Dear Colleagues,

I hope you have enjoyed a successful and satisfying academic year. This year has been a busy one for Chapters Council. I am looking forward to our meeting in New Orleans as a time to wrap up some ongoing projects and begin some new initiatives. Below is a snapshot of some of our major discussion items for this meeting:

- **Resolution for increased funding for ACRL Chapters:** ACRL National has funded local chapters at a rate of $1 per member since 1999, with no adjustments for inflation. This is especially problematic given today’s economic climate: in the face of reduced travel budgets, ACRL members are relying on local chapters to provide low-cost, high-quality opportunities for professional development. Rickey Best has led a committee in drafting a resolution that ties ACRL’s support for local chapters to the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI). This plan should enable ACRL to support local chapters in a manner that better keeps pace with the rising costs associated with sponsoring programs.

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- **Report from the Online Communications Committee**: Earlier this year, many of you responded to our survey of your preferences for online communications. The survey showed that there is a wide range of preferences for discussing chapter issues online. The Online Communications Committee has come up with a plan to allow you to keep up with chapter business through your favorite channel, whether that be ALA-Connect, our listserv, or Facebook. Our hope is that this strategy will encourage broad, active engagement among Chapters Council members, even those who can’t make it to our meetings at ALA Annual and Midwinter.

- **Discussion of the ACRL Presidential Candidate’s Forum**: Chapters Council is among the groups that sponsor the ACRL Presidential Candidate’s Forum each year at ALA Midwinter. Participation at the forum has declined over the past few years. ACRL must either revitalize this event or to provide alternative venues for ACRL members to get to know the candidates. Please share your ideas on how you would like to hear from the good people who are running for ACRL’s highest office.

I’ve had a great time serving as chair this past year. Thanks, everyone, for your contributions. I look forward to being a part of Chapters Council’s continued development under Rickey Best’s leadership in 2011-12.

See you in New Orleans!
Best wishes,
Mark Lenker
Chair, ACRL Chapters Council

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**Chapters Council Events at ALA Annual**

Chapters Council Meeting – Sunday, June 26, 8:00 am 10:00 am, New Orleans Marriott, Studio 9.
Join your colleagues to discuss Chapters Council initiatives, elect new officers, and chat with the national ACRL leadership. See the preliminary agenda below.

Chapters Council Work Session – Sunday, June 26, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, New Orleans Marriott, Regent.
Committees for online communication and funding, as well as any other task forces called for at our morning meeting, have a room reserved to meet as necessary.

Chapters Council Dine Around – Sunday, June 26, 6:30 pm to ???
Join your colleagues for good food and good times at Pat O’Brien’s. See the announcement below for full details.
Preliminary Agenda
ACRL Chapters Council
ALA Annual Conference
June 26, 2011, 8 am to 10 am
New Orleans Marriott – Studio 9

1. Introductions

2. Approval of minutes from the last meeting at ALA Annual – Danielle/Rickey

3. Elections for Vice Chair and Secretary (election at ALA Annual) – Rickey

4. Dine-Around – Rickey

5. Resolution to increase ACRL funding to local chapters – Rickey

6. Report from online communications committee – Mark

7. Discussion of Presidential Candidate’s Forum at Midwinter – What needs to change to get more people involved? – Mark

8. Chapters Council Work Meeting for these and other initiatives (Sunday afternoon, 4 to 5:30, New Orleans Marriott – Regent) – Mark

9. Update from ACRL leadership*

10. New business

*To accommodate the busy schedules of the ACRL presidents and executive director, we will pause to hear from them as soon as they arrive.
Join Us for the Chapter Dine Around at Pat O’Brien’s in New Orleans

On Sunday, June 26th, the Dine-Around for Chapter’s Council will begin at the famous Pat O’Brien’s, 718 St. Peter’s Street in the French Quarter. The Dine-Around will begin at 6:30 p.m. According to O’Brien’s website “at the end of prohibition in 1933, Pat O’Brien converted his speakeasy to a legitimate drinking establishment in the 600 block of St. Peter Street called, of course, Pat O’Brien’s. Business was good and the bar was always filled with neighborhood folks. There was a little upright piano in the corner for entertainment and there was always lively conversation. A few years later Pat realized that he had outgrown his little space. He and his friend Charlie Cantrell decided to become partners and buy the building at 718 St. Peter Street, the building that is now home to the world famous bar. The structures were originally built circa 1791 and became home to the first French Theater Company in New Orleans.

In the mid 1940’s, Pat O’Brien’s Bar was propelled into the public eye when the Hurricane Drink was created. At the time, there was short supply of liquor such as whiskey, bourbon and scotch. There was, however, access to rum coming up the river. Bar owners were forced to buy large quantities of rum, 50 cases or so, in order to purchase other liquors. Through trial and error, they came up with a drink that everyone loved! Pat O’Brien paired it up with a glass shaped like a Hurricane lamp and the drink was perfected!” Not to rely only upon liquid refreshments, Pat O’Brien’s also serves up New Orleans favorites such as Red Beans and Rice, Jambalaya (some of the best in the city, from personal experience), and Crawfish Etouffée, as well as other fine dishes. After a drink or two, the party may move to another of New Orleans’ fine eateries – or not!

Pat O’Brien’s Bar does not take reservations, so get there early and we’ll welcome the evening in. And if the party suffers from a bit too many Hurricanes, we can always adjourn to Café Du Monde, two blocks away for some strong coffee. We may not be any more sober, but we will be awake!

See you on the 26th!
Rickey Best, Vice Chair, Chapter’s Council
Candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

Statement of Interest: My name is Michael Mounce, and I am a Reference/Instructional Services Librarian at Delta State University in Cleveland, Mississippi. I consider it a great honor to have been nominated for the position of Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the ACRL Chapters Council and would be pleased to serve the Chapters Council in this position. Over the last several years, I have served the library profession in various leadership positions at the state and regional level, and I welcome this opportunity to serve at the national level. If elected to become the next Vice Chair/Chair Elect of the ACRL Chapters Council, I will work with the state chapters of ACRL and will ensure that their needs are communicated to the ACRL Board of Directors.

Education:
Master of Library and Information Science, University of Southern Mississippi, December 2001
Bachelor of Arts in English, Belhaven College, May 1995

Work Experience:
July 2009 – present: Reference/Instructional Services Librarian/Associate Professor, Roberts-LaForge Library, Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi
July 2002 – June 2009: Reference/Instructional Services Librarian/Assistant Professor, Roberts-LaForge Library (formerly W.B. Roberts Library), Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi
January 2002 – June 2002: Reference/Instructional Services Librarian/Instructor, W.B. Roberts Library, Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi

Professional Experience:
Experience at the State Level
Member of the Mississippi Library Association Executive Board, January 2011 – present
Chair, Mississippi Chapter of ACRL, January 2011 – present
Vice-Chair, Mississippi Chapter of ACRL, January 2010 – December 2010
Secretary/Treasurer, Mississippi Chapter of ACRL, January 2009 – December 2009
Chair, Information Literacy Committee, Mississippi Library Association, January 2008 – December 2008
Chair, New Members Round Table, Mississippi Library Association, January 2004 – December 2004

Experience at the Regional Level
Co-Chair, Reference and Adult Services Section, Southeastern Library Association, April 2011 – present
Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Southeastern Library Association, January 2009 – December 2010
Candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Danielle Whren Johnson is the Digital Access Librarian at the Loyola/Notre Dame Library in Baltimore, Maryland, which serves both the College of Notre Dame of Maryland and Loyola University Maryland.

