Message from the Chapter’s Council

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings from one who is now officially old news. This fall I completed my three-year stint on the executive board of the Virginia Chapter of ACRL. Many of you are familiar with the cycle: you start as a wide-eyed vice chair, move into the role of stressed-out chair, and finish as a wise old past-chair. I have heard of chapters that have past-past-chairs (imagine how wise a past-past-chair must be), but that is not my situation. I am now simply past, and it feels great!

I admit that relief is a part of why I feel so good, but it’s only a small part. More importantly, I’m proud to have served at a time when local chapters are becoming increasingly important. In these times of reduced library budgets (especially reduced travel budgets), local chapters find themselves in a position to provide high-quality, low-cost opportunities for library workers to grow professionally. Undoubtedly, providing these opportunities takes a lot of work, but the satisfaction you get from watching your colleagues share ideas and enjoy one another’s company at your chapter’s event makes it all worth it.

To my mind, the whole point of ACRL’s Chapters Council is to help you make these fulfilling moments as frequent and as satisfying as possible. In broad terms, Chapters Council provides a forum that encourages you to share your ideas, questions, and concerns with your counterparts in other chapters and with our colleagues at ACRL National. We currently make these exchanges possible with our Chapters Council listserv (acrlchptr@ala.org), through the newsletter you are reading right now, and in our face-to-face meetings at ALA’s Midwinter and Annual Conferences.
In addition, we have two specific initiatives that we are working on to help you make your chapter the best that it can be:

• Funding – ACRL National currently supports local chapters financially by offering funding at a rate of one dollar per ACRL member living within the chapter’s geographic region, with an additional $10 available for each new member who joined the previous fiscal year. These rates have remained the same since 1999, which is especially problematic given the current economic climate. For many ACRL members, reductions in travel budgets make local programs the most accessible opportunities for professional development and networking, and local chapters need resources to provide these opportunities. In the past, ACRL National has denied our request for an increase on the grounds that not all local chapters have been applying for their funding, which the board takes as a sign that an increase is not currently necessary. At Midwinter, we will be establishing a committee to draft a revised resolution to renew our request for increased funding for local chapters. In the meantime, please help us out by making sure that your chapter applies for its funding – forms are available on the ACRL website under “Working with ACRL.”

• Communication – Your colleagues in other chapters are invaluable sources of ideas and support when your chapter is faced with a problem. Unfortunately, these resources frequently go untapped. Traffic on our listserv is light, our use of ALAConnect is minimal, and our newsletter (which is a treasure trove of ideas, especially for programming) is a static PDF document that does not encourage conversation. Our online communications task force is in the process of exploring other types of virtual forums to encourage more collaboration and discussion among Chapters Council members. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please contact me (lenkermn@longwood.edu).

It is inspiring to think about what we can achieve if we make some headway on these initiatives. Imagine a network of chapter officers engaging one another in steady dialogue, not just twice a year when we meet in hotel ballrooms far from home, but continually throughout the year. Need ideas for recruiting new members? Consult the network. Looking for leads for presenters for your program on scholarly communication? Ask the network. Wondering how to restructure your chapter to distribute officers’ workloads more reasonably? Better check with the network. The better we get at working together, the more effective we become as leaders, and the richer the opportunities we can create for our colleagues at the local level.
Before I bring this letter to a close, I wish to extend my hearty thanks to Garrett Trott, who is stepping down as editor of our Chapter Topics newsletter. Please join me in congratulating Garrett on a job well done.

I hope to see you in San Diego.

Best wishes,
Mark Lenker
Chair, Chapters Council

Call for Nominations

A Happy Holiday Season to you all. Whilst you sip on egg-nog this season, I’d like you to consider becoming more involved in Chapters Council. At our meeting in San Diego, a call will be placed for nominations (including self-nominations) for the positions of Chair-Elect and Secretary. Election will take place at the annual meeting in New Orleans.

Having served as Secretary and now Chair-elect, I can honestly say that I have enjoyed every minute of my involvement with Chapters Council. The networking opportunities are superb, and the fellowship can’t be beat. The purpose of Chapters Council includes providing a forum for the exchange of information; promoting the organization and development of chapters; providing orientation and support for chapter officers; communicating chapter concerns and needs to the ACRL Board; and to foster relationships among chapters and between Chapters Council and ACRL.

I encourage each of you to think about volunteering. If you have any questions about involvement, I will be happy to discuss the obligations with you in San Diego, or you can e-mail me at rbest@aum.edu. Cheers, and a happy holidays to you all.

Rickey Best
Chair-elect
Chapters Council Events at ALA Midwinter

Chapters Council Meeting – Join your colleagues to discuss Chapters Council initiatives and to chat with the leadership of ACRL National. See the preliminary agenda below. Sunday, January 9, 8 am to 10 am, Hilton Bayfront -Sapphire I.

Presidential Candidates' Forum – Hear from the official candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect. This year’s candidates are Thomas E. Abbott and Steven J. Bell. Sponsored by Chapters Council. Sunday, January 9, 10:30 am 12:00 pm, Hilton Bayfront -Indigo G/H.

Chapters Council Work Session – Committees for online communications and for funding, as well as any other task forces called for at our morning meeting, have a room reserved to meet as necessary. Sunday, January 9, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Hilton Bayfront -Aqua 305.

Chapters Council Dine Around – Join your colleagues for good food and good times at Maloney’s Tavern, 777 5th Street. See the announcement for full details. Sunday, January 9, 6:30 pm to ???

Chapter Dine Around in San Diego

The Dine-A-Round for the Midwinter meeting in San Diego will be held at Maloney’s Tavern, 777 5th Street, San Diego, California. Maloney’s Tavern is a moderately priced restaurant / bar located in the Historic Gaslamp Quarter of San Diego. The Gaslamp quarter (the name derives from the gas lamps used to light the area in the 19th century) began as a part of the new town venture of San Diego pioneer Alonzo Horning. Horton purchased 800 acres in the area in 1867 to develop as a new center for San Diego, closer to the waterfront. Among the prominent / notorious residents of the Gaslamp quarter were Wyatt Earp and his wife, who operated a saloon in the quarter in the 1880s and 1890s.

I hope you will join us for an interesting and exciting evening, visiting an area of great historical importance in San Diego.
Preliminary Agenda

ACRL Chapters Council

Midwinter Meeting

January 9, 2011, 8 am to 10 am

Hilton Bayfront – Sapphire 1

1. Introductions

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

3. Call for/announcement of new editor for Chapter Topics newsletter – Mark

4. Call for nominations for Vice Chair and Secretary (election at ALA Annual) – Rickey

5. Dine-Around – Rickey

6. Call for volunteers to draft a resolution to increase ACRL funding to local chapters – Rickey

7. Report from online communications committee – Mark

8. Chapters Council Work Meeting for these and other initiatives (Sunday afternoon, 4 to 5:30, Hilton Bayfront – Aqua 305) – Mark

9. Update from ACRL leadership


11. New business
ACRL @ ALA MidWinter Conference in San Diego

ACRL Presidential Candidate’s Forum

The 2011 candidates for ACRL Vice President/President-Elect will participate in an open forum from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 9 in the Hilton Bayfront Indigo G/H room.

