Message from the Chapter’s Council

Dear Chapters Council Members –

At ALA Annual this June, Chapters Council has a meeting slot from 8am-Noon on Sunday! Our meeting will be held at the Capital Hilton, Federal A room.

We are using the first part of our morning to conduct an *Orientation* for our new members of the Council. In this you will learn about the purposes and tasks of the Chapters Council, helpful hints to fulfilling the jobs that communicate and link our activities to national ACRL, and make useful connections to other chapter officers around the country. We learn what others are doing and are inspired at the amazing work and accomplishments of chapters throughout the various regions and states.

We report not only on our activities, but are informed about the latest work of our national leadership. It’s important that if you are coming to ALA, that you make Chapters Council a part of your scheduled activities. Your presence will strengthen all of us, because we will get to know you, your thoughts, concerns, as well as accomplishments of your chapter in person as well as through this newsletter. This is your opportunity to ask questions and "pick the brains" of our national leadership.

This year, immediately following the orientation, we are privileged to have a special workshop led by *Dr. Megan Oakleaf,* a professor at Syracuse University, who will start us with a little about her preliminary research in the value of academic libraries and lead us through some problem solving (continued on page 2)
on this important topic for academic libraries today. Oakleaf completed her dissertation entitled, “Assessing Information Literacy Skills: A Rubric Approach,” at the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her research interests include outcomes assessment, evidence-based decision making, information literacy instruction, information services, and digital librarianship. She is also on the faculty of the ACRL Institute for Information Literacy Immersion Program.

At our annual meeting will also be the *election of officers* for Chapters Council. We need you there for the brief, in-meeting presentation of the candidates and the voting. Mark Lenker has found a wonderful roster of qualified candidates. Please read about them in this newsletter, and also take the opportunity to meet them in person before the voting takes place.

The Chapters Council *Task Force on Funding* has been busy since our Mid-Winter meeting. We will receive a full report about the activities of the Task Force and our most recent response from the ACRL Board. In the meantime, I'd like to start hearing from our membership how we can improve the Chapters Council, it's goals and activities. We are creating more information on the */ALA Connect/*.  
[http://connect.ala.org/node/65479](http://connect.ala.org/node/65479). (You must login to ALA Connect). You can read our draft minutes from the Mid-Winter meeting there.

We are exploring ways that Chapters Council can be more useful in our role as liaisons between the national ACRL and our individual chapters. We can all strengthen the role of Chapters Council. In which directions would you like to see us move? What challenges should we take on this year? Please come with your ideas and suggestions. Feel free to email me directly, (pinnolis@brandeis.edu) or call me (781-736-4705) to discuss any of these issues ahead of the meeting. We will have some time at the meeting to put forth new ideas.

And don't forget the Dine-Around! It's a great way to meet people in a friendly atmosphere, exchange ideas, learn from each other, and hear more tales of the library world.

I look forward to seeing you all there at Chapters Council! The Chapters Council meeting on Sunday, June 27, 2010 from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm will be held at the Capital Hilton, Federal A room.

Yours,
*Judith S. Pinnolis, Chair*
Chapters Council of ACRL
Agenda for Chapters Council

We are pleased to welcome Megan Oakleaf to our Chapters Council meeting at ALA Annual, where she will discuss her ongoing work as lead researcher on ACRL’s Value of Academic Libraries project. The project’s main objective is to equip academic librarians with resources and strategies for demonstrating the value of libraries to stakeholders outside the library, a challenge that is becoming increasingly important given today’s economic conditions. Oakleaf is an Assistant Professor in the iSchool at Syracuse University. Her research areas include assessment, evidence-based decision making, information literacy instruction, and reference services.

Chapter Dine Around in D.C.

Join colleagues from around the country for dinner at the La Tasca Spanish Tapas Restaurant & Bar (http://www.latascausa.com/site/locations/washington-dc/) Sunday evening at 6:30. La Tasca is located at 722 7th Ave. NW, approximately 3 blocks from the Renaissance Washington, D.C. Downtown Hotel and 4 blocks from the Grand Hyatt Washington. We have reservations, so please contact Mark Lenker (lenkermn@longwood.edu) so that we can save a spot for you.
Candidates for Chapters Council Elections

Candidate for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Rickey Best is running unopposed

Education:
MLIS, University of California Berkeley (1986)
MA, Historic Resources Management, University of California Riverside (1982)
BA, History, University of California Riverside

Work Experience:
Dean of the Library, Auburn University at Montgomery, 1997- present
Head of Technical Services, Auburn University at Montgomery, 1996-1997
Archivist / Special Collections Librarian, Auburn University at Montgomery, 1986-1997.

Professional Experience:
Secretary, ACRL Chapters Council, 2010
Member, ACRL Government Relations Committee, 2005- present.
President, Alabama Association of Colleges & Research Libraries, 2009-2010
Co-Chair, Intellectual Freedom Committee, Alabama Library Association, 2008-present
Vice Chair, Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, 2009

Statement of Interest: ACRL provides librarians with necessary training and support opportunities. I believe that Chapter’s Council must continue to work with the ACRL Leadership in advocating for local chapter needs, including increased funding to support training and educational opportunities at the local level. We must also become stronger advocates for our institutions and for the library profession. If selected as Vice-Chair / Chair-elect, I would welcome the opportunity to serve the local chapters by presenting their issues and concerns to the leadership of ACRL, and in working to find a mutually beneficial solution to the issues we face.
Candidates for Chapters Council Elections

Candidate for Secretary

Danielle Whren Johnson is running unopposed

Danielle Whren Johnson is currently serving as Vice-President of ACRL MD and will begin her tenure as president in July. She works as the Digital Access Librarian at the Loyola/Notre Dame Library in Baltimore, Maryland. Danielle has also served on the state association level as Secretary of ACRL MD and as a member of the Maryland Library Association Conference Committee. Additionally, she has experience taking detailed minutes as secretary for several committees within her library as well as past experience as secretary for non-library organizations with which she has been involved.

Statement of Interest: I would welcome the opportunity to serve as the ACRL Chapters Council Secretary. I have been very involved in the state level since joining the librarian profession in 2006 and would now like to expand my service to a more national level. The ACRL Chapters Council provides an important bridge between the state level and national level associations, which allows their members to work more effectively on behalf of academic librarians and libraries. I believe my past experiences as a secretary would allow me to effectively serve as ACRL Chapters Council Secretary and help promote the excellent work done by the ACRL Chapters Council.
ACRL @ ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D. C.

ACRL/ASCLA/LLAMA Joint Presidents’ Program

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

Capitalizing on Crisis: Leading Libraries in the Post-Recession Era

Affecting positive change has always been a leadership test, but the current economic situation presents continuous obstacles that make it even more difficult for libraries to achieve their missions. Declining funding, library closings, service eliminations, and staff layoffs are, unfortunately, commonplace. Rather than taking a fatalistic attitude during these hard times, be challenged by our keynote speaker and reactors to think and act differently as a leader when facing uncertainty and crisis.

Prior to the program, join ACRL, LLAMA, and ASCLA at a joint awards presentation from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

Preconferences

Note: Pre-registration is required for all preconferences. Visit www.acrl.org (click on “Events & Conferences” for details).

