

Teaching the Teaching Librarian

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Over 175 ALA conferees gathered at the Washington Hilton and Towers at 9:30 a.m. on June 28 to hear notable speakers address the importance of training library instructors for the information

she reported that in her own recent research she had found twenty-six library schools with classes in instruction. Nevertheless, the number is insufficient to meet the needs of future librarians.

Westbrook examined her second question historically. She argued that in the 1970s library schools gave two reasons for not teaching instruction: no one was able to teach the courses and no one would take the courses. As a rule, library school students who wished to take them were farmed out to schools of education. Today the latter reason is untenable: these cours(ishiwa)-51(e)41(e)(se)3(c)