Come hear Thomas (Tom) Abbot and Steven Bell discuss their platforms and vision for ACRL. Abbott is Dean of Libraries and Distance Learning at the University of Maine at Augusta, and Bell is Associate University Librarian for Research and Instructional Services at Temple University.

Watch ACRL candidate’s forum live online

As a service to those who are unable to attend Midwinter in San Diego, ACRL will stream the Presidential Candidates Forum live on Sunday, January 9 from 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Details for accessing the online video stream will be available on the ACRL Insider blog, www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider, the day of the forum. Audio and video archives will also be available on ACRL Insider a few days after the forum.

ACRL 2011 Program Now Available

ACRL announces the availability of the program for ACRL 2011, “A Declaration of Interdependence,” to be held March 30 – April 2, 2011, in Philadelphia.

ACRL 2011 will feature more than 300 peer-reviewed presentations on topics such as assessment, cross-disciplinary partnerships, budgeting, fair use, data curation and more. Additional conference highlights include innovative invited paper speakers Char Booth, Tara McPherson and Carol Strohecker. The conference schedule is now available online at http://www.goeshow.com/acrl/national/2011/conference_schedule.cfm. The schedule for poster, roundtable and Cyber Zed Shed sessions will be available in late January 2011.

ACRL 2011 registration materials are now available online at http://www.acrl.org/acrlconference. Register by the early-bird deadline of Feb. 4, 2011, and save more than 20 percent on conference registration. Special group registration prices, reduced airfares, hotel discounts and scholarships are also available.
Submit conference registration by Dec. 31, 2010 and be automatically entered in a drawing to win free registration. The winner of the drawing will be notified in January 2011 and will have their conference registration fee fully refunded.

For more information about ACRL 2011, contact Margot Conahan at mconahan@ala.org or (312) 280-2522.

Professional Development

Save the dates for these distinctive events. Complete details about all ACRL professional development events are available online at www.al.org/acrl/events. Questions? Contact msutton@ala.org; 312-280-2522.

Online Seminars (multi-week, delivered through Moodle)

Developing a Comprehensive Critical Thinking Curriculum: From Goal-Setting to Assessment (February 14 - March 11, 2011)
This four-week course will model and teach the Learning Cycle, a method of instructional design based on the learning theories of prominent educational researchers.

Deciding with Data (February 21 - March 18, 2011)
Learn about the lifecycle of library data from setting up its collection to making decisions using this information.

Copyright and the Library Part 2: Library, Classroom and Other Issues Including the DMCA (Sections 512 and 1201) (April 11-29, 2011)
Focus on issues pertaining to libraries with a special focus on how copyright pertains to the classroom setting. Sections 108, 109, 110, 512 and 1201 will be examined for a thorough understanding on their impact in academic libraries.

Libraries and Student Affairs: Collaborating to Support Holistic Student Development (April 11-29, 2011)
Examine the goals and methods of student affairs professionals and how libraries might collaborate with student affairs professionals to develop innovative programming initiatives.
Live Webcasts (one to two hours, delivered through online classroom)

From Idea to Publication Series: Submitting for Publication (December 1, 2010)
Learn how to select an appropriate journal or publisher, learn how to prepare a manuscript for submission, and understand what the submission process will encompass. Also learn how to query editors and how to manage your own author rights, including open access licensing.

Online Forms: Interaction and Feedback without the "Paperwork" (December 7, 2010)
With courses and departments moving materials onto the web or cloud-computing type platforms, review the possibilities available with interactive forms in the classroom and the department.

A Mobile Bridge: QR Codes and Libraries (January 26, 2011)
This webcast will introduce this powerful yet simple mobile technology and will explore the many possible applications of QR Codes in academic libraries.

The Not-So-Distant Librarian: Online Library Instruction to Engage Students and Faculty (February 22, 2011)
Gain a better understanding of online teaching and will be able to design an online library instruction session that meets the needs of various learning styles.

Digital Rights Management (DRM): Information Roadblock for Library Users (March 1, 2011)
In this webcast, learn what DRM is, why it exists, and its history with the entertainment industry and the Digital Millennium Copyright Act.

So You Want to Create an Interactive Information Literacy Tutorial? (April 19, 2011)
This webcast is unique because it will allow you not only to collect practical ideas, but also analyze the concept of the information literacy tutorial as a flexible tool that can be used for strategic assessment in the classroom, as well as a stand-alone source for students that provides individualized feedback and the opportunity for review.

Embedded Librarians: Integrating Information Literacy Instruction at the Point of Need (April 26, 2011)
In this webcast, embedded librarians will describe examples of successful embedded projects across the range of academic levels and departments, including both online and on-campus instruction.
ACRL Discussion Groups at Midwinter in San Diego

Balancing Baby and Book: Sunday, January 9, 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, January 9, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Topic: Current issues including food science, textile science, consumer studies, child development, and fashion design.

Continuing Education/Professional Development: Sunday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Topic: Most colleges set aside some 'professional development' money. When there's a budget crunch, professional development is usually one of the first things to get cut. How do you determine ROI for professional development to show the value to the organization?

Copyright: Saturday, January 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Heads of Public Services: Saturday, January 8, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Topics: ROI for public services and liaison workloads.

Information Commons: Saturday, January 8, 10:30-12:00 p.m.

Library and Information Science Collections: Sunday, January 9, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

MLA International Bibliography in Academic Libraries: Sunday, January 9, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Media Resources: Saturday, January 8, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Topic: The use of new media and social media in academic libraries, with emphasis on the challenges and opportunities in teaching, curating, and preserving new media content.

New Members: Saturday, January 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Personnel Administrators & Staff Development Officers: Saturday, January 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Sunday, January 9, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Topic: Emerging trends and best practices in human resources management

Philosophical, Religious, and Theological Studies: Sunday, January 9, 4:00-5:30 p.m.
Popular Cultures: Friday, January 7, 12:00-1:15 p.m.
Topic: Joss Whedon: Writer, Producer, Library Advocate: Join us as we celebrate Joss Whedon, creator of fictional librarian Giles on Buffy the Vampire Slayer. While the show has been over for several years, Whedon fans and especially librarians are eager to see what he does next!

Scholarly Communication: Sunday, January 9, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Topic: The topic and speakers are chosen 60-90 days before the conference based on issues that are most relevant at that time.

