotions, Inc.* presented lots of ideas to think about as we practice the principles of librarianship in concert with the innovations made possible by technology. He shared his "train of thoughts" concerning organizing and sharing the documents that we house in our libraries. He emphasized thinking ahead and making predictions about the tools that our users will need to use the documents that they find.

One of the breakout sessions that was of most interest to me was a presentation by staff from the Minnesota Historical Society and the Wisconsin Historical Society. Their work in digitizing images, applying metadata and making content available electronically is a definite effort to expand their reach outside their walls. I look forward to using this content with students.

Other sessions that I attended included a presentation on the use of the Kindle for loan of books, Web 2.0 tools in the classroom and the learning style of the digital native.

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