Tuesday, June 22 – Friday, June 25, 2010, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

51st RBMS Preconference

Join or Die: Collaboration in Special Collections

In our current economic climate, the theme of collaboration seems an especially timely one. We intend to explore collaborative relationships as broadly as possible: with our coworkers and our colleagues; with scholars and students; with donors, funders, and vendors. In short, our subject will be any instance in which we can accomplish more by working together than we could alone, with an emphasis on creative but practical solutions to the challenges we are all confronting. A variety of workshops, seminars, case studies, discussion sessions, tours, receptions and a booksellers’ showcase will complement the main program. http://rbms.info.

Friday, June 25, 2010, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Creating a Successful 21st Century Learning Environment

Discover techniques and strategies for creating 21st Century library environments and spaces, including the use of data-driven decision making and 2.0 technologies, the creation of broad avenues of input and partnerships, and the development of associated timelines and budgets. Examine library culture, services, technologies, and policies that enhance student learning, the benefits and pitfalls of campus collaborations, and address the nuts and bolts of renovation and building projects.

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Friday, June 25, 2010, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Library Mashups: Exploring New Ways to Deliver Library Data

Learn about mashups, how they can be used, and hear about examples from libraries around the world. Discover what tools to use to mash up library data with content from the web to reach more patrons. Examples include using maps to enhance library data, using Flickr for digital collections, and creating library websites with data from several information sources. Return to your institution with a list of goals to accomplish in your own library.

Friday, June 25, 2010, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Practical Pedagogy for Library Instructors: Designing Innovative Library Instruction

Intended for those teaching in information literacy programs who have limited to basic knowledge of pedagogy or instructional design, this active session will be based on a broad discussion of pedagogical approaches to library instruction. Though grounded in theory, this will be a very “hands-on” preconference with a strong focus on activity. Become familiar with basic pedagogical theory and understand its application to the library instruction classroom, while engaging in useful lesson planning.

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 2010 ALA Annual Conference
ACRL will offer 26 "must see" programs at the 2010 ALA Annual Conference in Washington D.C.! Hot topics include advocacy, research, digital innovations, and more beginning Saturday, June 26 at 8:00 a.m. through Monday, June 28 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/acrlatannual.cfm. Direct questions to Megan Griffin at mgriffin@ala.org.
**Special Events**

**Friday, June 25**

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Instruction Section Soiree

Pre-registration required.

Contact: Ann Brown, agbrown@gwu.edu

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Health Sciences Interest Group Social

Pre-registration required.

Contact: Carissa Tomlinson, ctomlinson@towson.edu

6:00 pm

Community & Junior College Libraries Section

Awards & Dinner Meeting

Pre-registration by June 9 is required.

Contact: Mary Ann Sheble, masheble@oaklandcc.edu

6:30 pm

College Library Section

Friday Night Feast

Pre-registration by June 9 is required.

Contact: Lisa Stillwell, lisa.stillwell@fandm.edu
Saturday, June 26
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Law and Political Science Section
Marta Lange/CQ Press Award Luncheon
Pre-registration is required.

5:00 - 7:00 pm
University Libraries Section Social
Contact: Kim Leeder, kimleeder@boisestate.edu

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Education and Behavioral Sciences Section
Social Hour
Contact Scott Collard, scott.collard@nyu.edu

Sunday, June 27
8:00-10:00 a.m.
Science and Technology Section
All STS Meeting & Breakfast
Pre-Registration recommended at http://bit.ly/STSMemberMtg
Contact: Matt Marstellar, matthewm@andrew.cmu.edu

5:30 - 7:00 pm
Literatures in English Section
No-host Social Hour
Contact: Angela Courtney, ancourtn@indiana.edu
Sunday, June 27 (continued)

6:00 – 8:00 pm
Science and Technology Section Dinner
Pre-registration by June 9 is required.
Contact: Matt Marstellar, matthewm@andrew.cmu.edu

7:00 – 10:00 pm
Western European Studies Section Cruise
Pre-registration by June 9 is required.
Contact: Ann Snoeyenbos, anns@muse.jhu.edu

Monday, June 28

1:30-5:00 pm
Health Sciences Interest Group
National Library of Medicine Tour
Pre-registration is required.
Contact: Carissa Tomlinson, ctomlinson@towson.edu

Tuesday, June 29

10:00 – 11:30 am
Science and Technology Section
National Air & Space Museum Tour
**Discussion Groups**

**Balancing Baby and Book:** Sunday, June 27, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Topic:** Meet with other parents to discuss the challenges of balancing family and professional interests. ACRL BBB is a fun and informal group for both moms and dads with questions about parenthood and librarianship. This group is not restricted to ACRL members; Come one, come all!

**Consumer and Family Studies:** Sunday, June 27, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Topic:** Current issues facing librarians with academic programs in family and consumer sciences/home economics.

**Continuing Education/Professional Development**

Saturday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** "I love to learn, but hate to be trained." How do you create and maintain an environment where informal learning flourishes as an integral part of your culture of learning?

**Copyright:** Saturday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** "Streaming Video in E-Reserves: Do We Really Need Permission?"

**Heads of Public Services:** Saturday, June 26, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Topic:** "Using Mobile Technology for Library Services"

**Information Commons:** Saturday, June 26, 10:30-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** An "un-conference" approach to a discussion group. There will be a variety of topics discussed at different tables; some predetermined, other decided that day by participants. You are invited to stay at one table the entire time or you can move around to hear what others are saying. Towards the end of the session there will be a lightning round, where a spokesperson from each table will be given 3 minutes to share the highlights.

**Librarianship in For-Profit Educational Institutions:** Sunday, June 27, 10:30-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** Come share with your fellow librarians what is important to you as for-profit institutional librarians. Discussion will include copyright and fair use provisions for for-profit.
Library and Information Science Collections: Sunday, June 27, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Topic: Staying Relevant in Today's Economy: Successful Strategies for Marketing and Outreach Activities Within Your LIS Collection

Media Resources: Sunday, June 27, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Topic: Where are We Headed?: Media Collection and Access Challenges during Uncertain Economic Times

MLA International Bibliography in Academic Libraries: Saturday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Topic: The impact of the FirstSearch / EBSCO vendor news. In addition, we will examine the changes in the information and budget landscape and their effects on MLA use.

New Members: Saturday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Topic: New and aspiring academic librarians meet to chat about whatever is on our minds. It's an opportunity for networking and a friendly place to ask any questions you have about succeeding in ACRL.

Personnel Administrators & Staff Development Officers: Saturday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Monday, June 28, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Topic: Succession planning, e-learning, a review of the impact of the economy on academic libraries, staffing assessment, and other topics of interest to the group as a whole.

Popular Cultures: Sunday, June 27, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Topic: Exploring Web 2.0 and social networking technologies.

Regional Campus Libraries: Sunday, June 27, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Topic: Best Practices for Implementing Information Literacy Assessment at Regional Campuses

Scholarly Communication: Sunday, June 27, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Topic: Join in an open conversation about issues that surface at the ACRL/SPARC Forum on Saturday afternoon. The forum will focus on U.S. public access policies, and the variety of offices from Congress, the White House and federal agencies involved in the development, advocacy and ultimately, implementation of such policies.

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Senior Administrators: Saturday, June 26, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Topic:  Assessment of library services.

Undergraduate Libraries: Monday, June 28, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Topic: With programming from the more traditional poetry readings to the new trend of parties in the library, undergraduate librarians frequently find themselves more and more in the role of event planners. Join us for a discussion of the benefits and challenges of this new role.

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.

ACRL 2011 Registration Opens May 18!

Save the date! Registration for the ACRL 2011 National Conference, to be held in Philadelphia, March 30 - April 2, 2011, will open May 18!