Senior Administrators: Saturday, January 8, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Libraries: Monday, January 10, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Topic: Changes in the way we provide reference and reserves collections and services.
Greetings from Arizona!

Our Chapter has been busy in recent weeks and looking forward to an active 2011!

The Arizona Library Association held its Annual Conference November 15-17, 2010, at Fort McDowell, near Scottsdale and Fountain Hills, AZ. Sessions presented by and for academic librarians included:

Information Literacy/Instruction
* Academic and Community Curriculum Embedded Information Literacy
* Beyond the Static Tutorial: Bringing Concepts to Life through Online Scenario-Based Activities
* Mobilizing Screencasts: Low Cost Options for Reference, Instruction, Training & More!
* Click on Information Literacy for Life: Developing Student Skills from High School to Higher Ed
* West Meets East: Technology, Information Literacy, and Relationships in Japanese Libraries
* Think Globally, Service Locally: Helping Foreign Students and Faculty

Resources/Collections
* E-government: It’s everywhere, it’s everything-- and you need it
* Accessing Article Databases through the Arizona State Library’s Web Site. It’s Free!!!!
* Library Community Projects: How to Raise Funds & Involve the Public at Your Library
* Embodied Collection/Embodied Knowledge: The Cross-Cultural Dance Resources Collection at ASU School of Dance
* The Labriola National American Indian Data Center and ASU Libraries Role in The Simon Ortiz and Labriola Center Lecture on Indigenous Land, Culture, and Community
* Roundtable Discussion: Bringing the World to Your Library: A Conversation about In-
ternational Collection Development
* Digital Collections: Increasing Awareness and Use
* Not Your Parent’s Library: Visual Web Projects at ASU Libraries

Library Futures
* What On Earth Do These People Want? Mobile, Consumer Trends, and Consumer Expectations
* How Will Libraries Respond to the Evolution of the Future Book Industry

Technology
* Catching Up with Technology
* Defining Digital Projects
* Let’s Go Virtual!: Online Meeting/Conference Models
* Roundtable Discussion: Twitter: A Tool for Real-Time Library User Engagement
* eBooks and mp3 Players Oh My!
* Cutting the Cord. Libraries Go Mobile

Professional Development
* Roundtable Discussion: Rural Community College Libraries
* Roundtable Discussion: Let’s Get Social
* 10 Steps to an Outstanding Webinar

More information and Handouts are available on the Conference Wiki page: http://azlaconf.pbworks.com/w/page/8817292/Conference-Programs

Anali Perry, who has been serving as our Legislative Representative, did a great job with academic programming as the Conference Co-Chair.

In addition, we held our Annual Chapter Meeting which entailed discussion about the roles of leadership positions, activities members would like to undertake, and ways for members to contribute. New Officers include:

Debbie Holbrook will serve as ACRL Chapter Officer.

Heather Lausten, Curriculum Librarian at Grand Canyon University, will serve as Division Co-Chair.

The role of Secretary morphed into Communication Officer, and will be filled by Tina
Sibley, Distance Education Librarian at Arizona Western College.

Division Goals for 2011 include:

- Holding an online training event in the Spring.
- Hosting regular lunchtime virtual meeting to facilitate informal sharing.
- Reaching out to all staff in the state affiliated with academic libraries, inviting them to join.

Creating a Division Blog linked to the AzLA Website to facilitate communication.

Updated information is available at the College and University Libraries Division webpage.

Contributed by
Dan Stanton
Arizona Chapter Representative

CALIFORNIA

The California Chapter just elected new officers. The incoming President is Ned Fielden, and the returning board is Stephanie Brasley (Southern Vice-President), Pam Howard (Treasurer), Melissa Browne (Secretary), Kelly Janousek (Membership Director), Les Kong (ACRL Chapters Council Delegate), Shana Higgins (Private Institutions Director-at-Large), and Billy Pashaie (Community Colleges Director-at-Large). They will be joined by Kathlene Hanson (Northern Vice-President), Lise Snyder (Director at large UC), and Liz Ginno (Director at large CSU).

Contributed by
Amy Wallace
California Chapter Representative
COLORADO

A lot is happening in Colorado! This past May CoALA held a joint conference with the Colorado Academic Library Consortium (CALC) – The CALC Summit. The Summit included a Keynote by Stephen Abram, who discussed the importance of collaboration and the need for librarians to embrace new technologies and social media.

The Colorado Association of Libraries held the 2010 CAL Conference in October where CoALA hosted a peer-reviewed session - “Credo as a Way of Knowing: How to Begin Research.” This paper was presented by Sandy Hudock and Lynn Kay of Colorado State University, Pueblo.

New CoALA officers were elected in 2010:

Lyda Ellis – Chair – University of Northern Colorado, Greeley
Jeff Holstein – Vice Chair/Chair Elect – Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood
Paul Betty – Past Chair/ACRL Liaison – Regis University, Denver
Karen Sobel – Secretary – University of Colorado, Denver
Diane Westerfield – Member-at-Large – Colorado College, Colorado Springs
Martin Garnar – Member-at-Large – Regis University, Denver
Shelley Harper – Community College Representative – Pikes Peak Community College, Colorado Springs

CoALA will host a travelling workshop series this spring. In an effort to lower cost for participants, five spring workshops will be held throughout the state. Topics include assessment, credit-bearing instruction, one-shot instruction, embedded librarianship and more!

Contributed by
Lyda Ellis
Colorado Chapter Representative

DELAWARE

The Delaware Valley Chapter hosted its fall program on November 12, 2010 at Penn State Great Valley in Malvern, Pennsylvania. For this program, From Dimdim to Boopsie: Getting Serious about Technology in Libraries, the chapter envisioned a series of presentations that would provide attendees with free/inexpensive technologies that could improve library functions/services relatively quickly. Our goal was for each attendee to leave with...
one idea that could be implemented at his/her library. The chapter decided to send out a call for proposals, something we had never done before. We hoped to tap the many librarians in our service area who have successfully applied these technologies to solve existing problems or start new services. The chapter received very interesting proposals, many more than we could accept. The resulting program was possibly the most successful we have ever offered. It was clear from the evaluation comments and from conversation at the program that we had achieved our goal—attendees did leave with at least one idea and a sense of excitement at the prospect of implementing it. The day ended with roundtables where attendees could talk further with the presenters or each other about the technologies discussed.