She is the current President (soon to be Past-President) of ACRL MD and previously served as Secretary and Vice-President of the Maryland chapter. During her tenure on the Executive Committee of ACRL MD, she planned fall and spring programs and served as the ACRL MD representative on the Maryland Library Association Conference Committee. She also spearheaded efforts to increase the perception of ACRL MD as a vital organization to the Maryland academic library community. These efforts included a name change from the Academic and Research Libraries Division of the Maryland Library Association to ACRL MD in order to better reflect its association with ACRL and a membership campaign. She also sought to increase the visibility and communications of the organization through the establishment of a blog, Facebook, and Twitter accounts.

Danielle served as Secretary for the ACRL Chapters Council this past year and feels that serving as Vice-Present/President-Elect would be a natural progression. She is also involved with the Chapters Council Communications Subcommittee which is looking at ways to facilitate communication among chapters throughout the year. She believes that Chapters Council is vital link between the Chapters and ACRL and if elected, she will continue to promote the relationship between the National organization and the Chapters as well as continue to seek ways for the individual chapters to collaborate to strengthen the work that they are doing in their own states and regions.
ACRL Presidents’ Program –
Saturday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
From Idea to Innovation to Implementation: How Teams Make it Happen

We all value great ideas. Unfortunately, few ideas get beyond the lightning-bolt thought or some scribbled words. The greatest innovations across time, according to new research, emerge from teams characterized by diverse skill sets not the lone creative genius. To move our libraries into the future, we must create and sustain teams that transition great ideas to implementation. Jason Young, President of LeadSmart and author of the book Culturetopia, will share his perspectives on the importance of identifying and developing the essential factors that impact performance for any team or organization: leadership principles, management practices, alignment and employee behavior.

Pre-Conferences
Note: Pre-registration is required for all pre-conferences. Visit www.acrl.org (click on “Events & Conferences” for details).
Tuesday, June 21 – Friday, June 24, 2011, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
52nd Annual RBMS Preconference
In the Hurricane’s Eye: Challenges of Collecting in the 21st Century
Once perceived as peripheral to core library services, our collections are now viewed as central. Despite – or perhaps because of – this centrality, we face a perfect storm of increasing needs in a time of decreasing support. How can we keep building and providing effective access to collections that will remain central in the future, fulfilling our obligation to provide stewardship of the cultural record? Join us at the 52nd Annual RBMS Preconference and find out. http://rbms.info.

Friday, June 24, 2011, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Action Research: How to easily incorporate evidence-based librarianship into your professional practice
In a world that is increasingly data-driven and one in which data is easily attainable, librarians have new opportunities to both contribute to research and use evidence to improve professional practice. Understanding basic data analysis also opens up opportunities for evidence-based practice not only in libraries but also in the university at-large. This preconference will introduce librarians to action research, show free tools for collecting and analyzing data, generate ideas for individual research, and empower users to engage in action research and develop evidenced-based practices at their own institutions.
Pre-Conferences (continued)

Friday, June 24, 2011, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

It Helps to Have Presence: Strategies for Personal and Library Leadership
Every librarian can be a leader in their library, on their campus or in the community. Accomplishing it is no simple task. To become a leader it helps to have presence. This preconference is designed to help you grasp what presence is and its value in building leadership qualities. Learn how to establish your own presence across multiple dimensions of your career.

Friday, June 24, 2011, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Media Strategies for Academic, Research and College Libraries
Even in a world of Twittering and Facebook friending, mainstream media communication is an essential element for libraries seeking to position themselves as community leaders in information dissemination and research. During this interactive preconference, hone your strategic approach to media relationship building, sketch or polish a Media Plan, and build your interview skills.

Programs

ACRL 101 & Membership Meeting
8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

ACRL leaders will provide information on how academic/research librarians can navigate the ALA Annual Conference as a first-time attendee. The first 30 minutes will be a membership meeting, followed by the orientation program.

ACRL Programs at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference
ACRL will offer 21 "must see" programs at the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans! Hot topics include assessment, research, innovation, and dealing with economic and environmental disasters beginning Saturday, June 25 at 8:00 a.m. through Monday, June 27 at 5:30 p.m. Complete program information is now available on the ACRL Web site at http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/acrlac2011.cfm. Direct questions to Megan Griffin at mgriffin@ala.org.

Discussion Groups

Balancing Baby and Book: Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Topic: Meet with other parents to discuss the challenges of balancing family and professional interests.

Consumer and Family Studies: Sunday, June 26, 1:30-5:30 p.m.
Topic: Topics of current interest to librarians working in consumer and family studies.
**Discussion Groups (continued)**

**Continuing Education/Professional Development:** Sunday, June 26, 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
**Topic:** Identify and making the most of engaging and inspiring virtual training

**Copyright:** Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  

**Heads of Public Services:** Saturday, June 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m.  
**Topic:** Integrated Services: Circulation and Reference

**Information Commons:** Saturday, June 25, 10:30-12:00 p.m.  
**Topic:** current issues and trends in commons implementations

**Librarianship in For-Profit Educational Institutions:** Sunday, June 26, 10:30-12:00 p.m.  
**Topic:** Using our collective expertise and knowledge to keep the for profit library an integral part of "career" education and working together to change the perceptions of for profit libraries and librarians.

**Library and Information Science Collections:** Sunday, June 26, 8:00-10:00 a.m.  
**Topic:** Anyone responsible for LIS library collections, or interested in them is most welcome to join us. In keeping with our group tradition, please bring your own coffee, tea or other morning beverage

**Media Resources:** Sunday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**MLA International Bibliography in Academic Libraries:** Sunday, June 26, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**New Members:** Saturday, June 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
**Personnel Administrators & Staff Development Officers:** Saturday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
**Topic:** Discussion of emerging trends and best practices in human resources management for anyone with an interest in academic library personnel and staff development matters.

**Philosophical Religious and Theological Discussion Group:** Sunday, June 26, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Discussion Groups (continued)

Popular Cultures: Friday, June 24, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Topic: Join us for a discussion on what’s new in Pop Culture and Libraries. Share resources, programming ideas, practices, etc. and take home some ideas from your peers!

Scholarly Communication: Sunday, June 26, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Topic: Global trends and local actions for liaisons and teaching librarians to support changes in scholarly communication

Senior Administrators: Saturday, June 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Libraries: Monday, June 27, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Topic: discuss and share ideas and issues surrounding library services and collections geared specifically for undergraduates. There is also an opportunity to hear news and highlights from peer institutions.

e-Learning from ACRL
ACRL offers a number of online learning opportunities to meet the demands of your schedule and budget.