ACRL 2011 Call for Participation

At the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, John Hancock said: “There must be no pulling different ways; we must all hang together.” Ben Franklin remarked: “We must indeed all hang together, or assuredly we will all hang separately.” The ACRL 2011 National Conference theme, “A Declaration of Interdependence,” reflects the promise and the challenge of the delegates to the Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia. Academic and research libraries share a common set of principles. To be successful, libraries must cooperate with each other and interconnect with their campus communities. The ACRL 2011 National Conference invites you to explore new ideas, engage in active learning, and consider the interdependency that exists in our academic and library community.

Submit a proposal for the ACRL 2011 National Conference to be held in historic Philadelphia, March 30 - April 2, 2011. The ACRL National Conference attracts and engages many of the brightest minds in our profession. We encourage you to participate in this exciting and energizing exchange of ideas—bring your latest research, cutting-edge practices, and innovative developments to share with your colleagues. We invite you to submit your innovative or radical proposals to help us make ACRL 2011 a truly revolutionary conference!
ACRL 2011 Conference Continued

Conference Tracks

The ACRL 2011 Coordinating Committee invites you to investigate the issues and topics described in the conference tracks and to think about both the future of our field and the practices and plans that are helping us get there:

* Diversify our Interdependence: Building Relationships

* Evolutions in Higher Education

* Harness Lightning: Technology in the Service of Libraries

* Inventing Your Library’s Future

* The Shape of Tomorrow: Liberating Collection Development

* Unite with Users: Reinventing the User Experience

* You Say You Want a Revolution: Next Generation Librarianship

Session Formats

ACRL 2011 will offer a variety of session formats, from full-day preconferences to informal roundtable discussions. Session formats include:

* Contributed Papers

* Cyber Zed Shed Presentations

* Panel Sessions

* Preconferences

* Workshops

* Poster Sessions

* Roundtable Discussions

* Virtual Conference Webcasts

How to Submit

All proposals must be submitted via the online proposal submission form. Please see http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/national/2011/program/index.cfm for complete details.

Deadlines

May 10, 2010 - Contributed Paper, Panel Session, Preconference, and Workshop proposals due

November 1, 2010 - Cyber Zed Shed presentation, Poster Session, Roundtable Discussion, and Virtual Conference Webcast proposals due
**Publications**

ACRL has released a new monograph title, “The Anywhere Library: A Primer for the Mobile Web” by Courtney Greene, Missy Roser, and Elizabeth Ruane of DePaul University. Mobile computing is rapidly becoming an important part of everyday life. With a user-centered, practical emphasis geared to the non-technical librarian, “The Anywhere Library” approaches the creation of a mobile-optimized library Web site as a process rather than simply as a product. The authors guide readers through the process of mobile Web development by providing numerous examples of site design for a variety of different devices, planning and decision-making tips and sample code.

The book also serves as a guide for the future, with resources and tips on iteration and revision. Taking the mystery out of designing, planning and launching a mobile library Web site, “The Anywhere Library” is an invaluable resource for librarians everywhere. Purchase “The Anywhere Library” through the ALA Online Store, by telephone order at (866) 746-7252 in the U.S. or (770) 442-8633 for international customers.

**2010 ACRL Legislative Agenda**

Each year, the ACRL Government Relations Committee, in consultation with the ACRL Board of Directors and staff, formulates an ACRL Legislative Agenda. Drafted with input from the ACRL Scholarly Communications and Copyright Committees, along with additional committees, ACRL leaders and ALA Washington Office, the legislative agenda is prioritized and includes objectives for legislative action at the national level on issues that may affect the welfare of academic and research libraries. The ACRL Board of Directors recently approved the 2010 ACRL Legislative Agenda in time for Library Advocacy Day on June 29 in Washington, D.C. The 2010 ACRL Legislative Agenda focuses on eight priorities including public access to federally-funded research, Section 215 of the PATRIOT Act, network neutrality, government information, orphan works, fair use and anti-circumvention, lead in books and supporting school librarians. The complete agenda is available online at http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch/10agenda.cfm.

**SPARC-ACRL Forum video**

Videos of presentations from the SPARC-ACRL Forum on “The ebook transition: Collaborations and innovations behind open-access monographs” held at the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston are now available on the SPARC Web site. The forum featured information on three ambitious initiatives to deliver free online access to scholarly monographs. Watch video of the forum at http://www.arl.org/sparc/meetings/ala10mw/.

**ACRL Marketing Minute**

ACRL’s Marketing Academic and Research Libraries Committee (MARL) has launched a new feature, the ACRL Marketing Minute. The ACRL Marketing Minute is available on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/marketingminute) and Twitter (http://twitter.com/ACRL_MARL), and features bi-weekly quick tips and insights on marketing research, trends, and data.
ARIZONA

Greetings from sunny Arizona!

In response to feedback from our 2009 Annual Meeting, the Arizona Chapter Chair has been sharing a bimonthly “Resource Roundup” email blast with Arizona ACRL members. Resources include online, local, and national training and development opportunities, articles of interest and encouragement to academic librarians, and hopefully, a little fun.

The Arizona Library Association is hosting its annual conference November 15-17 at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort outside of Fountain Hills, AZ http://www.azla.org/displayconvention.cfm. A wide variety of sessions scheduled to be presented by and for academic librarians on the program are currently under consideration.

Contributed by
Dan Stanton
Arizona Chapter Representative

CALIFORNIA

CARL held its 12th conference, ("People Make Libraries: Digging Into Our Past, and Polishing Our Present to Transform Our Future," April 8-10, 2010) in California’s state capitol of Sacramento to explore the theme of people in libraries. President Amy Wallace (California State University, Channel Islands) presided, and the event had all the things one expects in a conference: solid and provocative keynote speakers, annual awards, student scholarships, poster and breakout sessions, and a multitude of networking opportunities. Over 200 librarians from around the state attended and heard their colleagues speak about topics as diverse as LibGuides and instant messaging to instruction and mentoring and technology issues. A large contingent of library school students and recent graduates insured that the average age of attendees was not unreasonably advanced.

Keynote speakers included Dr. Peter Hernon (Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science), who urged librarians (in his Plenary Session, "Be A Leader Not Merely A Follower") into leadership roles within their institutions and spoke about the different qualities of leadership. The challenges the profession offers and the current climate in the academy mean that librarians must exercise important leadership roles in a broad spectrum of professional activities. Melanie Hawks (Learning and Development Coordinator at the University of Utah) prodded the audience (in her Plenary Session, "Intention to Action:

Dr. Peter Hernon, “Let me tell you about leadership”
Influencing Others When You Don’t Have (Or Can’t Use) Authority”) outside their comfort zones by discussing authority issues within the library workplace and some of the means to work most effectively with colleagues. The conference dinner treated CARL members to a discussion and lively slide show of history materials from the California State Library by Gary Kurutz (Director of the Special Collections Branch, California State Library).

The full program with a more complete description of the speakers and sessions may be found at http://carl-acrl.org/Archives/ConferencesArchive/Conference10/index.html.

Contributed by
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DELAWARE VALLEY

The Delaware Valley Chapter hosted its spring program/annual business meeting on April 16, 2010 at Penn State Great Valley in Malvern, Pennsylvania. The well-attended program, Assess This! What, How, and Who Cares?, grew out of a membership survey on aspects of assessment of interest to members. The survey question that asked whether members would be interested in attending such a program gave as an option, “Not really, but I should,” which many respondents chose. That indication of little enthusiasm for assessment began to shift with the first speaker and disappeared by the end of what turned out to be an exciting day.

