CUACRL K-12 Educational Portal Task Force  
2017-18 Progress Report

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Original Charge:  
The U of Arkansas Educational Portal Task Force was charged on October 11, 2006, with “the mission of developing a shared Web site dedicated to providing information and tools to teachers K through 12 drawing from materials provided by the various colleges, departments, and programs of the University of Arkansas research universities.” The committee was further directed to:

- Identify programs and resources at each institution, wherever curriculum is developed
- Identify opportunities for partnerships with K-12 groups
- Determine how a portal should be established and monitored
- Develop a promotional plan

Report:  
The portal is available [http://uark.libguides.com/CUACRL-Portal](http://uark.libguides.com/CUACRL-Portal). Having redesigned the entire Portal, the Task Force established a procedure for soliciting, evaluating, and adding links, and divided up the responsibilities for maintaining the links among the task force members. The Task Force publicized the site with ArLA, AASL, the ERZ Renewal Zone, Arkansas State Library, the ADE, and various teacher workshops held on our university campuses. Task Force members discussed the need to evaluate the actual usage and value of the portal by surveying Arkansas teachers. A survey was created by the task force and the Educational Service Coop Directors agreed to distribute the survey to their staff via email during October 2017. The survey was distributed to an estimated 30,000 teachers. There were a total of 511 responses, and the Task Force met after this to analyze the results. Respondents came from the spectrum of schools and from across the state. A good number of the respondents indicated that they would be willing to answer follow up questions. The Task Force is currently putting final touches on identifying a sample of sixty, and how best to conduct the interviews, as well as to how to code the responses. The group will meet afterwards to study these results and consider modifying the Portal.

Kathy Anderson resigns as chair of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Anderson  
CUACRL Chair