Visit http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm to see the full schedule of online seminars and live Webcasts.
Chapter Reports

Alabama

The Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries met April 20, in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association conference in Orange Beach, AL. Twenty-five attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner at Lester’s Restaurant and then listened to an engaging presentation on K-16 information literacy efforts in Georgia. Our speaker was Nadine Cohen, Instruction and Reference Librarian at the University of Georgia; she spoke about Georgia librarians’ efforts to coordinate information literacy across the K-16 curriculum using state and national standards. At the same meeting, chapter officers for the coming year were recognized:

President - Lori Northrup (Samford University)
President-Elect - Jennifer Long (University of Alabama at Birmingham)
Secretary - Ellen Wilson (University of South Alabama)
Treasurer - Debbie West (Troy University)
Member-at-Large - Yingqi Tang (Jacksonville State University)
Legislative Liaison - Eric Kidwell (Huntingdon College)
Newsletter Editor - Kathy Wheeler (University of South Alabama)
Webmaster - Jason Battles (University of Alabama)
Past President - Charlcie K. Pettway Vann (Jacksonville State University)

Also at the meeting, the 2011 Sue O. Medina AACRL Significant Contribution Award was presented to Glenn Anderson of the Auburn University Libraries. His nomination noted that during the last 12 years when he served as Assistant Dean for Collection Development, Mr. Anderson “successfully steered the Auburn University Libraries through a bewildering period of major change and has managed literally millions of dollars in the process to position this institution well for the twenty-first century.” Mr. Anderson retired in 2010.

Chapter plans for the coming year include developing a fall meeting/workshop on cooperative collection development, increasing membership through targeted outreach, and planning programs in conjunction with the College, University, and Special Libraries Division of ALLA for next year’s conference.

Lori Northrup
AACRL President 2011-2012
Associate Director & Chair, Collection Management/Acquisitions
Arizona

Greetings from the high country and cool pines in Arizona! Our Arizona chapter is working toward successful completion of this year’s goals. Our basic goals include improving communication and increasing professional development opportunities for our members.

As part of our communication strategy, we refreshed our CULD (College & University Libraries Division) web site. A target area is outreach to new and renewing members to encourage continuing their CULD affiliation and highlighting professional development and networking opportunities through their participation. We created an Arizona blog for increasing member interaction, networking and idea synergy. We strengthened our listserv communications by encouraging members who attend professional development opportunities to bring back items of interest and write about them to the listserv.

Our professional development efforts include a Spring Training session using GoTo Meeting software as a tool for making continuing professional development sessions available throughout the year. Our regular newsletter, @ Your Computer, continues to offer professional development opportunities including conferences, online webinars, interesting blogs, along with articles of interest and current library news. A highlight of the year is our Arizona conference, “Imagine the Future”, which will take place during November in Tucson. For the conference business meeting we are developing a panel discussion on how to break into conference presenting by offering insight from both program presenters and program selection committee members on the satisfaction and challenges of conference presentation.

Contributed by
Deb Holbrook
Arizona Chapter Representative
College and University Libraries Division, Arizona Library Association

Colorado

Colorado was busy again this spring. CoALA hosted three workshops attended by more than eight academic librarians!

The first workshop was held in Denver at Regis University. Presentations included “Videoos and Ahhs!” - Paul Betty (Regis University); “Text Reserves for Students: A Library/Bookstore Cooperative Endeavor” - Paul Jackson (Aims Community College) and “Techie Tools for Non-Techie Types” - Lyda Ellis & Andrea Falcone (University of Northern Colorado).

In February academic librarians met in Colorado Springs at Pikes Peak Community College to discuss Resource Description and Access (RDA) and the future of Technical
Services.

Presentations:
“Implementing RDA: Things to Know Before You Begin Cataloging with RDA” - Peter Rolla & Windy Lundy (CU-Boulder)
“Cliff-Hanger: How One Technical Services Unit is Addressing an Uncertain Future.” - Caroline Norton (University of Northern Colorado)

The final workshop, held in May at Auraria Library in Denver offered participants ten sessions!

Presentations
“Teaching Students by Dangling a Carrot” - Victoria West-Pawl (CSU Global)
“Creating an IL Assessment Tool and Using Blackboard “ - Larry Sheret (Western State College);
“The Colorado Law Project: Meeting the Public’s Need for Legal Information through Local Collaboration and Innovation” - Stacey Bowers, Christopher Hudson (University of Denver) & Kathleen Rainwater (Arapahoe Library District)
“Student-Created Tutorial Collections & Assessment through Video: Using Screen-Capture Technology in New Ways” - Stephanie Wiegand (University of Northern Colorado)
“Training Future Faculty Authors” - Bette Rathe & Jayati Chaudhuri (University of Northern Colorado)
“Assessment. Or, How an Administrator Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Cataloging” - Mark Kille (Naropa University) & Erica Olivier (Douglas County Libraries)
“FRBR with Strings Attached. A 2-hour Hands On Workshop “ - Peter Rolla & James Asher (CU-Boulder)
“Implementing RDA: Things to Know Before You Begin” – Peter Rolla, Windy Lundy, Wen-ying Lu, James Ascher, & Stephen Matz (CU-Boulder)

For session abstracts visit [http://www.cal-webs.org/CoALA_.html](http://www.cal-webs.org/CoALA_.html)

We’ve also just started planning for the CoALA Summit! The 1-day Summit will be held on Friday May 25, 2012 at Regis University in Denver. We expect great speakers and excellent sessions! The call for proposals will go out in January!

Contributed by Lyda Ellis, Chair of CoALA
University of Northern Colorado

Delaware Valley

With the 2011 ACRL National Conference in the neighborhood, the Delaware Valley Chapter replaced its usual spring program with a well-attended reception for members and guests during the conference at the Marriott Downtown Hotel on March 31. Another conference-related event was the chapter-sponsored (with the Pennsylvania Library Association) full-day preconference, “Not Just History Anymore: Special Collections and Primary Sources to Teach Critical Thinking,” held on Wednesday, March 30, at the Academy of the Fine Arts.

The annual business meeting was held during the reception. Election results for 2011/2012 were an-
nounced: Lizah Ismail (Marywood University), Vice President/President Elect; Sharon Neal (Alvernia University), Director-at-Large; and Susan Markley (Villanova University), re-elected Secretary. They join Jutta Seibert (Villanova University), incoming President; Rachel McMullin (West Chester University), incoming Past President; Marjorie Rathbone (St. Joseph’s University), Treasurer; and Directors-at-Large Jessica George (Millersville University) and Gina Kaiser (University of the Sciences).

Bruce Gottschall (Kutztown University) continues as Webmaster and Larissa Gordon (Arcadia University) as Legislative Liaison. Christopher Dixon (St. Joseph’s University) now serves as Archivist, and Beth Lander (Manor College) will be joining the board as Chapters Council representative.