Peter Hernon, Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Simmons College, started off the program with his keynote presentation, “Assessment and Three Questions: What, Why, How.” His answers to those questions provided a foundation for the rest of the program.

Professor Hernon’s presentation was followed by a panel session, which he moderated, featuring presentations by panelists Melissa Gold and Scott Anderson, Millersville University, followed by Nonny Scholatzhauer, Penn State University, and Ruth Perkins, Krista Prock, and Karen Wanamaker, Kutztown University. The Millersville panelists explained two interesting assessment approaches they are taking; one involves curriculum maps and the other student artifacts. Nonny Scholatzhauer described Penn State’s “culture of assessment” and the Library Assessment Council of which he is a part. The Kutztown panelists discussed their experiences with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) service “Effective, Sustainable, and Practical Library Assessment.” Kutztown was the first non-ARL library to participate in this service, which proved to be very beneficial.

The afternoon speaker was Stephen Spohn, Senior Consultant, Planning and Assessment, at LYRASIS. His session, “Practical Library Assessment,” included individual and group activities. Audience participation was strong in this session and throughout the morning as the presentations and discussions led to many questions from the audience. The presentation PowerPoints will be posted soon at http://www.acrldvc.org/programs.htm.

Election results were announced at the business meeting. Newly-elected board members for 2010/2011 are Jutta Seibert, Villanova University, Vice President/President Elect; Gina Kaiser, University of the Sciences,
Chapter members voted on and passed two bylaw changes at the business meeting. One changes the chapter’s membership year from calendar to fiscal. The other change makes it possible for the chapter to conduct online elections.

The chapter’s legislative stipends have been awarded to Krista Higham, Access Services Librarian, and Melissa Gold, Science Librarian, both from Millersville University. They will be reporting their experiences at next month’s Library Advocacy Day during ALA Annual in an upcoming issue of the ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter Newsletter.

This year the chapter awarded its $1,000 graduate student stipend to Catherine Odson. She is enrolled in the M.L.I.S. program at Drexel University and is currently in a reference internship position at the University of Pennsylvania. Her application essay was on social networking in academic libraries. Her essay will be published in the fall issue of the chapter newsletter.

More information about the Delaware Valley Chapter can be found at the chapter’s website at http://www.acrldvc.org/home.htm.

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EASTERN NEW YORK

ENY/ACRL will hold its spring conference at Colgate University in Hamilton, NY on Monday, May 24th. The theme is “Creating Opportunity from Crisis,” and the conference speakers will present a range of strategies for success in academic libraries despite the current, very challenging economic environment. The noted speakers at our conference will include: Joan Getman, Senior Strategist for Learning Technologies, Cornell University; Christian Miller, Reference, Instruction and Outreach Coordinator, Cornell University; Thomas Slomka, Managing Director for the Digital Library Center, U. Buffalo SUNY; Karen DeJarnette, Director of Workforce Development Initiatives for Empire State Development Corp.; Jason Kramer, Executive Director, New York State Higher Education Initiative (NYSHEI); Trudi Jacobson, Head of User Education at the U. Albany SUNY Libraries; and Pamela McLaughlin, Director of Communications and External Relations, Syracuse U. Library.

The Local Arrangements Committee at Colgate has developed a terrific plan for hosting conference attendees who plan to arrive in Hamilton, NY the night before the conference. They have arranged a planetarium show at Colgate’s new Ho Tung Visualization Lab, followed by dinner at the Seven Oaks Clubhouse in Hamilton. The day of the conference, there will be a tour of the library and technology facilities at Colgate’s innovative Case-Geyer building.
Brenda Hazard, until recently our VP and Chair of the Program Planning Committee, has stepped down from her position due to a family illness. We thank Brenda for her many significant contributions to ENY/ACRL. The Board has now appointed Francesca Livermore of Colgate as Vice President/Program Chair/Incoming President.

Contributed by
Suzanne Turner
University at Albany
President

FLORIDA

The Florida Chapter recently conducted its Spring Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at the annual Florida Library Association Conference, held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando. The newly elected Board Officers are Vice President, Anjana Bhatt, University Librarian, Florida Gulf Coast University and Secretary, Jacqueline Henning, Librarian, Broward College. The meeting was very well attended by the board and ACRL members who were attending the FLA conference. Several topics were discussed including the national legislative activities and the upcoming ACRL Scholarly Communication 101 workshop scheduled for July 9, 2010 at Florida State University. At the end of the meeting, President Carol Ann Moon from Saint Leo College handed the gavel to the new President-elect, Dave Whisenant from the College Center for Library Automation.

For those near and far who will be in Florida this October and who wish to attend an exciting event, the Florida Chapter will hold its Fall Program 2010 on Friday, October 29, 2010 at the beautiful Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. Last year’s program was a great success with approximately 100 attendees, so we are hoping to at least match that this year. This year’s theme is “Innovative services to students and faculty.” Please join us if you can.

Contributed by
Dave Whisenant
President, 2010-2011, ACRL, Florida Chapter

ILLINOIS

The Illinois Association of College & Research Libraries held its biennial conference in Springfield, Illinois on March 25 and 26. The theme of the conference was “Thriving While Surviving: The Complete 21st Century Librarian.” Keynote speakers Dr. R. David Lankes of Syracuse and Dr. Beverly Lynch of UCLA offered very different perspectives on where academic librarians would need to focus their attention during the 21st century, but both agreed that librarians are absolutely necessary to the communities that they serve. Lynch focused on the daunting challenges that libraries face in preserving and making available scholarly communication, and on the leadership skills that would be needed in academic librarians of the future—not so different, she said, from leadership skills required in the past. Lankes made the somewhat outrageous assertion that “there is no such thing as recorded knowledge,” and went on from there to challenge librarians to be facilitators of the conversations that create knowledge. Saying “the future is ours for the taking,” Lankes asserted that in a world with too much information that librarians are in a unique position to connect patrons with the information that they truly need.

Other highlights of the conference included a talk by Kim Armstrong of the Center for Library Initiatives at the CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation) on Google Book Search: What Are the Implications of the Settlement for My Library. Armstrong, who has been involved in the CIC partnership with Google to scan
materials from member libraries, brought the benefit of her experience to a forecast of the way that libraries may interact with Google Books in the future. Librarians from several institutions (Northeastern Illinois, University of Illinois Springfield, Elmhurst, and Illinois Institute of Technology) reported on their efforts to study their students more closely and/or to tailor services to meet patron needs. Two groups of presenters shared their experiences with using mobile technologies to extend the services of their libraries. Not surprisingly, two presentations focused on collection development in a time of economic retrenchment.

A vendor fair/poster session reception allowed attendees the time for informal conversations that lasted well beyond the official end of the reception. During the business meeting, attendees brainstormed on the future of the chapter in a time of competing professional development options and dwindling support for travel. Results from that session will be explored by the IACRL Executive Committee during the months leading up to the next business meeting of the chapter at the ILA conference in the fall of 2010.