The speakers and their presentations were: Rebecca Metzger, Lafayette College, “‘Where in the Library is Carmen San Diego?’: Lafayette Library Open House Becomes Interactive Mystery Game Using Students’ Mobile Phones & QR Codes”; Karen Kohn, Arcadia University, “Migrating to an Open Source Catalog: One Library’s Experience and How You Can Do It, Too”; Michele Mrazik, DeSales University, “Text a Librarian”; Barbara Quintiliano, Villanova University, “Teaching Info Lit in Cyberspace: Using Jing and Survey Monkey as Weapons of Mass Instruction”; Sarah Penniman, Delaware Valley College, “Polls, Polls Everywhere: Using Cell Phones as Classroom Clickers”; Michael Gutierrez and Lydia N. Collins, University of Delaware, “Adopting New Technologies for an Enhanced Learning Experience”; and Bill Hemmig, Brian Johnstone, and Margaret Montet, Bucks County Community College, “Creating a Sense of Place for the Mobile Learner.” Presentation PowerPoints/links to Prezi presentations have been posted at http://www.acrldvc.org/programs.htm.

Planning is under way for the Delaware Valley Chapter’s reception at the ACRL 2011 National Conference in Philadelphia. It will be held on Thursday, March 31, from 6pm to 8pm at the Marriott and will include a brief business meeting.

Following a spring reassessment, we expanded our mentoring program. Originally
limited to pairing library and information science graduate students with academic librarians in our service area, the program now also provides mentoring for new librarians as well as for librarians from other types of libraries who are interested in moving into academic librarianship. With this change and a new marketing approach, we have seen a large increase in people seeking mentors. Our résumé review service will begin in spring 2011. Information about the mentoring program can be found at [http://www.acrlldvc.org/mentor.htm](http://www.acrlldvc.org/mentor.htm).

For more information about the Delaware Valley Chapter, see the chapter’s website at [http://www.acrlldvc.org/home.htm](http://www.acrlldvc.org/home.htm).

Contributed by
Pat Newland
Delaware Chapter Representative

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**GEORGIA**

GA ACRL Chapter/GLA Academic Division members took part in the annual Georgia Library Association Midwinter Conference on January 29th 2010 at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia. This leadership conference provided an overview of GLA plans for the year, and was an excellent opportunity for Chapter Planning for the coming year. Dr. James (Jim) V. Carmichael, Jr., Professor at The University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Department of Library and Information Studies was our keynote speaker. The following were suggested topics for COMO presentations:

- Promotion and Tenure requirements
- New construction, additions, and large-scale moves
- Georgia Knowledge Repository
- Special Collections Building at UGA (completion date 2011)
- Rare books and preservation / dealing with moving special collections
- Social Networking use in libraries/ Panel to discuss how organizations support librarians as technology rapidly changes—mentoring, retooling, re-training—professional development to support coping with rapid change
- Library disaster recovery
- TCSG Merger
- Grant writing for academic librarians

Getting ready for a SACS visit
Learn about Zotero (free citation manager program) and other forms of open access software for academic libraries
Mobile services for libraries
Non-traditional/innovative media for promoting libraries
Managing electronic services and tech services; workflow management in these areas
Practical ways to incorporate educational theories in information literacy classes
People to People experience

The Academic Library Division of the Georgia Library Association/Georgia ACRL Chapter met at the GLA annual conference, October 13-15, 2010. The conference was held in Athens, GA and was a joint conference with the Georgia Council of Media Organizations. The following Georgia Library Association officers were elected and will take office on January 1, 2011:

Chair: Sarah Steiner, Georgia State University.
Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Katherine Ott, Georgia State University.
Secretary: Tessa Minchew, Georgia Perimeter College.
ACRL Chapter Council Representative: Amy Eklund, Georgia Perimeter College (begins first year of two-year term).

The Georgia Library Association presented a large number of academic programs and presentations at the fall 2010 Georgia Council of Media Organization conference, many of which were sponsored by the Academic Division.

At the Academic Division luncheon, author Joshilyn Jackson was the featured luncheon speaker. Jackson, New York Times bestselling novelist lives in Georgia with her husband and their two children.

EBSCO AWARD:
Want Buy In? Let Your Students do the Buying.
Anne Barnhart, University of West Georgia

BLACKWELL AWARD:
A Herzbergian Look at Academic Librarians and Job Satisfaction:
Alan Bernstein, Valdosta State University

Other Invited Academic Papers:

Using Library Swipe-Card Data to Inform Decision Making:
Jennifer Link Jones, Georgia State University

Librarianship as Profession: Dewey Revisited:
Virginia C. Feher and Kimberly Boyd, University of Georgia

Information Overload @your library:
LouAnn Blocker, Augusta State University

Developing an Institutional Repository at a Medium-Size University, Needs, Attitudes, and the Future:
Deborah Davis, Valdosta State University and Fathih Oguz, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Small and Open Source: Decisions and Implementation of an Open Source Integrated Library System in a Small Private College.
Lyn H. Dennison and Alana Faye Lewis, Paine College

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Georgia Chapter Representative

INDIANA

The 2010 Indiana Library Federation (ILF) Annual Conference was held Nov. 15th-17th at the Indianapolis Convention Center. The conference attracted 1,015 attendees from across the state.

The Indiana Academic Librarians Association (IALA), the Indiana ACRL Chapter, sponsored the following programs over the course of the conference. IALA’s special guest and
featured speaker this year was Vicki Burns from Rochester University. Ms. Burns gave an overview of the completed ethnographic projects conducted at Rochester’s library and discussed the latest work related to supporting research and writing. She also featured the IR plus product (open source) developed at Rochester and implemented in the institutional repository, UR Research, https://urresearch.rochester.edu/home.action.

Other IALA programming included:

**We can work it out: Faculty liaison programs at small colleges and universities.** Carly Statz, Trine University. This program examined issues related to having a faculty liaison program at a small college or university.

**Hitting the Charts with Classroom Response Systems.** Judith Garrison, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne. An interactive session that explored the way classroom response systems can be used to make a substantial contribution to the teaching, learning, and assessment of information literacy instruction.

**Gneiss Libraries: Finding Consortial Partners for an ILS.** Alberta Davis Comer and Tim Gritten, Cunningham Memorial Library, Indiana State University. How can libraries afford an increasingly expensive full-service Integrated Library System (ILS)? In Vigo County, public and private academic libraries joined with a public library, and the Library Consortium of Vigo County was born. The program discussed the decision-making process, the advantages discovered, and the unexpected complexities stumbled upon.

**The Changing Roles of Academic Librarians.** David Lewis, IUPUI University Library. We are living through a technological upheaval that is transforming the way information is created, distributed and used. Libraries and librarians are confronting these changes and it will be a necessity to find new roles to play. This session will outlined the changes, proposed some possible paths forward and invited discussion of the work academic librarians are likely to do in the next decade.

**Lean on Me: Using A Peer-to-Peer Teaching Exchange to Carry on Classroom Instruction.** Jaena Hollingsworth, Rhonda Huism, Meagan Lacy, Eric Snajdr, Jessica Trinoskey & William Weare, IUPUI University Library. Librarians are collaborative in many ways, but not necessarily when it comes to the classroom. Several librarians sought to change this when they established a group for peer-to-peer teaching exchange. The forum provided a means of sharing effective and engaging instruction strategies, while class observation and con-
constructive feedback encouraged individual improvement and created a sense of community and accountability among participants. This presentation focused on how the group was created and speakers shared preliminary results.