Also announced at the business meeting was the winner of the chapter’s $1,000 graduate student stipend. The recipient, Jennifer Schnabel, is enrolled in the M.S.L.S. program at Clarion University; she is employed at the Community College of Philadelphia and is a volunteer at the Rosenbach Museum & Library, Philadelphia. Her application essay on the future of video in academic libraries will be published in the fall issue of the chapter newsletter.

Board member Gina Kaiser represented the chapter at this year’s Professional Library Association Fair, a Drexel University event which introduces library and information science graduate students to professional organizations in the area. Our participation in the event provides us with the opportunity to let students know what the chapter offers them now and in the future. Students can benefit by attending our fall and spring programs, by taking advantage of our mentoring program which matches them with academic librarians in the chapter’s service area, and by applying for the chapter’s graduate student stipend award.

The chapter’s legislative stipend was awarded to Michelle Donlin, West Chester University. Her report on her experiences at this year’s National Library Legislative Day in May will appear in an upcoming issue of the ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter Newsletter. More information about the Delaware Valley Chapter can be found at the chapter’s website at http://www.acrldvc.org/home.htm.

Contributed by
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Georgia

Members of the Academic Library Division (ALD) of the Georgia Library Association (GLA) met at the GLA Midwinter Conference on January 28, 2011 at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia. This planning conference gives the GLA, its divisions (including ALD, which is the ACRL Chapter of Georgia), and interest groups a chance to conduct general business meetings and to plan for the annual GaCOMO (Georgia Council of Media Organizations) conference, to be held October 5-7, 2011 in Athens, Georgia at the Classic Center.

Officers of the ALD were introduced: Sarah Steiner, chair; Katherine Ott, vice-chair/chair-elect; Tessa Minchew, secretary; Amy Eklund, ACRL Chapters Council representative; Lorene Flanders, past chair. Amy Eklund presented updates from the ACRL Chapters Council meeting at ALA Midwinter. Eva Lautemann, Papers Committee chair, discussed the procedures for submission for the academic paper program and encouraged ALD members to submit papers; six authors will be selected for paper presentations at GaCOMO, two awards will be given, and winning papers will have the option to be peer reviewed for publication in the Georgia Library Quarterly. A nominating committee was formed for the selection of candidates for 2012 Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary.

The remainder of the meeting centered on program planning for GaCOMO. The ALD and the Public Library Division of GLA will host a joint luncheon, with historian and author Annette Laing slated as the speaker. General discussion about ALD session programming led to many possible topics being proposed by ALD members. Ultimately, two program proposals were chosen for sponsorship, one focusing on promotion and tenure issues, and the other on “greening” libraries.

Contributed by
Amy Eklund
Georgia ACRL Chapters Council Representative

Iowa

On March 18, we held our annual spring conference on the campus of Central College in lovely Pella. Our conference theme was “The Essentials: Rethinking, Refining, Reviving.” Starting out the day was keynote speaker, Kenning Arlitsch, who spoke about how the economic times and technologies impact library services and how we need to reconsider our roles, services, collections, and building space to meet future user needs. The rest of the conference included presentations by librarians who are doing great and
exciting things for their libraries. For complete conference details, see our April newsletter (http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/newsletter/april2011) and learn what the 60 plus attendees learned.

Regular readers of the Iowa Chapter News know that Iowa academic librarians have a mischievous streak. In honor of spring coming to Iowa, some Dutch salty herring candy made its way into the little canal that runs through downtown Pella. Unfortunately, there was not enough water to set them afloat so they were placed on a remaining snow pile until it melted. The fish in the left photo were the selected candidates for release. The photo on the right shows them in their new habitat.

ILA/ACRL, in addition to our Facebook page, has a presence on Twitter (@ILAACRL) and LinkedIn Group. We are trying new ways to reach our members and potential members.

We are busy preparing for the 2011 Annual ILA Conference to be held in Council Bluffs, Iowa on October 12-14. We will sponsor sessions on library-to-library collaborations, library as place in the information economy, and a unique library collection at Seed Saver Exchange. Stay tuned for the winter Chapter Topics for more information about these sessions.

Contributed by
Kathy A. Parsons
ILA/ACRL Chapter Council Representative
Iowa State University

Kansas

The Kansas Library Association – College and University Libraries Section (KLA-CULS, the Kansas ACRL chapter), embarked on a project to further scholarly communications through open access.

How, and why, did KLA-CULS decide to produce proceedings? In the summer of 2010, CULS partnered with ACRL’s “Scholarly Communication 101: Starting with the Basics” workshop hosted by Kansas State University Libraries. Attendees received a wonderful overview of the impact and evolution of information transfer, copyright, and digital initiatives for scholarly publishing.

Shortly thereafter, CULS officers began planning for the chapter’s annual conference. Traditionally, CULS posted the files of presentations and handouts from previous conferences, so that others could benefit
from that information but the conversation from the ACRL workshop soon inspired a similar consideration of our own long-range plans. Before this year we had not tried a more formalized approach to scholarly communications.

A Proceedings Committee was formed that summer and when the call for conference proposals went out, applicants were given the option to write a paper based upon an accepted presentation proposal. Additionally, the conference also initiated a lightning-round series of Pecha Kucha sessions.

The rest of 2010 and the spring of 2011 was spent reviewing the thirteen papers submitted, providing feedback, formatting the results, and setting up the “shell” of the journal at the New Prairie Press site. Finally, all was completed and the first KLA-CULS Proceedings made its debut. Access the volume, abstracts, and papers in PDF at http://newprairiepress.org/journals/ -- or, go directly to the proceedings Website at http://www.kla-culs-proceedings.org/

Contributed by
Cynthia Akers
KLA-CULS President, 2010/11

Mississippi

The Mississippi Chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) held its second annual spring meeting on Thursday, May 12 at the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson. The spring meeting included a catered lunch, a presentation by Jeff Slagell, Dean of Library Services at Delta State University in Cleveland. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session and the Mississippi Chapter of ACRL business meeting.

Slagell’s presentation, “E-books and the Future of Academic Libraries”, discussed several issues, including the importance of maintaining a creative perspective as we look toward the future of our profession. He also stressed that there was no single silver bullet solution that would ensure the vitality and relevance of our libraries, but suggested, instead, that it would take a shotgun approach made up of various strategies and collaborations. The spring meeting was very well attended and included attendees from various academic libraries throughout Mississippi.

The next event of the Mississippi Chapter of ACRL will be its annual luncheon at the Mississippi Library Association’s 2011 Conference in Jackson. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. Joyce Ogburn, the ACRL President Elect for 2010-11, will be the speaker at this event.

The chapter officers who now serve on the 2011 ACRL-Mississippi Chapter Executive Council are: Michael Mounce, Chair, Delta State University; Melissa Dennis, Vice Chair/Chair Elect, University of Mississippi; Linda Ginn, Secretary/Treasurer, University of Southern Mississippi; and Tisha Zelner, Immediate Past Chair, University of Southern Mississippi

Contributed by
Michael Mounce
Missouri
Greetings from Missouri!

