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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— The Ames Library at Illinois Wesleyan University has received an Information Literacy Best Practices Exemplary award from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

In announcing the awards, ACRL noted Illinois Wesleyan's program includes a "fully operational system of communication contributing to student learning. Equally impressive are the partnerships they have forged to integrate information literacy into the disciplines."

ACRL also noted a Mellon Foundation grant awarded to Illinois Wesleyan for integration of information literacy in the disciplines. With funding from the grant, librarians collaborated with faculty to revise entire courses and/or key assignments for meaningful integration of information of information literacy.

Illinois Wesleyan's newly adopted strategic plan also includes multiple information literacy goals, including an initiative to "enhance programs such as teaching circles and information-literacy activities to encourage collaborative faculty work."

University Librarian Karen Schmidt praised the work of Chris Sweet, Information Literacy Librarian, for his work on Illinois Wesleyan's program.

The Information Literacy Program supports Illinois Wesleyan's goal of furthering the intellectual development of the entire campus community while encouraging independent, life-long learning among its constituency. The program's objective is to facilitate through outcomes-based instruction the academic community's acquisition of the tools and education necessary to critically employ information in professional and everyday life. Through collaboration and coordination of the library, teaching faculty, University departments, and the curriculum, the program strives to develop the knowledge and progressive skills to support the scholarship and research of students and faculty.



Chris Sweet