Contributed by
Robin Crumrin
Indiana Chapter Representative

At the 2010 Iowa Library Association Annual Conference held on October 13-15 in Coralville, the Iowa Chapter sponsored several sessions. We held a successful pre-conference entitled: “The Customer-Driven Academic Library” featuring Jeannette Woodward from the Wind River Library and Nonprofit Consulting. We co-sponsored a session on the University of Iowa Libraries pilot project on patron-driven collection development led by Karen Fischer and Mike Wright. Also we heard from Matt Goldner from OCLC, who talked about “cloud computing” and the impact on libraries. Last year our session “Humo(u)r in Libraries” was cancelled due illness but not this year. Fred Gertler, Former Assistant Dean of the University Library, University of the Pacific, entertained and imparted tips and wisdom about creating a fun workplace. Two academic librarians were last minute examples for his presentation by having an impromptu parade during the conference. Please note this is not first time the members of the Iowa Chapter has been caught creating fun and laughter at conferences. In the Spring 2009 Chapters Topic, there was a mention of the chapter leaving it mark in concrete at an earlier conference. The 2011 Spring Conference will be held on March 18 at Central College in lovely Pella, Iowa. Unfortunately it will be too early for the Tulip Festival but Dutch letters will be plentiful.
One initiative we have been working as a chapter is making our online directory more useful for our members. We have created an experimental Google Map Directory which will provide directory information such as addresses for the academic library as well as links to the library’s webpage. We hope to add other information such as direct links to staff directory. So take a virtual trip to Iowa and visit our over 80 academic libraries at: http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF8&msa=0&msid=102468360285856804631.0004871d3ac6a04f8e286&z=7.

For more information about the activities of the Iowa Chapter visit our website at: http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/ or read the latest ILA/ACRL newsletter at http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/newsletter/2010fall.

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Iowa Chapter Representative

KANSAS

The Kansas chapter of ACRL, Kansas Library Association-College and University Libraries Section, celebrated a successful Fall Conference at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS. The theme of this year's conference was "Originate, Create, Renovate, and Innovate: Leading Revolution in the Academic Library". Close to 100 attendees combined on Thursday afternoon and Friday, October 14 and 15, to participate in a variety of Pecha Kucha sessions, traditional sessions, and poster sessions relating to innovation and change. On Thursday, October 14, attendees participated in a preconference on leadership in the academic library facilitated by Jonathan Morris of the University of Kansas Public Management Center. Thursday evening featured "An Evening at Red Rocks" at the William Allen White House in Emporia, a Kansas State Historical Society site, for attendees to enjoy refreshments and a tour of the White home. CULS also conducted its Fall Business Meeting at the conference luncheon on October 15, highlighted by Fred Krebs of the Kansas Humanities Council speaking about "William Allen White's Heartland Values". Next year's CULS Fall Conference is tentatively scheduled for October 20 and 21, 2011, at Manhattan, KS.

In addition, CULS will publish open access conference proceedings in early 2011 of selected papers from this year's Fall Conference. The proceedings will be published by New Prairie Press out of Kansas State University. The CULS Proceedings Committee plans to apply for a presentation at the Kansas Library Association Conference in April 2011 to highlight and promote the inaugural issue.
LOUISIANA

In 2010, the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL elected three new officers, and President Melissa Ursula Dawn Goldsmith (Nicholls State University) appointed three new standing committee Chairs. Rob Bremer of Louisiana Tech was elected Vice President/President-Elect. In 2009, the chapter had revamped its By-Laws to disassociate the positions of Secretary and Treasurer, creating two positions. This past year, Kelly Blessinger (Louisiana State University [LSU] at Baton Rouge) and Sonnet Erin Ireland (University of New Orleans) were elected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Goldsmith replaced outgoing chairs of the By-Laws, Membership and Elections, and Awards Committees: Outgoing By-Laws Committee Chair Goldsmith was replaced by Angela Dunnington (Southeastern Louisiana University). Outstanding Membership and Elections Committee chair Jessica Hutchings (McNeese State University) was replaced by Michael Matthews (Northwestern State University). And outgoing Awards Committee Chair Boris Teske (Louisiana Tech) was replaced by Debra Cox Rollins (LSU-Alexandria). Will Hires (LSU-Baton Rouge) was named Legislative Liaison.

The Chapter’s Ad Hoc committees (created to address specific initiatives) continued to function. These committees, Peer Networking (Megan Lowe, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Chair), School of Library and Information Science Initiatives (Tony Fonseca, Nicholls State University, Chair), Successful Transition to Academic Research (STAR Committee, Rollins, Chair), and Fundraising (Karen Niemla, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Chair) continued to be productive. The STAR Committee, under the leadership of Rollins and Mitch Fontenot (LSU-Baton Rouge) was invited for speaker engagements throughout Louisiana, and had a panel accepted at ALA. The Chapter’s website (www.acrllla.org) received a facelift from Web Administrator Niemla, and Chapter Journal Editor Lowe published the first two issues of Codex: The Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL (ISSN: 2150-086X), including articles by James Elmborg and John Budd. The Chapter’s Peer Support Network is now fully functional as well, and a new membership level (Associate Member, for non-librarians and retired librarians) was introduced.

The Chapter also identified new initiatives for 2010-2011, many of which address the current fiscal emergency for higher education: Goldsmith and Lowe, along with Jeremy Landry (Nicholls State University) are working on a program that will seamlessly translate Directory of Open Access Journal (DOAJ) metadata for the state’s academic libraries, so

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that these journals can be integrated into OPACs. Goldsmith and Fonseca are working on positioning the chapter as the information clearinghouse for electronic theses and dissertation production (Goldsmith has been for a long time involved with the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations, or NDLTD). Matthews and Fonseca are beginning dialogue within the state for cooperative serials collection development. Matthews is going to begin aggressively recruiting new Chapter members within the state. And Fonseca will be beginning a dialogue with other Deep South ACRL chapters in order to initiate a multi-state conference.

The Chapter co-hosted/co-sponsored two events this year: At its co-hosted Meet and Greet during the Louisiana Library Association Conference in March, it named Steve Bensman (LSU-Baton Rouge) its 2010 Scholar Librarian of the Year. The Chapter’s representation at the LOUIS Consortium’s Users Conference was phenomenal, as it worked with new LOUIS Director Sara Zimmerman and the LOUIS staff to co-sponsor some half dozen sessions. Unfortunately, the Chapter’s annual mini-conference on LOCKSS/CLOCKSS technology had to be cancelled due to lack of travel funding in the state. The Chapter is looking at possibilities of rescheduling this event in Spring of 2011. Also unfortunately, Ireland resigned as Secretary, and the Chapter is scheduling a special election to replace her.