Plans for the Missouri Library Association Annual Conference are gearing up. The theme this year is *Missouri Libraries: Envisioning Tomorrow*. We are sponsoring /co sponsoring 21 sessions for the 2011 Missouri Library Annual Conference. MACRL Session topics include “It’s All Academic: Connecting with Campus Communities through Cultural Programs, Building a Better Student”, and “Web 2.X Tools to Make You Look Cool”. We are very fortunate to have ACRL President-elect Joyce Ogburn speak at our annual MACRL dinner.

Our past webinars include “Bringing ACRL back to MACRL and What the Text is Happening?” The first webinar focused on pertinent and interesting information that Jodie Borgerding, Cynthia Dudenhoffer, Brent Husher and Olga Koz obtained while attending the ACRL conference. Some of the sessions that were discussed were gaming and game theory, staff and co-worker challenges, and new technologies with library applications. “What the Text” focused on the use of texting as a reference aid in college libraries. Presentations for this webinar were “My InfoQuest + Research” by Audrey De Frank and Linda Parker, AIM Hack by Carol Smith, and “Mosio’s Text a Librarian” by Brent Husher. Both of these sessions were recorded and are still available on the MACRL wiki so that future members can view them at [http://macrl.pbworks.com/w/page/25756345/MACRL-Webinars](http://macrl.pbworks.com/w/page/25756345/MACRL-Webinars).

We are preparing to sponsor a webinar on copyright issues. The format will be a panel discussion with both a librarian’s and a legal councilor’s perspective on the unique challenges the ever changing copyright standards pose to college librarians everywhere.

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Marty Miller
Recorder for MACRL
The College and University section held its annual spring meeting entitled “The Next Step: Creating the Library of the Future” on May 20, 2011 at Union College in Lincoln. The meeting included two presenters and a lightning round session with seven technical presentations.

Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe was the opening speaker and received numerous positive comments for her “excellent, very well done, highly informative and well-delivered presentation”. The second speaker was Amy Mather, the Adult Services & Programming Manager at Omaha Public Library.

The afternoon session was a lightning round series of technical presentations:

Greg J. Hollins, Library Specialist, Creighton University Health Sciences Library
“Interactive 3-D Virtual Models”

Scott Childers, Emerging Technologies Librarian, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
“A Second Look into the Future”

Mary Ellen Ducey, Peterson Brink, Traci Robertson, Archives and Special Collections, University of Nebraska – Lincoln
“Always New: Archives Collection Management”
Richard Jizba, Head of Reference Services & System Administrator of the Creighton Digital Repository, Creighton University Health Sciences Library
“Implementing DSpace Digital Repository”

Susan Mueller and Jennifer Harvey, Collection Services, Calvin T. Ryan Library, University of Nebraska at Kearney
“Macros: Manipulating Data”

Rebecca Wymer, Systems Librarian, Bellevue University Library
“Statistics on a Dime”

Casey Kralik, Technical Services Librarian, Bellevue University Library
“The Accidental Social Networker: Blogging and Facebook in the Library”

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New England

New officers elected this spring

Vice-president/President-elect - Leslie Horner Button, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Treasurer – Diane Klare, Wesleyan University (re-elected)

Member-at-large – Amanda Izenstark, University of Rhode Island

To view a complete list of the Chapter’s officers, go to http://www.acrlnec.org/elected

Workshops and conferences this past spring

The Scholarly Communication Interest Group (SCIG) held a workshop on Friday, April 15, 2011 entitled, "New Tools for Knowledge: An Overview of Resources that Support Research Analytics, Faculty Profiles, and Bibliographies.” Since tools for measuring and analyzing institutional research output are proliferating, being on top of the options available from both commercial vendors and the open source software community is important. In this workshop librarians learned why they need to know about these tools and how these tools might help them engage in campus-wide conversations about institutional research. They also shared ideas for applying these tools and for partnering with others on their campuses who share their interest in research analytics. For more information, contact Barbara DeFelice, Co-Chair, Director, Digital Resources Program at Baker Library, Dartmouth College (barbara.defelice@dartmouth.edu).

On Friday, April 29, 2011, the Access Service Interest Group (ASIG) held its spring conference at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI. The theme was “Working Together Locally and Beyond: Resource Sharing Today”. James Harper from North Carolina State University spoke on the role of ILL/Document Delivery; Chaichin Chen, Shannon Berndston and Brian Gallagher (from HELIN) spoke on RELAIS in Consortium; Kathy Leigh, UMASS Amherst, spoke on Streamlining ILL; and Tom Bruno from Harvard spoke on International ILL.
The Chapter’s Annual Conference was held on Friday, May 13, 2011 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. The conference’s theme was collaboration and titled “Creative Collaborations: Remake, Remix, Remodel.” The conference featured keynote speakers Dr. Mark P. Rice (Dean of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute School of Business and co-author of Radical Innovation: How Mature Companies Can Outsmart Upstarts), and Umberto Crenca (visual artist and the founder and artistic director of AS220 in Providence, RI). Morning and afternoon breakout sessions inspired attendees to “invent, innovate, and collaborate using both new tools and the tried and true.” The program also offered opportunities to network with colleagues and discuss the latest library products and services with sponsoring vendors. For more information on the annual conference, see http://conference.acrlnc.org/.

The New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) held its annual conference on Friday, June 3, 2011 at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell. Titled “Exploring Creativity in Information Literacy,” the workshop explored ways to incorporate creativity into information literacy teaching and student learning. Keynote speaker Randy Hensley, Head of Instruction, Baruch College, City University of New York presented “The Creative Dynamic of Information Literacy.” The day also included seven morning and afternoon breakout sessions. For more information, see http://www.acrlnc.org/sigs/nelig/2011/index.html#schedule.

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Carole M. Myles
Past President-ACRL/NEC

New Jersey

Greetings from New Jersey!

The chapter was busy this year with a multitude of activities. The principal highlights of the year were the Virtual Academic Library Environment (VALE-NJ) conference in January and the New Jersey Library Association’s Annual Conference in May. The VALE conference drew 270 attendees who heard their colleagues speak on topics as diverse as mobile access, collection development, information literacy instruction and technology issues. James Neal, Columbia University, contributed a thought-provoking keynote address entitled “The Imperfect Storm: the Prospects for Systematic Change Across Academic Libraries,” that had librarians talking all day long. The conference also provided a wonderful networking opportunity.

Jim Neal, Columbia University
In March 2011, the Chapter Executive Board approved the formation of the Marketing and Communications Committee. The purpose of the committee is to maintain an effective brand strategy for the NJ Chapter/College and University Section: to increase links with stakeholders, coordinate all electronic forms of communication and implement relevant social networking tools. The committee is busy at work developing a strategic communication plan to guide us in marketing efforts for 2011-2012.

The chapter has taken an active role in preparing new MLIS graduates for careers in academic libraries. Academic librarians have participated in three colloquium sessions at the Rutgers School of Communication and Information, addressing information literacy; career directions; and special collections. The visits have inspired the creation of an Academic Libraries MLIS student group and new emphasis on a job shadowing program. The chapter also sponsored the attendance of four students at the NJLA conference, introducing them to their first conference experiences in the profession.