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INDIANA

IALA Elects New Officers

The Executive Board of the Indiana Academic Library Association welcomed new officers in 2010. Ably filling leadership roles are:

Alberta Comer, Chair
Indiana State University

Jaena Hollingsworth, Vice-Chair
IUPUI University Library

Lana Wilson, Secretary/Treasurer
Zondervan Library, Taylor University

Randi Stocker, Program Committee Chair
IUPUI University Library

Feng Shan, Member-At-Large
Indiana University South Bend

Scott Pfitzinger, Member-At-Large
Butler University

Annual Conference Planning

Planning is underway for the Indiana Library Federation’s Annual Conference, Libraries Rock!, Nov. 15-17 at the Indianapolis Convention Center. IALA is sponsoring three sessions to-date.

Judith Garrison, IU-Purdue Fort Wayne, topic: hands-on interactive review of the literature on using "clickers" for formative evaluation, promoting student engagement, and meeting education objectives librari-
ans have in their sessions with students.

David Lewis, IUPUI University Library: The Changing Roles of Academic Librarians

Carly Statz, Trine University, topic: faculty liaison program at small colleges and universities

The IALA luncheon and business meeting will be held during the conference on Nov. 17th. The featured speaker will be Vicki Burns, Head of Reference at the Rush Rhees Library, Rochester University. Vicki plans to present an overview of the completed ethnographic projects they have done and then focus on the latest work related to supporting research and writing. She will give a demonstration of the IR plus product (open source) which was developed at Rochester University and is implemented in the institutional repository, UR Research, https://urresearch.rochester.edu/home.action. The speaker is cosponsored by IALA, the Academic Libraries of Indiana and the Instruction and Education Division of ILF.

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ACRL Liaison
Indiana Academic Libraries Association

IOWA

Innovations: Concurrent sessions at the 2010 Spring Conference gave librarians a chance to learn about innovative programs, services, and initiatives. Presentations included:

Building Partnerships, Building Opportunities: Outreach, Collaboration and Service Learning Opportunities for Greener Libraries
Sarah Passonneau, Assistant Professor, Iowa State University

The Value of the Open: Defining and Selling Openness for the Campus Community
Bruce Gilbert, Professor of Librarianship, Librarian (Director of Technology and Instruction), Drake University

Collocation and Collaboration: Preus Library Main Floor Makeover
Germano G. Streese, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Luther College
Ryan Gjerde, Digital Initiatives Lead, Luther College

Opening Acquisitions: Letting Our Users Do the Buying
Michael Wright, Head, Acquisitions and Rapid Cataloging, University of Iowa Libraries

Instant Openness: IM and access to information
Nicholas Wyant, Reference & Instruction Librarian, The University of Iowa

Incorporating E-Readers into the Classroom: An Experiment
Kevin Engel, Science Librarian, Grinnell College Libraries
Amy Roberson, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Grinnell College Libraries

Pushing Library Resources
Genny Yarne, Head of Reference, Kirkwood Community College
Sarah S. Uthoff, Reference Librarian, Kirkwood Community College
How Quality Collaboration Changes Everything: Exploring Partnerships between Librarians and Faculty to Embed Information Literacy in an Introductory Oral Communication Course  
Kari D. Weaver, Information Literacy Librarian, Wartburg College  
Dr. Penni M. Pier, Associate Professor of Communication Arts, Wartburg College

Opportunities: The Iowa Chapter offers scholarships to new librarians to attend two state-wide conferences; the Iowa Library Association Annual Meeting and the Spring Conference. The 2010 ILA/ACRL Spring Conference Scholarship winners were Rebecca Bartlett, Head of Technical Services, St. Ambrose University, Davenport and Deb Robertson, Director of Library and Information Services, Briar Cliff University, Sioux City. The 2009 Iowa Library Association Annual Meeting Scholarship winner was Amy Roberson, Grinnell College, Grinnell.

Website: Recently the Executive Board of the Iowa Chapter voted to discontinue its printed directory of Iowa Academic Libraries and to rely on an electronic directory. For many years, the Chapter has been providing two versions of the directory—a print copy issued every other year and an electronic one. To improve the electronic directory, a survey was sent out asking librarians how they used it, what information should be included, and what improvements would they like to see. Results have not been complied and will be shared with the members when done.

In the near future, videos of the many of the presentations at the Spring Conference will be available from our website( http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/). Access to these videos will most likely be restricted to members of the Iowa Chapter and/or conference attendees.

Advocacy: Academic librarians attended the Iowa Library Association Legislative Day held on March 3 in Des Moines at the State Law Library in the State Capitol Building. They shared with the Legislators stories about the value of all types of libraries for all Iowans especially in tough economic times. Although funding to libraries was cut, the Association hopes these personalized contacts with legislators will be beneficial when the Iowa economy rebounds. Pictured are Kathy A. Parsons from Iowa State University (far right on the photo), Ellen Neuhaus, University of Northern Iowa (far left on the right photo), and a photo of the Law Library in the State Capitol Building.

Accolades: Five Iowa Academic Librarians have been selected to attend the 2010 Iowa Leadership Institute sponsored by the Library Leadership Development Committee of the Iowa Library Association. To be held August 10-13, this Institute trains Iowa librarians from all types of libraries to recognize themselves as a leaders and develop the confidence to become a change agent in libraries as well as in the larger community, assess personal leadership style and develop the skills to use that style for effective decision making, seek creative solutions to shape the future of the Iowa Library Association and library service in Iowa, and connect to a supportive network of successful library leaders. These librarians include: Rebecca Bartlett, Head of Technical Services, St. Ambrose University, Davenport; Mary Iber, Consulting Librarian for the Sciences, Cornell College, Mount Vernon; R. Cecilia Knight, Associate Librarian and Catalog Librarian, Grinnell College, Grinnell; Kathy A. Parsons, Head of Stacks and Media Department, Iowa State University, Ames; and Ericka A. Raber, Reference and Instruction Librarian, University of Iowa, Iowa City.
Conference: The 2010 Spring Conference, “The Library is Open: Open doors, Open Minds, Open Access” was held on April 23 at the Kirkwood Center for Continuing Education on the campus of Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids. Over 115 academic librarians attended concurrent sessions on a variety of topics and heard the keynote speaker: Barbara Fister, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN. Her presentation “Read/Write Culture: What Open Means for Learning, Research and Creativity” is available at: http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/events/2010springconference/

Research: The 2010 ILA/ACRL Research Award winner and recipient of a $500 grant is the book chapter authored by Becky Canovan, Anne Marie Gruber, and Mary Anne Knefel, University of Dubuque, Dubuque. The chapter entitled "Many Voices, One Goal: Measuring Student Success through Partnerships in the Core Curriculum" was published in Collaborative Information Literacy Assessments: Strategies for Evaluating Teaching and Learning, Edited by Thomas P. Mackey and Trudi E. Jacobson. (New York: Neal-Schuman, 2009). Pictured below are the librarians and student assistant from the University of Dubuque. From left to right: Jonathan Helmke, Carolynne Lathrop, Becky Canovan, Anne Marie Gruber, Jeraca Fite (student assistant and future librarian), and Mary Anne Knefel.

Libraries and Librarians:

Did you know that are over 79 academic libraries in the state serving over 250,000 students, staff and faculty?

Did you know that the State Law Library of Iowa was seen in the background by millions of people watching the CBS Evening News during the 2008 Iowa Caucuses?