Chapter officers for the coming year are as follows:

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Here in Minnesota, the state’s ACRL chapter, also known as the Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Minnesota Library Association, held an election in August. The results are in, and four new members joined our 2011 board on December 1. Our current members are: Past-Chair, Kristen Mastel, University of Minnesota; Chair: Kate Peterson, University of Minnesota; Chair-Elect, Cindy Gruwell, St. Cloud State University; Secretary, Rita Baladad, Minitex; Member Communication, Rebecca Ganzel Thompson, Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota; Legislative Liaison, Jayne Blodgett, University of Minnesota at Morris; Members-at-Large, Jodi Carlson, University of Minnesota at Duluth, and Jennifer Hootman, Minitex. We also bade farewell to several treasured members of this year’s board, but we know we haven’t seen the last of them. For example, the 2010 Past-Chair, Robin Ewing, has gone on to become the current President of the Minnesota Library Association, which marks the first time in many years that this position has been drawn from the academic-libraries side.

The ARLD is planning our annual spring conference, the simply titled ARLD Day. Once again, its location is one of the most beautiful places in the state, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen. We have reason to know that it is gorgeous in both rain and sun, but of course we hope for sun on April 29, 2011. Our keynote speaker is Jason Griffey, head of library IT at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (and the author of a respected blog, “Pattern Recognition”; see http://jasongriffey.net/wp/). Our theme is “The Everywhere Library.”

For October’s annual conference of the Minnesota Library Association (theme: “Serious Play”), we sponsored or co-sponsored 21 sessions, and moderated 15 of them. They included:

“Beyond Search: The Glitz and Glam of Google” by LeAnn Suchy (Metronet), Rita Baladad (Minitex), Kate Bessey (Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange), and Kristen Mastel (University of Minnesota)
“Demystifying Ethnography: Exploring Student Use of Library Spaces” by Anna Hulseberg, Julie Gilbert, and Amy Gratz (all of Gustavus Adolphus College)
“Teams that Play Together Work Better Together: Using Rhythm-Based Experiential Exercises to Improve Team Effectiveness” by Pete McDonnell (Bemidji State University) and Keith Russell (University of Kansas at Lawrence)
“Emerging Leaders in Changing Times” by MILE 2011 (MLA Institute for Leadership Excellence)

“Current Trends in Instruction: Summaries and Discussion” by Kristen Mastel and Kate Peterson (both of the University of Minnesota)

“Data Privacy Requirements and Issues for Minnesota’s Libraries” by Nancy Walton (Minnesota Department of Education)

“Inviting Collaboration to Encourage Life-Long Learning” by Lyndi Finifrock, Carole Cragg, Betsy Dadabo, Ann Gannon, and Will Keillor (all of Bethel University)

“Some Applications of Data Visualization Tools in Librarianship” by Peter Kirlew (University of Minnesota)

“Distance Tech Tools for Your Average Patron: Ten Ways to Make Technology Viable, Marketable, and Cost-Effective in Reaching Distance Patrons” by Nicholas Prieve (Marshall Lyon County Library)

“Life Outside the Library: Starting an Embedded Librarian Program” by Jayne Blodgett (University of Minnesota at Morris)

“A Level Playing Field? ELM and the High School to College High Jump” by Donna Nix, Marianne Hageman, Janice Kragness (all of the University of St. Thomas)

“Playing in the Stacks: Using Incentives and Collaboration to Make Weeding Enjoyable” by Amy Soma and Lisa Sjoberg (both Concordia College)

“Serials Budget Cutting: It’s No Game” by Becky Schwartzkopf (Minnesota State University at Mankato), Jean Kramer (Minnesota State University at Moorhead)

“College Students and Wikipedia” by Sook Lim (St. Catherine University)

“Reading 2.0: Improving Literacy in an Academic Environment” by Dan Reeves, George Alland, Anne Deutsch, Brooke Easton, and Kari Nollendorfs (all of Rasmussen College)

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The Mississippi Chapter held its annual fall luncheon and business meeting on October 21, 2010, during the Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference. The program speaker was Julia Blixrud, Assistant Executive Director of Scholarly Communication for the Association of Research Libraries. Her presentation was titled, “Stepping Outside Our Boundaries: Working with Faculty to Embrace Change in the Scholarly Communication System.” The program was well-attended and well-received, as Ms. Blixrud shared ideas for building positive relationships with faculty to promote positive change in and new models for the scholarly communication system.

Following the resumption of spring meetings in May 2010, chapter members are currently looking forward to another spring meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, in May 2011.

Chapter officers elected to 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
Tisha Zelner, Immediate Past Chair, University of Southern Mississippi

Greetings from sunny Arizona!

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The College and University section sponsored six sessions at the 2010 Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association joint annual conference held in Grand Island, NE on Oct 13-15, 2010.

The programs and presenters for the conference were:

“Discovery tools? You Can Compete with Google,” DeeAnn Allison, University Nebraska at Lincoln

“Growing Our Future, Community Engagement,” Joyce Neujahr and Nora Hillyer, University Nebraska at Omaha

“Libraries in Guatemala,” Margaret Mering, University of Nebraska at Lincoln

“Voice of the Customer: Designing Library Services to Meet User Expectations,” Robin Bernstein, Casey Kralik, and Becky Wymer, Bellevue University

“Dspace: An Open Source Solution to Implement at Your Institutional Repository,” Viral Amin, Creighton University

“Nebraska Library Think Tank: Three to the Power of Ten,” Melissa Cast-Brede, University of Nebraska at Omaha; Mary Nash, Creighton University, Nora Hillyer, University of Nebraska at Omaha

The College and University Section Spring Meeting will be May 20th, 2011 at Union College in Lincoln, NE. The theme for the meeting The Next Step: Creating the Library of the Future

Building on last year's theme, "The Library of 2morr.o," we are seeking presentations which address the challenges both small and large academic libraries face when implementing new and emerging technologies, providing ideas for practical solutions to these challenges.

Suggested topics include training, technical support, strategic planning, budget planning, time management, and organizational structure. Presentations should answer questions like How do I gain campus / administrative support?, How do I prevent burn out when there is too much to learn too quickly?, or Where do I start when a small campus lacks sufficient
The College and University section Luncheon and Business Meeting was held October 15, 2010 during the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Education Media Association annual conference.

Incoming NLA C&U Section Chair, Sabrina Riley, Director, Union College Library, presented a plaque recognizing Marie Reidelbach, Associate Director, McGoogan Library, University of Nebraska Medical Center, outgoing Chair, for her service.