The NJLA held its annual conference, “Libraries are Essential,” May 2-4, 2011 at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch, New Jersey. Chapter-sponsored programs at the conference:

“Libraries and the Cloud” – David M. Lisa and Bob Keith
“Web & Mobile Tools for Improving Library Services” - Barbara Arnett and Valerie Forrestal (Stevens Institute of Technology), Mei Ling Lo (Rutgers University) and Yolanda Sheppard and Pat Denholm (Bergen Community College)
“Embedded Librarianship” - Ann Watkins (Rutgers Newark), Eleonora Dubicki (Monmouth University) and Roberta Tipton (Rutgers Newark)
“Let’s Talk About Failure: Innovation, Risk and Failure” - Kenley Neufeld (Santa Barbara City College Library)
“Libraries and the NJ Judiciary” – Partnering to Promote Access to Justice - Rebecca Pressman (Legal Services of NJ), Nancy L. Manuele, Esq. (Administrative Office of the NJ Courts), Deborah J. Fennelly, Esq. (Legal Services of NJ), Linda Wiggins (Ombudsman, Union) and Janie Rodriguez, Esq., (Ombudsman, Morris/Sussex)
“Social Media is not a Broadcast Medium”- Kenley Neufeld (Santa Barbara City College Library)
“RDA Under Scrutiny” - Sharon Yang and Marilyn Quinn (Rider University)

The chapter held its annual Academic Luncheon/Business Meeting during the conference, including the presentation of several awards to NJ librarians. The luncheon also featured speaker Kathy Dempsey, author of The Accidental Library Marketer. Her talk, “Promote Your Value: Prove You’re Essential” provided numerous examples of marketing techniques that librarians can use to promote their libraries to patrons and administrators on campus.
Election results were announced at the business meeting. Newly-elected board members for 2010/2011 are Denise O’Shea, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Vice President/President Elect; Roberta Tipton, Rutgers-Newark, Member-at-Large; and Dorothy Meaney, re-elected Secretary/Treasurer. New officers take up their positions in June, when they join Mark Thompson, Middlesex Community College, incoming President; Eleonora Dubicki, Monmouth University, incoming Past President; and Member-at-Large Sharon Yang, Rider University. Also continuing in their positions are Mary Mallory, Montclair State University, Web coordinator; Luis Rodriguez, Kean University, Legislative Liaison; and Gary Schmidt, Ocean County Community College, NJLA Executive Board Liaison.

Robert Lackie (Rider University) was honored with the 2011 Distinguished Service Award. As his nominator wrote in the support letter, the award will, “recognize Robert’s positive, energetic, prolific, and long-standing contributions to New Jersey librarianship, both as a model of excellence in information literacy instruction and as an outstanding educator in librarianship and information science throughout his many training sessions for national and regional library groups and his many books, articles, Websites and blogs.”
Eleonora Dubicki, Monmouth University, received the Research Award for her article “Research Behavior Patterns of Business Students” published in Reference Services Review 38. Dubicki presented her research results during the Research Forum, along with presentations by Patricia Dawson and Ma Lei Hsieh (Rider U.), “A Feasible Way of Determining Snapshots of Student Information Literacy Skills at Rider University” and Judith Ward and Molly Stewart, Rutgers; “Building Relationships with Numbers: Bibliometrics in Academic Libraries.”

The winner of the 2011 Technology Innovation Award honoring innovative use and application of technology in a New Jersey academic library was the NJVid Commercial Video Collection team, a multi-institutional statewide effort led by Sandra Miller, Co-Principal Investigator, NJVid IMLS Grant (William Paterson Univ.); Grace Agnew, Co-Principal Investigator, NJVid IMLS Grant (Rutgers); Sujay Daniel, NJVid Manager, NJEdge Senior Information System Architect; and Jane Hutchison, Chair, VALE Digital Media Committee (William Paterson Univ).

The NJVid team described their project during a two-hour Technology Forum conference session, along with presentations from the three other nominees for the award: Patricia Denholm and Yolanda Sheppard, (Bergen Community College), “Sidney Mobile and QR Library Codes”; Barbara Arnett and Valerie Forrestal, (Stevens Institute of Technology), “OneSearchBookMarklet”; Denise O’Shea, (Fairleigh Dickinson University), “FDU Library eReader and iPad Lending Program.”

In addition to the VALE and NJLA conferences, the User Education, Research, and Technology Committees are currently planning additional programs.

Members of the User Education Committee continue their work on building on the Information Literacy Progression Standards developed during the past two years by a task force of eight academic librarians to assist librarians and faculty in preparing college students to achieve Information Literacy skills.
On June 14, 2011 the College of St. Elizabeth hosts a full-day workshop for librarians and teaching faculty, “Raising the Standards for Information Literacy: Librarians and Faculty Working Together.” The task force will also undertake a new focus on the 3rd and 4th year college student, recognizing the skills needed to conduct research for capstone courses and identifying disciplinary standards for graduates, as part of an effort to develop autonomous learners, lifelong learning and transferable skills.

The Newsletter Committee continues to electronically publish two issues a year, in October and April. Highlights of the newsletter include: member achievements; library achievements; special projects; contributed articles; calendar events; and conference information. We look forward to another stimulating year under the leadership of our next president, Mark Thompson.

Contributed by
Eleonora Dubicki
President, ACRL, New Jersey Chapter, 2010-2011

New York

ACRL/NY (The Greater New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRL) has had another outstanding year!


Some highlights of ACRL/NY Discussion Group and Geographic Section events:

Long Island Section discussion and tour: “Making the Most of Library Space”
Information Literacy and Distance Learning Groups joint “meet & greet”: “Remote Meeting and Instruction Platforms for Distance Learning Patrons” and group discussion on LibGuides
New Librarians Discussion Group: “Creating and Managing your Professional Online Identity: Tips for Success”
Archives & Special Collections Discussion Group program on the Archivists’ Toolkit
As a way of encouraging new membership in ACRL/NY and ACRL national, each of the Chapter’s Discussion Groups and Geographic Sections host an annual “meet & greet” event. Current members and non-members are invited to attend these free events, where they will have an opportunity to participate in the session, network with colleagues and meet members of the ACRL/NY executive board.

Working in collaboration and partnership with other local library organizations, ACRL/NY was pleased to co-sponsor several events and workshops this year, including:

“Library Skill Share,” organized by Lisa Chow, Kerwin Pilgrim and Sandra Sojonas and co-sponsored by the New York Chapter of SLA, METRO, ACRL/NY and REFORMA Northeast.

“The IDS Project: Effective Resource Sharing Based on Community, Innovation and Excellence,” co-sponsored by ACRL/NY Resource Sharing Discussion Group and the WALDO (Westchester Academic Library Directors Organization) Technical Services Committee

ACRL/NY’s webmaster Monica Berger and a dedicated group of executive board members are updating and migrating the Chapter’s website. We hope to have the site up and running over the summer.