Academic librarians learned from their fellow colleagues at the 2010 Spring Conference on a variety of topics such as:

Scholarly Communication and Librarian Liaisons: Getting the Conversation Started
Karen Fischer, Collections Analysis & Planning Librarian, University of Iowa Libraries

From Information to Learning Commons: Partnering for Student Learning in Academic Libraries

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Rebecca Sullivan, Assistant Professor & Academic Technology Librarian, Luther College

Light on ETDs: Out From the Shadows
Wendy Robertson, Digital Resources Librarian, University of Iowa Libraries
Rebecca Routh, Catalog Librarian, University of Iowa Libraries

Let’s Get Together: Taking Advantage of the Learning Center Model
Laura Farmer, Writing Studio Director, Cornell College
Jessica Johanningsmeier, Quantitative Reasoning Consultant, Cornell College

Library as Journal Publisher
Wendy Robertson, Digital Resources Librarian, The University of Iowa Libraries

Informing the Future: Easing the Transition to College
Dan Chibnall, User Services & Instruction Design Librarian, Grand View University
Pam Rees, Director of the Library, Grand View University
Megan Tedell, Access & Instruction Librarian, Grand View University

Opening the Door: How Library Instruction Can Improve Student Work
Becky Canovan, Reference and Instruction Librarian, University of Dubuque
Cal Coquillette, Assistant Professor of History, University of Dubuque

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KANSAS

The redbuds were blooming when CULS met in Wichita, KS, in conjunction with the KLS Conference April 7-9, 2010. Dr. Janet Coryell, professor of history at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, Michigan, presented the paper, “Lincoln and the Ladies: The Question of Woman Suffrage,” which is based on her research on women politicos and was prompted by a simple question: what did Lincoln think about the woman’s rights movement of the mid-19th century?

Our guest at the meeting was Maureen Sullivan, ACRL Research Librarian of the year, who presented “Leading from Any Position: Opportunities to Contribute to Your Library’s Success” that morning at the KLA Conference. Appreciation was extended to Susan Taylor, Past President 2009 and to Gloria Creed-Dikeougl, who served CULS for six years as ACRL representative. CULS financials are comfortable enough that $500 was pledged to the KLA for 2010 to assist with their shortfall. Micaela Ayers announced a donation of $2500 from Kan-ed toward our fall conference in Emporia in October.

New officers include:

Cynthia Akers, Emporia State University: CULS President 2010-2011
Laurel Littrel, Kansas State University: CULS Vice-President 2010-2011, President-elect 2011-2012
Regina Beard, Kansas State University: ACRL representative 2010-2013

On June 4th, 2010, the chapter presents their semi-annual Summer Institute “Scholarly Communications 101: ACRL Roadshow” to colleagues in Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.
CULS was organized at the 1942 Annual Conference and affiliated with Kansas Library Association in 1948. CULS promotes the interests of academic libraries, the interests and professional development of academic librarians, and represents Kansas as an ALA Association of College and Research Libraries Chapter. Membership is through KLA.

Contributed by
Micaela Ayers
CULS President 2009-2010

MINNESOTA—pictures

The Academic and Research Libraries Division [ARLD], Minnesota’s ACRL chapter, planned and hosted our annual spring conference, ARLD-Day. Over 100 librarians from around the state gathered at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on April 23, 2010 to hear presentations on, and discuss the topic of, “Promoting Presence: Creative Collaboration in the Library”. David Silver, our keynote speaker from the University of San Francisco, inspired everyone to think about “Getting Students’ Bodies and Ideas into Libraries”. The feedback on the keynote address was terrific. Attendees reported that: “[David’s] enthusiasm was great! His confidence in the students was wonderful!” and “[He gave] me the idea to connect w/ faculty who are heavy library users and suggest classes to exhibit”.

Additionally, the daylong conference showcased breakout presentations on the collaboration theme from our regional colleagues:

- Academic Support through Peer Learning: Building a Collaborative Program. Speakers: Jody Gray and Kate Peterson, University of Minnesota
- Collaborating with Graduate Students to Improve Library Systems and Processes. Speaker: Rachel Wexelbaum, St. Cloud State University
- Library Art Galleries: Drawing In New Users & Partnerships. Speaker: Rachel McGee, St. Mary’s University of Minnesota
- The New Normal: New Collaborations within the Library and Beyond Speakers: Andrea Koepe, Diane Knights, Marianne Hageman, and Eric Kallas, University of St. Thomas

Contributed by
Kate McCready
Member Communications, ARLD
Greetings from Missouri!

There is a lot going on with MACRL this spring. The chapter is really trying to energize the membership and become more active. There are a few projects in the works to help us meet this goal.

First off, we have identified two librarians at the University of Missouri-Columbia to serve as Conference Coordinators for our Missouri Library Association Annual Conference in October. June DeWeese, Head of Access services, and Rachel Brekhus, Humanities Librarian, have agreed to take on the job! We look forward to a strong slate of presentations sponsored by MACRL.

Next, a committee has been formed to examine and update the MACRL website. Vice Chair Jodie Borgerding of Webster University is heading up the group, working with Cindy Thompson (UMKC), Sandy Schiefer (Univ. of MO-Columbia), and Marty Miller (MCC-Longview). These ladies are already working to identify problems and solutions to make the MACRL more informative and up to date.

MACL and MLA kicked off our new “Librarians That Lunch” program over the holidays. The concept for the program arose from discussions about how the MACL members could help address Missouri Library Association’s recent membership issues in a positive manner, by simply going out to lunch with our public library colleagues. MACRL members from across the state signed up in late 2009 to invite public librarians in their region to go to lunch. The idea has grown into regional “librarians that lunch” events where librarians of all types can enjoy lunch and conversations with colleagues. So far, these lunches have been a rousing success, and two more are scheduled for this summer.

Finally, MACRL and the Missouri Library Association’s (MLA) new Emerging Technology Education Taskforce (ET²) are co sponsoring our first webinar: “What the Text is Happening?” This free event is scheduled for Monday, May 17th at 1:00 p.m. Speakers will discuss implementation of each service and review system requirements, costs, features, and limitations. They will also cover the types of questions being received via SMS/text messaging and consider the challenges associated with providing reference service via text. Finally, they will address how a new text reference service can be effectively promoted to library users. University of Nebraska – Omaha librarians will also share results of a related research study. The response has been wonderful, and we have almost maxed out registration!

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Cynthia Dudenhoffer

The Nebraska College and University section held its spring meeting, Friday, May 14, 2009, on the campus of University of Nebraska – Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska. The program theme was The Library of 2morro.o. Keynote speaker was Mike Teets, Vice President of Innovation at OCLC. Teets is responsible for leading a new division charged with infusing innovation throughout the organization. His address focused on how the
commercial and consumer technology race has become a primary driver for library technologies with emphasis on how analytics can be used to manage libraries, mobile interfaces, and using public information to leverage online community.

During the day long gathering, the Section Luncheon and Business meeting was held and attendees were offered a Library Director’s Panel, concurrent sessions including a 50 minute presentation and three 15 minute lightning round sessions.

Director’s Panel

Looking ahead, the future of Academic Libraries
  Jim Bothmer, Creighton Health Sciences Library
  Joan Giesecke, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Love Library
  Robin Bernstein, Bellevue University Library
  Audrey DeFrank, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Criss Library

Concurrent Sessions

Promoting Change – 50 minute session
  Presented by Heather Brown, Head of Access Services and Ann Kaste, Digital Services Librarian, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center.
  Excited by mobile technologies and social media, two librarians presented their ideas to library leadership in a unique way. In this discussion, find out how they did it and what lessons were learned.