The 2010 Nebraska Library Association College & University Section’s Distinguished Service Award was given to Joan Giesecke, Dean of Libraries, University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Newly elected officers for the College & University Section are: Chair, Sabrina Riley, Union College; Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Marcia Dority Baker, Assistant Professor of Law Library and the Access Services librarian at the Marvin and Virginia Schmid Law Library; Secretary, Ben Brick, Grace University; ACRL Legislative Advocate, Marvel Maring, University of Nebraska Omaha.

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NEW ENGLAND—images

This past year the New England Chapter began experimenting with virtual attendance for the annual conference and will be doing the same for board meetings beginning in January. Last May the annual meeting, which took place in Worcester, MA, was webcasted to Champlain College in Burlington, VT, and Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. The Worcester site had over 325 attendees, and we were
able to reach another 40 attendees at the two remote sites. Having succeeded in that effort, our nominating committee proposed a candidate from northern New England for a Member-at-large position for the spring election, someone who will attend several board meetings virtually. Our goal is to involve librarians from the northern areas of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, an underrepresented group in the past due to geography. The board was enthusiastically behind this proposal. Despite the outcome of the election in the spring, we have decided to test virtual attendance for our board meetings beginning in January.

In the spirit of the 2011 conference theme on collaboration, we are working with two library groups in Massachusetts (MA), the MA School Library Association (MSLA) and the Massachusetts Library System (MLS). A joint program with MSLA and the special interest group, NELIG, will take place in the spring on teaching information literacy skills from K-12. MLS will be offering their members free registration to our annual conference in May.

The New England Chapter’s Special Interest Groups have been very busy this year. On December 3, 2010, the New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) held its winter meeting in three different locations, spanning most of New England! These included the James P. Adams Library at Rhode Island College in Providence, RI; the Tisch Library at Tufts University in Medford, MA; and the Glickman Library at University of Southern Maine - Portland Campus. Each location featured two presentations on: Conducting Qualitative Research with Students of Today. Topics ranged from focus groups and online technology surveys to student filmed study space videos, high school laptop programs, usability labs, and more! Almost 70 people total signed up!

The Scholarly Communication Group (SCIG) offers professional development opportunities and builds a community of practice around a broad range of scholarly communication issues throughout New England. In 2010, the group contributed two sessions at the Chapter Annual Conference in May, a workshop by Ellen Finnie Duranceau on Author Rights and Copy Rights, and a panel organized by Barbara DeFelice on Librarian and Publisher Partnerships for Scholarly Publishing: Changing Roles in a Digital World. In July, a full day interactive workshop was offered on Partnering with Faculty: Scholarly Communication Conversations at Olin College, where the featured speaker was Peter Suber. Participants learned about new initiatives, and worked in groups to develop approaches to communicating with
different user groups. The talks and other materials from the programs are posted at: http://scig.acrlnec.org/

The Information Technology Interest Group's (ITIG) Fall 2010 Workshop was held on November 15 at Keene State College’s Mason Library in Keene, NH. Titled, Mobile Website Building 201, the workshop was a combination of theory and hands-on mobile website design with an intended audience of those who have intermediate HTML & CSS skills (hence the 201, not 101). Topics covered ranged from Cross-Platform Considerations to Design. The workshop was provided by Wittawat (Wit) Meesangnil and Edward Iglesias of Central Connecticut State University (CCSU). ITIG will be holding its 2nd annual Digicamp in March of 2011, more on that to come. Follow the ITIG blog at http://www.acrlnec.org/itig_blog/

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NEW JERSEY—has pictures

Greetings from New Jersey!

This academic year has certainly started out with significant economic challenges due to the cuts in NJ state budget allocations for education, which were further exacerbated by a proposed 74% funding cut for NJ libraries. Librarians throughout the state rallied to send messages to our representatives and funding was partially reinstated to support the most critical statewide services, but we still had a 43% cut. Our goal is for all New Jersey libraries to work more collaboratively – cuts in school library positions will also have an impact on public and academic libraries, as well as the literacy skills of students entering our colleges and universities.

During the summer, the User Education Committee sponsored an information literacy workshop “Everything You Wanted to Know About Teaching Information Literacy but were Afraid to Ask” at Rider University’s Lawrenceville campus. The sold out program was attended by 80 librarians - representing academic, public, and school libraries. Attendees
selected from 8 possible workshop choices on topics such as instruction design, LibGuides, Web 2.0, evaluation of resources, rubrics, citations, marketing electronic resources and scholarly vs popular sources. The small group format was highly successful, generating active discussion among participants in each session and hands-on work in several of the workshops.

The Chapter is currently busy planning our two major statewide conferences. The Virtual Academic Library Environment (VALE-NJ) Users’ conference, “Strengthening Connections: Keeping Our Libraries Vital” will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2011. Twenty one presentations and 16 poster sessions will highlight innovative campus partnerships, collaborative projects or programs, outreach efforts and other initiatives that integrate libraries into the larger mission of our institutions and broader campus community. The keynote address will be presented by Jim Neal, VP for Information Services and University Libraries at Columbia University. Jim is a distinguished speaker on new directions in academic library values, roles, and visions and will share the imperatives he sees for guiding the future success of libraries.

The NJLA conference will be held May 2-4, 2010 down the Jersey Shore at the Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch. Chapter committees are preparing programs on collaborative projects with university faculty and identifying some of the leading edge technologies which can assist us in communicating with our patrons and providing easy access to our resources. Our keynote academic luncheon speaker, Kathy Dempsey, author of “The Accidental Library Marketer” will talk on “Promote Your Value; Prove You’re Essential”. We are also currently seeking nominations for several awards which are presented annually at the conference: Distinguished Service Award, Research Award, and Technology and Innovation Award.

The Chapter recently developed a promotional brochure to attract new members. We also actively solicited for additional members for our committees and have been successful in drawing new participants for the Newsletter, User Education, Research, and Technology committees.

The User Education Committee continues to be involved with the Information Literacy Progression Standards. An eight member task force of New Jersey librarians from two and four year college institutions created a document designed to assist with integrating information literacy into the curriculum so that teaching faculty and their librarian colleagues could share a common understanding of the expected student learning outcomes. The final document was formally presented by Task Force members during the 2010 VALE
Users’ Conference in conjunction with a promotional brochure that was distributed to each conference attendee. Subsequently, the document has received endorsements from: the VALE executive committee, NJ Association of School Libraries, NJ Library Association, and NJ State College Council of Academic Vice Presidents. Additional information on the Progression Standards is available at: http://njla.pbworks.com/w/page/12189896/Progression-Standards-for-Information-Literacy

On October 18th, Denise O’Shea, Chair of the Technology Committee, gave a presentation on Social Media and Web Tools at the NJLA Adult Services Forum at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan. The session was very well attended with approximately 45 people in the audience.