The current executive board members for ACRL/NY are:

Carrie Marten, President
Caroline Fuchs, Vice President/President Elect; Legislative Liaison
Susanne Markgren, Immediate Past President
Natalka Sawchuk, Treasurer
Carrie Netzer Wajda, Membership Secretary
Mark Aaron Polger, Newsletter Editor
Barbara Bonous-Smit, Member-at-Large
Monica Berger, Webmaster
Lois Cherepon, Archives Coordinator

Discussion Group Chairs:

Kathryn G. Shaughnessy, Distance Learning
Fiona Grady, Information Literacy/Instructional Services
Maureen Weicher, Resource Sharing
Keith Muchowski, Special Collections and Archives
Michael Handis, New Librarians
Mark Aaron Polger, User Experience (UX)

Geographic Section Chairs:

Long Island: Fiona Grady, Chair; Susan Werner, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect
New York City: Anne Leonard, Chair; Dianne Conyers, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect
Westchester/Lower Hudson Valley: Kris Wycisk, Chair; Gloria Meisel, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect

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VP/President Elect and Legislative Liaison
ACRL/NY
The Greater New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRL
New officers have been elected!

Vice president/President elect
Sue Polanka, Head of Reference & Instruction, Wright State University Dunbar Library

Treasurer: Don Appleby, The University of Akron
PR Coordinator: Peggy Rector, Denison University

Board Members At-Large:
Karen Plummer, University of Akron
Alisa Mizikar, Wittenberg University
Alice Crosetto, The University of Toledo

2011-2012 Diversity Award winner, Bridgette Billingslea

Bridgette Billingslea is currently a student in the Master of Library and Information Science program at Kent State University. She earned an undergraduate degree in History from The Ohio State University. The ALAO Diversity Scholarship awards Bridgette $1,500 towards her tuition, complimentary registration for the ALAO annual conference in November, and a year of mentoring from an ALAO member.

Interest Groups hold Spring Workshops:

The Curriculum Materials Centers Interest Group held a workshop, themed “Local Resources and Collaborations” with presentations by:

Stephanie Bange, Director of the ERC, who gave an overview of audiobooks and their usefulness in the classroom.

Dr. Dana Murray Patterson explained the history of the Virginia Hamilton & Arnold Adoff Resource Center at Wright State University.
ThinkTV (Dayton area PBS station) Educational Projects and Services Manager Mary Anne Kirk discussed the free streaming video and teacher instructional materials available on local PBS websites.

The day concluded with a tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

The Distance Learning Interest Group hosted “INOV8: Revitalizing Distance Learning”. Sessions included an overview of Blackboard use to connect with dual-enrollment students in Learning Management Systems: Synchronous and Asynchronous Strategies for Remote Users, TL; DR: “Amp your Audience’s Energy (Without Draining Yours)”, an interactive presentation focused on maintaining online audience attentiveness through effective design and visual appeal; “Technical Writing, Prezis for Presentations and Animoto for Videos”. The workshop also included a panel discussion: “Exceeding Comes Later: Identifying & Understanding Expectations” which prompted a lively discussion on the role of librarians in an online learning environment. Many of the resources and materials from the presentations can be found on the DLIG Blog at http://distancelibrarians.wordpress.com.

The Support Staff Interest Group held sessions on time management, tech news you can use, mobile apps, web 3.0 and other free tools.

Technical, Electronic, and Digital Services Interest Group held several sessions:

The first session “What is Linked Data, and What Does It Mean for Libraries?” was led by Emily Nimsakont, Cataloging Librarian at the Nebraska Library Commission.

The second session “Linked Data Activities at OCLC” by Ralph LeVan, Senior Research Scientist at OCLC Inc.

The last session “Non-Linear Thinking and New Media Literacy” was presented by Jared Bendis, Creative Director New Media at Case Western Reserve University.

The 2011 ALAO Annual Conference will be held on November 4 (preconference starts November 3) in Toledo. This year’s theme is “Academic Libraries: Constant Change, Constant Opportunity”.

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ALAO Liaison to ACRL
Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Chapter has been busy at work since the start of the year! The newly elected Board Officers are Vice President, Jason Cimock, University of Central Oklahoma; Treasurer, Beth Jones, Oklahoma City University; Secretary, Toni Hoberecht, University of Oklahoma-Tulsa; and Board Members Huifen Chang, Oklahoma State University; Ona Britton, University of Central Oklahoma and Clair Powers, Phillips Theological Seminary. We have much on our plate this year with a website redesign, bylaw revisions, the creation of a new OK-ACRL Outstanding Service Award and much more.

In addition, the Oklahoma chapter continues its newly minted mentor program with the University of Oklahoma’s School of Library and Information Studies program (OU SLIS). The program pairs OK-ACRL librarians with SLIS students.

OK-ACRL’s Fall Conference, which will be held jointly with the Oklahoma chapter of the Special Libraries Association (OK-SLA), is fast approaching. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 4th to join us at Oklahoma State University’s Advanced Technology Research Center. The conference’s theme of creativity and leadership will make it a conference not to miss! Dr. Robert J. Sternberg, Oklahoma State University Provost, will be our keynote speaker. Dr. Sternberg who served as the Dean of the Tufts School of Arts and Sciences before joining OSU was also recently a speaker at the World Creativity Forum held last year in Oklahoma City.

In addition to the Board’s work and the upcoming conference, our subgroups are also hard at work. The Community of Oklahoma Instruction Librarians (COIL) chaired by Emily Brown, University of Central Oklahoma, the Digital Services Interest Group (D-SIG) chaired by Adam Brennan and Casey Ashe, both of Tulsa Community College and the Public Access Services Interest Group (PASIG) chaired by Jenny Rempel, Oklahoma City University are all busy with their own agendas and workshops.

We hope some of you can join us this coming November!

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The annual Oregon Library Association Conference was held at the Marriott Conference Center in Salem, the state’s capitol. The ACRL-Oregon Chapter sponsored an all day Pre-Conference, followed by an evening social. The Pre-Conference was entitled, “Managing Vendor Relationships”. Rice Majors, Faculty Director for Libraries IT, University of Colorado Boulder, brought together vendor representatives Neal Block and Marjorie McLaughlin from Innovative Interfaces, Andrew Pace from OCLC, and Carl Grant from ExLibris and librarian innovators Steve Casburn, Multnomah County Library, Steve Shadle, University of Washington, Margaret Mellinger, Oregon State University, and Margaret Bean, University of Oregon to present on the many aspects of vendor relationships. Topics included being a development partner, how to fix a bad relationship with a vendor, vendor partnerships case studies, university service as vendor, and vendor mergers and monopolies. In addition, the chapter sponsored five conference programs. Academic librarians presented on mash-up tools for collection development, marketing the academic library, leveraging free content by repackaging, repurposing, and aggregating, using qualitative data to move projects forward, and an experiment in providing access to required textbooks by placing them on reserve.