Lightning Round Sessions

Jing (www.jingproject.com/), a free online screen capture program presented by Brian Erb, Reference Education Librarian, McGoogan Library of Medicine, University of Nebraska Medical Center
  For explaining databases, sharing library resources and for other instructional purposes, libraries are increasingly turning to video screen capture programs to deliver this educational content. Jing (www.jingproject.com/), a free online screen capture program, is a handy way to film and narrate video screen captures for these educational purposes with the added ability to store your screen capture content and make it accessible with a simple off-site URL.

LibGuides.  Presented by Melissa Cast-Brede, Reference/Education Librarian, University of Nebraska, Omaha

T Mobile Interface for your Library.  Presented by Teonne Day, Webmaster and Rachel Erb, Systems Librarian, Criss Library, University of Nebraska - Omaha

The College and University Board has sent a survey to all Nebraska College and University librarians seeking input on future conference topics and continuing education opportunities. It is hopeful we will receive useful information for developing more relevant topics to our members and thereby increase membership and participation in our events.

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NEW ENGLAND

The New England Chapter is pleased to announce the election of Brian Gallagher, Head of Access Services, Robert L. Carothers Library and Learning Commons, University of Rhode Island, as incoming Vice-President/President-Elect. Naka Ishii of UMASS Amherst, is our incoming Secretary, and Beth Rohloff of Tufts University, will be serving a two-year term as Member-at-Large. Carole Myles, Member Services Consultant, OCLC, will be taking over as President on May 14th at the Chapter’s Annual Conference being held at The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. The conference, Embracing Our Electronic World: Challenges and Promises for Academic Libraries, will showcase the focus and activities of six Chapter Special Interest Groups, and will include panel discussions, presentations, and, in a first for our regional conference, two virtual sites in Vermont and Maine. We’re honored to have as our keynote speaker Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Vice-President/President-Elect of ACRL. Over 325 registered participants are expected to attend this day-long event and the Chapter Board extends its thanks to the many conference planning members who have worked so hard to assure another successful professional development opportunity for our region.

On April 30th, ACRL/NEC offered a day-long program, Learning to Lead: an introduction to leadership, in collaboration with the Leadership Institute of Roger Williams University, and with the generous support of Bryant University and the ACRL/NEC Chapter. Twenty-two members attended the Workshop which was designed and facilitated by Melissa Behney, past-president of ACRL/NEC, Linda Plunket, Member-at-Large ACRL/NEC, Betsy Peck-Learned, Associate Dean of Roger Williams University Libraries, Barbara Grota, Assistant Dean, RWU Gabelli School of Business and Director Leadership Institute, and Barbara Kenney, President, ACRL/NEC. This pilot was the outcome of the President’s Task Force on Leadership and drew participants from all over the region. As an introduction to basic leadership concepts, participants in this interactive workshop were exposed to the wisdom of leadership gurus, engaged in case study analysis, identified their own leadership styles, and learned the critical difference between leadership and management. We hope this will be the first in a series that will help our members grow into the many leadership opportunities available in libraries today.

In March, the ACRL/NEC Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG) held its first unconference, aptly named “DigiCamp: Where the Conference is YOU.” Over 50 attendees came up with the day’s topics and were the presenters as well as the audience. Discussions ranged from Cloud Computing to Mobile Library Services to Digital Archives; the attendee created “framework” from the day can be viewed online at http://sites.google.com/site/itigdicamp/home/rough-schedule. Surveyed ITIG members felt that they learned a lot and asked for an event of this type to be held annually! Below are some comments from attendees:

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“I really liked the unconference format. It was good for networking and giving a 'show and tell'. The unstructured non-judgmental format was great as well. It was very easy to talk about what doesn't work, as well as what works.”

“I loved this format! I feel that I left with more practical ideas than I would have gotten from a more formal conference. Thank you for all of the hard work that the committee put into this program.”

“I did love the unconference format - there were all different levels of understanding but people were so enthusiastic about sharing.”

“I enjoyed the unconference format, I think it allowed for more open discussion and interesting ideas flowing back and forth.”

In our ongoing efforts to keep our members aware of the multitude of professional development opportunities available across our region, we now have a Facebook page with over 300 friends, and our online Newsletter has a new feature entitled “Spotlight” which offers member profiles. Our members have plenty to tweet about, including the annual Best Paper Award, presented this year to New England librarians Susanna Cowan, Kate Fuller and Jill Livingstone of the University of Connecticut, for their article, “Making Unmediated Access to E-Resources a Reality: creating a usable ERM interface,” published in Reference and User Services Quarterly. The award will be presented at the Annual Conference.

As outgoing president, it has been my privilege and honor to work with and for a remarkable organization with devoted and dedicated members. This year, the Board will be losing three long-time members: Louise Buckley of the University of New Hampshire, Judy Carlson of Westfield State College, and Kendra St. Aubin of Bridgewater State College. While they are impossible to replace, it is heartening that a new generation of librarians is stepping up to the challenge of leadership in New England libraries. Our Chapter is rich in resources, and it has been a pleasure to serve with so many talented colleagues.

Contributed by
Barbara Ferrer Kenney,
President, ACRL/New England Chapter

NEW JERSEY—pictures

NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ Activities

The Chapter was busy this year with lots 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 April.

Alex Wright, author of Glut: Mastering Information through the Ages was the keynote speaker at the VALE Conference with a talk entitled, “The Web That Wasn’t.” Pictured at the conference are ACRL-NJ 2009-2010 President, Trevor A. Dawes; Immediate Past President, Richard Kearney; and VALE Conference Coordinator, Judy Avrin.

At the New Jersey Library Association’s Annual Conference, ACRL-NJ sponsored or co-sponsored fourteen well-attended programs on a variety of topics including “What Everyone Should Know About Implementing an e-book Reader Program,” “Research Guides Made Easier with Libguides,” “Library Renovation Dos and Don’ts,” and “Developing People to Lead: Growing Staff in Your Library.”

ACRL-NJ also presented several awards to members at the annual luncheon.
The Distinguished Service Award was given to David Pinto, Director of the Library at Richard Stockton College. This award recognizes David’s leadership on behalf of libraries, librarians and the library profession in New Jersey. In addition to serving as Library Director at Richard Stockton College, David has served on the Virtual Academic Library Environment (VALE-NJ) Executive Committee, including two terms as Chair, as well as serving in the roles of Secretary, Vice President, and President of the Council of New Jersey College and University Library Deans, University Librarians and Directors. David has continuously been a strong proponent of collaboration among libraries and the VALE-NJ consortium to strengthen the resources available to our library users.

Chrys Grieco, Dean of Libraries at Seton Hall, presents, with Mark Thompson (not pictured), Chair of the Research Committee, the Research Award to Randell Koren Schmidt, Virginia Kowalski, and Maureen M. Smyth for their publication, Lessons for a Scientific Literature Review: Guiding the Inquiry published by Libraries Unlimited. The winners include two Upper School Librarians (Schmidt and Kowalski) at a small independent K-12 school in Gladstone, New Jersey (Gill St. Bernard’s School) and the School Library Media Specialist at South Hunterdon Regional High School in Lambertville, NJ, (Smyth). The book is the product of ten years of research, observing, and teaching high school students to construct scientific literature reviews.

Gary Golden – Director; and John Gibson, Instructional Technology Specialist at the Paul Robeson Library, Rutgers University, Camden received the Technology and Innovation Award for the "Access in the Stacks Project," which consists of the development of and implementation of software that runs on an all-in-one touch screen PC. This software provides automated assistance to library patrons and includes the use of sound and video.

The chapter offers more than conference programs.

