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Dear Professor Kumaran,

I thought of you because, as the contributing author of the book *Distributed Learning: Pedagogy and Technology in Online Information Literacy Instruction* (and I greatly enjoyed reading your chapter!), you represent a very small group of experts who can uniquely support this book project.

I'm contacting you to see if you would be happy to write a short chapter for a book we're putting together: **"Teach Information Literacy with a Sense of Humor: Why (and How to) Be a Funnier and More Effective Library Instructor and Laugh All the Way to Your Classroom?"** [ISBN 978-1-925128-04-8].

While this fun-filled book once put together will answer the above what/why/how questions, you can write a short chapter (1000 - 1500 words) on any aspect of teaching information literacy/library skills with humor (e.g. practical examples, advantages, risks, fun-to-know tips and techniques etc.).

Alternatively, you can write on the "effective" part of the book: being a more effective library instructor (i.e. using the teaching strategies other than humor). If you wish, we will get your little longer chapter (2000 - 3000 words) peer-reviewed. We will also need your bio (humorous where possible, about 150 words) and a headshot/funny avatar (optional) with your draft chapter. I'd greatly appreciate if you could **please submit your chapter by the end of August, 2020**.

Once published, we will send you a complimentary copy of the electronic or paperback version of the book. **The good news is that you will be able to retain your rights to republish your chapter in any other publications or websites**, provided you cite the original reference to this book.

I hope connecting the dots ... and sharing the fun will be a nice diversion for us from the current state of things...and a reminder of what we love about teaching at a time when we need humor more than ever. Let's laugh all the way to our classroom together in this book - it will be an absolute blast going through our rolodex of fun teaching experiences!

For your information, both the past and current American Library Association (ALA) Presidents (Dean Jim Neal and Professor Wanda Brown) have kindly agreed to co-author a Foreword to this book.

I wish you well in these unprecedented Covideous times. Laugh, lead, and live!

Yours in laughter,

Kishor

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