ACRL Virtual Conference

The chapter provided access to the ACRL National Virtual Conference. Individual institutions paid for site access making the conference available in six locations throughout the state including Southern Oregon University in Ashland, University of Oregon in Eugene, Portland State University in Portland, and Oregon State University in Corvallis, Newport, and Bend. Throughout the two days, in-person attendance ranged from five to ten people a session, with a link to archived content subsequently sent to all ACRL-Oregon members.

Award for Excellence

Nominations were opened for the Award for Excellence, an award initiated in 2009. It is given annually to an individual or group whose project or ingenuity has significantly improved Oregon academic libraries or librarianship. In its inaugural year, it was awarded to Janet Webster and Michael Boock of Oregon State University for their work on the OSU Library Faculty Open Access Policy. \[http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/handle/1957/10850\] Last year John Helmer, Executive Director of the Orbis-Cascade Alliance, received the award for his work in directing the alliance towards non-profit status. The alliance continues to strengthen member libraries through the collaborative sharing of resources and expertise in support of students, faculty, staff, and researchers.

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Jane Scott
ACRL-Oregon President
Virginia

The Virginia Chapter of ACRL held our annual spring program at Virginia Commonwealth University on May 9, 2011. Our program, entitled “Collections Unbound: New Formats and Models,” featured two keynote speakers, and a four-person afternoon panel. The program had a full house with approximately 60 attendees. Greg Raschke, Associate Director for Collections and Scholarly Communication at North Carolina State University (NCSU), gave the opening talk. He focused on the future of academic libraries, providing examples from NCSU’s effort to adapt collection models to better fit today’s budgets, technologies and patron interests. Nancy Gibbs, Head of Acquisitions at Duke University Libraries, followed with an in-depth description of Duke’s eReader program. Technical and use statistics were provided for Duke’s pilot of introducing Amazon’s Kindle and Barnes and Noble’s Nook into circulation.

The afternoon panel was entitled, “Patron-driven Acquisition: Experiences and Best Practices.” Panelists included Cheri Duncan and Meris Mandernach from James Madison University, Cathy Reed from the College of William and Mary and Nancy Gibbs from Duke University. Each panelist described various aspects of their institution’s patron-driven acquisition program – highlighting successes and challenges. A lively 45 minute question and answer session followed the panel, underscoring the timeliness of this topic. The Spring Program ended with a tour of the VCU special collections. Attendee evaluations complimented the relevance of the topic, speaker presentations and the overall organization of the program. It was a resounding success!

More than 25 proposals for both concurrent sessions and poster sessions for the 3rd annual VLACRL Conference-within-a-Conference (associated with the Virginia Library Association’s annual conference on October 27-28, 2011 in Portsmouth, VA) have been accepted. Craig Amos, past-VLACRL chair is leading the effort with the conference planning committee to evaluate the proposals, and plan the VLACRL sponsored sessions.

VLACRL Board Members are currently working on plans for the summer regional programs.

VLACRL officers for 2011 are:
Rebecca Pappert, University of Virginia, Chair
Tatiana Pashkova-Balkenhol, Vice-chair
Maryke Barber, Hollins University, Secretary/Treasurer
Craig Amos, Thomas Nelson Community College, Past Chair

Contributed by
Rebecca Pappert, VLACRL chair
Washington

The Washington State chapter held board elections in March. Our current board consists of:

Erica Coe, President
Danielle Rowland, Vice President/President Elect
Alyssa Deutschler, Past President
Serin Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer
Amy Stewart-Mailhiot, Member at Large
Beth Sanderson, Member at Large
Julie Cook, Webmaster

We are busily planning for our fall conference, traditionally co-hosted with the Oregon ACRL chapter. This year’s theme is, “Live Long and Prosper: Sustainable Solutions for Today’s Libraries.” We are lucky to have ACRL President Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe as our keynote speaker.

Contributed by:
Alyssa Deutschler, ACRL WA past president

Western Pennsylvania/ West Virginia

The Western Pennsylvania/ West Virginia Chapter sponsored two excellent programs for its members in 2010-11. The Chapter’s annual fall meeting was held on October 1, 2010 at Fairmont State University in Fairmont, WV and was entitled “You Design(ed) the Program.” This was an opportunity for Chapter members to network and share ideas via presentations and poster sessions. A Chapter business meeting and a session entitled “Put Your BEST Hat On” by Dr. Gregory Hinton rounded out the day.

On May 6, 2011, the Chapter organized another conference, this time at Bethany College in Bethany, WV. The program theme, “Meeting User’s Needs for Mobility, Access & Discovery”, proved to be very timely and was well-received by attendees. In addition to presentations from members, including “QR Codes and Library Services” (David Roth of West Virginia University) and “Developing a Mobile Website” (Rob Behary, Leslie Christianson and Leslie Lewis of Duquesne University), the Chapter heard a fast-paced keynote address from Joe Murphy, librarian at Yale University. Joe’s presentation, entitled “Mobility in Access and Discovery” touched on how libraries can use current trends in social networking to enhance services to their users.
During the business meeting, Linda Blake, the Chapter Legislative Liaison for West Virginia, addressed the membership on current legislative issues for ACRL National and encouraged everyone to get involved in the National Library Legislative Day on May 9. An initiative for a chapter mentoring program was introduced by Carroll Wilkinson, West Virginia University and Kate Wenger, Chatham University and approved by the membership.

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Wisconsin

The annual Spring conference for the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) was held in Stevens Point – a central geographic location in the state. Academic librarians from all corners of the state, from all sizes of libraries, public and private universities and colleges, gathered to share thoughts, trends and new ideas pertaining to working with students in an academic setting.

Session topics included several presentations on information literacy, connecting with campus academics; finding the library’s value and presence in the accreditation process; and the concept of Information Commons and incorporating technology into how we do business. Also covered were the more traditional topics of motivating student workers and evaluating and making decisions about our resources – both monograph collections and databases.

Our two keynote speakers inspired and encouraged us to think beyond the traditional aspects of our positions and value what we can offer to the future of our profession.

Melissa Cragin shared her work in the area of digital curation and how it relates to library and information science research. Cragin noted that this field is not just a concern for libraries, but in our role as curators and stewards of research data, librarians have a place at the table when institutions discuss data infrastructures and how data assets contribute to science across institutions.

Char Booth shared her experience in becoming an instructor as a default to the position of librarian – not something that she was professionally trained to do in library school, but comes as part of any librarian position. She shared the USER model (Understand, Structure, Engage, Reflect) and how it can help build a solid teaching structure and design. USER is explained in greater detail in her recent ALA publication, Reflective Teaching, Effective Learning: Instructional Literacy for Library Educators.

Along with the academic focus, the conference included some less formal sessions focusing topics such as speed networking (think speed dating but with librarian colleagues), Tai Chi Easy, information about the world’s largest trivia contest in Stevens Point, WI, and an introduction to the “Green Circle Trail” in Stevens Point (www.greencircletrail.org). Once again, the committee did a great job in balancing the need for keeping in touch with current discussions in academic librarianship, recognizing our need to be in tune with the world we live in, and how we take care of ourselves.

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