

# University of Maryland Libraries ACADEMIC INTEGRITY INITIATIVE



## CAMPUS PARTNERS:

Center for Teaching Excellence  
Freshman Writing Program  
Graduate School  
Office of Student Conduct

Professional Writing Program  
Project NETHics  
Student Honor Council  
Writing Center

## REPORT TO CAMPUS PARTNERS: July 2007

It is time once again to update you on activities related to the Libraries Academic Integrity Initiative. The Academic Integrity Committee continues to work with many of you on collaborative projects, as well as projects within the Libraries. Some of this year's accomplishments:

- We are in the process of updating the Libraries web pages that teach students about academic integrity and provide information for faculty. Response to the pages has been uniformly positive, and they have been used as teaching tools and linked to course web pages. <http://www.lib.umd.edu/guides/honesty.html>
- RefWorks, a web-based bibliographic management tool, was purchased with funds from Student Technology Fees. It is available to all campus users. We encourage you to think about how your program can use RefWorks to encourage good research and citation practices. <http://www.lib.umd.edu/PUBSERV/refworks/index.html>
- Workshops on citing information from electronic databases that include the "why" of citation as well as the "how" were held for new ENGL 101 instructors and for Writing Center tutors.
- Outreach to K12 school library media specialists and classroom teachers included an in-service workshop for Howard County media specialists. We plan to work next with the Prince Georges County Public Schools.
- The Maryland Committee on Information Literacy, Academic Integrity and Ethical Use presented a report on PreK16 academic integrity issues to the MD Partnership for Teaching and Learning PreK16 (co-chaired by Chancellor Kirwan, State Superintendent of Schools Grasmick, and MHEC Secretary Lyons). Work on this important initiative will continue next year. The report is available at <http://www.lib.umd.edu/UES/pk16report07.pdf>

- The Libraries co-sponsored the C3 (Cyberethics, Cybersafety, and Cybersecurity) Conference in October 2006. The conference theme was academic integrity and featured a keynote speech by Don McCabe from the Center for Academic Integrity.
- Writing Center tutors are available one afternoon and one evening each week at the McKeldin Reference/Information desk. This is an extremely popular service.
- The Libraries, Office of Student Conduct and the Writing Center are exploring whether to offer a best citation practices workshop for students who have been found responsible of plagiarism violations by the Student Honor Council.

As always, we seek opportunities to collaborate with you on projects to educate our students about academic integrity. The Libraries appreciate your willingness to work collaboratively on this important initiative. Thank you!

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