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OREGON—has an image

Each year the Oregon and Washington Chapters take turns hosting a fall conference. This year in late October at a rustic conference center on the Columbia River, the Oregon chapter hosted 80 librarians, gathered to consider the futures of academic libraries. We heard amazing speakers, connected with colleagues, and were treated to the beautiful fall colors of the Pacific Northwest.

The conference was entitled: If We Knew Today what we’ll know Tomorrow: Futures Thinking for Academic Libraries. Speakers included: David Silver, Associate Professor of Cultural Media, University of San Francisco, Jamene Brooks-Kieffer, Linking Librarian, at Kansas State University, and Elizabeth Dupuis, ACRL Board of Directors, Associate University Librarian at the University of California Berkeley. Interspersed with invited speakers were Ignite-style lightning talks. Presenters had 5 minutes and 20 slides (which advanced automatically after 15 seconds) to present their talk. In addition, a panel of library leaders responded to the Ithaka Report, Faculty Survey 2009: Key Strategic Insights for Libraries, Publishers, and Societies, with prepared remarks. Each invited speaker, panel participant, and lightning talker highlighted a new topic pertaining to the possible futures of academic libraries. For more complete information see the ACRL Oregon Blog.

We also celebrated the 35th anniversary of the Oregon Chapter with cake and presented the ACRL Oregon Award for Excellence to John Helmer, Orbis Cascade Alliance Di-
rector, in recognition of his work with academic libraries in the Pacific Northwest.

The chapter is continuing its efforts to connect with membership through the liaison program directed at soliciting ongoing informal posts from “liaisons” in all academic institutions within Oregon. The blog and the liaison program started a year ago and continue to gather readers and contributors. Statistics available via Google analytics show that new posts create spikes in viewing.

In addition, the chapter is continuing to evaluate the best methods of providing e-learning opportunities to the membership. This past year we provided four of the ACRL live webcasts at different venues around the state. We did a minimum of publicity and felt the attendance at the live webcasts was excellent considering this fact. The links for the webcasts were then sent to the membership and many had a chance to view the webcasts after the live event. We are currently researching additional e-learning offerings that would be of interest to the academic community.

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WISCONSIN

Greetings from Wisconsin!

Fall in Wisconsin not only brings the beautiful fall colors to our landscape, but it also brings together librarians from all kinds of libraries across the state! The annual Wisconsin Library Association Conference provides an opportunity for cross conversation and sharing between all divisions. This presence of a broader audience also provides a more diversified, extended exhibit area. Everyone enjoys this opportunity to share what’s new in our respective venues and engage and learn from fellow librarians who might work in a very different environment from our own.
Programs that work in an academic library can often be adapted for a public or special library setting. Each division (public, academic, special, etc.) sponsors programs that will interest division members, but with a little creativity and adaptation, the program may be useful to other types of libraries, as well.

The conference is also a way to showcase statewide events that include all libraries, such as our annual picture taking campaign – “Wisconsin Libraries say Cheese: A Day in Pictures”. The campaign focuses on developing and communicating effective messages about the importance of all types of libraries. In our second year, all libraries across the state submitted photos that show a “snapshot” of general use and activities in our libraries. We have found that it’s a good way to remind everyone of the wealth of resources and programs that all of our libraries offer. You can view some of the photos from this year’s campaign here: http://www.wisconsinlibraries.org/saycheese/

The academic division, Wis. Assoc of Academic Librarians (WAAL) sponsored several programs this year, including:

Adventures in Space Design -- a space design process that involves understanding both library needs and library users’ needs, testing plans with make-shift prototype designs and creating spaces that are characterized by flexibility and sustainability.

Grammar, Usage, and Style for Librarians -- a tour of resources from books to blogs, with an emphasis on those that are free, online, and easy to use, and demonstrates their use in resolving some common dilemmas.

Performing Arts in Libraries: Live! -- using dance, theater, and music in live settings not only to celebrate the performing arts, but to promote a library’s special collections (music, archives, etc.), to demonstrate the inherent vitality of the performing arts as living cultural artifacts, and to market their institutions to people who may not be familiar with them.

Staff Training at a Combined Services Desk – an overview of a formalized training program for all library staff, including students, who work at the combined services desk. Included the development process, materials created for the pilot program and evaluation of the outcome.

Student Research Forum – presentation of four research projects by promising students who reside in or who attend a college or university in Wisconsin. This session is in-
tended to foster significant, high-quality research in the profession and to provide a forum for future library leaders.

WAAL librarians look forward to our spring conference when the focus will be primarily on programs that highlight the specific needs of an academic setting. However, it was fun to share and see what our fellow librarians were doing in their libraries!

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VIRGINIA

The Virginia Chapter of ACRL held our annual spring program at the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business on May 27, 2010. Our program, entitled “Collaboration: Libraries Moving Forward Together,” featured three presenters. Lori Goetsch, ACRL President 2009-2010, gave the keynote address on collaboration among academic libraries on the national level. Dr. Bruce Hulse, Director of Library Services for the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC), presented on WRLC’s collections, digital library, and consortium organization. Gene Damon, Director of Automation for the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Steering Committee Chair for the Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA), discussed resource sharing and cooperative collection building in Virginia.

We also held, for the fourth consecutive year, two summer regional meetings. These meetings are an opportunity for attendees to view a new (or newly renovated) library building, to lunch with colleagues, and to learn about some aspect of academic librarianship. This year’s theme was, “Changes in Leadership: Opportunities and Challenges for Academic Libraries.” The panels took place at Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC) in Williamsburg and Hampden-Sydney College near Farmville, VA.

Panelists at TNCC included Wendell Barbour, Dean of the Greenwood Library, Longwood University; Stuart Frazer, Head of Access Services, Old Dominion University; and, Ron Monark, Managing Director of the Entrepreneurship Center at the College of William and Mary. Panelists at Hampden-Sydney College included Cy Dillon, Co-editor of Virginia Libraries and Director of the Library and Academic Information Services, Hampden-Sydney College; Karen King Marshall, Director of the Camp Library at the U.Va. Darden School of Business; and, Dr. Bill Stuart, Associate Professor of Communication Studies at Longwood Uni-
versity.

We successfully held our second-annual VLACRL conference-within-a-conference at the Virginia Library Association (VLA) Annual Conference in Portsmouth, VA this past October. The conference-within-a-conference, entitled “Bringing the Big Picture to Your Campus,” was very well attended with 10 concurrent sessions, as well as our first ever poster session. The wide range of content included sessions on instruction, digitization initiatives, collection development and user-centered research. Our business meeting was also conducted at the conference. We elected a new Vice-chair, Tatiana Pashkova-Balkenhol of Longwood University.

VLACRL officers for 2011 are:

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Tatiana Pashkova-Balkenhol, Vice-chair
Maryke Barber, Hollins University, Secretary/Treasurer
Craig Amos, Thomas Nelson Community College, Past Chair

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