The User Education Committee continues to advance the Information Literacy Progression Standards. The Committee sent a revised letter to The New Jersey Academic Officers Association (AOA) General Education Coordinating Committee recommending that information literacy become a separate criterion in the general education core requirements.

The Newsletter Committee continues to publish an issue twice a year in October and April, reporting on chapter activities. The newsletter highlights member achievements, library achievements, special projects, calendar events, and conference information.

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We have also been working closely with our colleagues within the New Jersey Library Association (NJLA), the NJ State Library (NJSL), the School Library Association (NJASL), and the Health Science Library Association of NJ (HSLANJ) to advocate against the NJ Governor-proposed 74% cut to NJ libraries’ budget. The budget has not been determined at the time of this writing, but we hope to report some positive news in the next issue of chapter topics.

It has been an extremely busy year for the chapter, and we look forward to another exciting year under the leadership of our next president, Eleonora Dubicki.

Contributed by
Trevor A. Dawes
President, ACRL, New Jersey Chapter, 2009-2010

NEW YORK, GREATER METRO AREA (pictures)

The ACRL/NY Greater Metropolitan Area Chapter held its annual meeting and symposium on December 4, 2009, at Baruch College, Manhattan. The title of the 2009 symposium was “Emerging Leadership in Academic Libraries.” The symposium encouraged discussions of how leaders inspire and motivate us and how leaders create vision and purpose. We had four engaging speakers, all leaders in the profession: Brian Mathews, Amanda Etches-Johnson, Mary Carmen Chimato, and Damon Jaggars, who addressed their own views of (and paths to) leadership. They talked about mentorship and sustainability of leaders within our organizations and shared ideas and tips for audience members to take charge of their own career paths in order to move into leadership roles. Visit the symposium website for more information: http://acrlnysymp09.wordpress.com

The ACRL/NY Discussion Groups have been very active in the Spring semester. We currently have seven discussion groups: Distance Learning, Education/CMC, Information Literacy/Instruction, New Librarians, Resource Sharing, Special Collections/Archives, and User Experience. Each group meets at least two times per year. The groups have been a big boost for membership and we are pleased to have such motivated and dedicated leaders for all of the groups.

Our geographic sections have also been very active. The Long Island section held a program on April 16 titled, “Institutional Repositories: A Digitization Case Study and Lessons Learned” at Adelphi University, and the New York City section held a program on May 21 titled, “Teaching the Holocaust” at the new Holocaust Center at Queensborough Community College.

The Greater New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRL is pleased to announce its Executive Board slate for the 2010 calendar year: President - Susanne Markgren (Purchase College, SUNY), Vice President/President Elect – Carrie Eastman (Purchase College, SUNY), Past President - Rosanne Humes (Nassau Community College), Co-Treasurer - Katrina Frazier (Nassau Community College), Co-Treasurer – Natalka Sawchuk (Iona College), Membership Secretary – Bellinda Wise (Nassau Community College), News Co-Editor – Sarah

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The first interest group workshop of 2010 was the Distance Learning Interest Group/Instruction Interest Group spring workshop, Effective Instruction from Design to Assessment, held on March 12 at Ashland University.

Session 1 – At left, a panel of professional instructional designers, Jillian Jevak, Dr. Dawn Snyder and Litsa Varonis shared their expertise with creating effective instruction programs. Discussion included tailoring programs to fit the audience, to meet objectives, and to be used with on-campus and distance learning settings.

Session 2 - Carolyn Radcliff, Associate Professor, University Libraries, Kent State University and project administrator for Project SAILS, highlighted a variety of assessment techniques that you can use with your students, with an emphasis on knowledge testing.

Coming events:

ALAO Board members are hard at work planning for the annual Fall Conference. See http://www.alaoweb.org/conferences/conf2010/ for details. The conference will be held in Columbus, OH at the Crowne Plaza North. The theme for this year’s conference is: Academic Libraries: Now and Tomorrow. Stephen Abrams is our featured speaker.

Past the planning stage and ready to go are various Spring workshops:

The Support Staff Interest Group will hold their spring workshop on May 14, 2010. They are presenting “Saving Our Libraries One Grant at a Time.” The keynote speaker will be Becky Cropper. The workshop will be hands on for the participants who will “write” a grant during the daylong session. For information concerning this event, contact co-chair Kathy Burns at kburns@sscc.edu or co-chair Mary Ayres at mayres@sscc.edu.

The Curriculum Materials Center Interest Group holds its 2010 Spring Workshop, “Curriculum Materials Centers: What Works” on May 21, 2010 at Bowling Green State University. A highlight is the afternoon tour of The Mazza Museum: International Art from Children’s Picture Books. For information on this event contact Kathy Yoder (kyoder@bgsu.edu).

The Technical, Electronic, & Digital Services Interest Group Spring program, “Getting Ready for RDA: Making the Transition,” will be held Friday, May 14, 2010 at Shisler Conference Center in Wooster, Ohio. Presenters are: Rick Block, the Head of Special Collections, Metadata, and Cataloging at Columbia Uni-
Recent ALAO happenings:

Susan Scott and Ann Watson represented ALAO at the Library Careers Night held at the State Library of Ohio on Wednesday, March 10. The evening, hosted by the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science, was well attended by students in the program, community members interested in a library career and some undergraduate students.

In March, Ohio academic librarians said good-bye to Tom Sanville who had served as executive director of internationally known, OhioLINK for 18 years as he moved on to another job. Susan Scott and Ann Watson, both past presidents of ALAO, presented Tom with a plaque of recognition from ALAO for all that he has done for academic libraries. Susan also thanked Tom for his support of government advocacy for academic libraries.

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ACRL Liaison

OREGON

The Oregon chapter has been busy preparing for our fall conference. We meet annually in a joint conference with Washington. Each year the chapters alternate planning and hosting the event. 2010 is an Oregon year and planning is well underway.

Last year we conducted surveys of both our members and our non-members to find out how we could better serve the needs and interests of academic librarians in our state. One theme that emerged from those surveys was a general desire for ACRL Oregon to provide some additional mechanisms for libraries throughout the state to communicate with one another. To that end, we’ve established a blog for our chapter – http://acrloregon.org. Instead of limiting authorship on the blog to our Board members, we’ve actively recruited a liaison from most of the academic libraries in our state. Our goal is the have a liaison from each library but we’re not there yet! The liaisons have authoring abilities on the blog and will be encouraged to share news and events from their libraries at least quarterly. We’re really pleased with the results so far and hope that this blog will become a valuable tool for information sharing around the state.

Another big initiative we’ve been working on is establishing sites around the state for e-learning opportunities. In the past, ACRL Oregon had offered e-learning scholarships to individuals. The program was only lightly used and tended to be used by just a handful of individuals. To better serve the membership, we’re tweaking that idea. We believe that supporting web-based training is a sensible thing for our chapter to do especially in light of the fact that many of our members live and work in rural areas far from the major metropolitan areas where continuing education opportunities are often held. Now, instead of offering these opportunities to individuals, we will instead pay the group rate for web-based trainings and offer the trainings at libraries throughout the state. We have worked with libraries in most areas of the state to develop a network of sites for these trainings. We still need to work out some details – How will we choose which site gets which training? How will we get input from the community about which trainings would be most useful? – but we’re excited about this new approach we’re taking.
The Western Pennsylvania West Virginia ACRL Chapter has been extremely busy over the past academic year in several areas. The chapter has successfully launched a new website, published its first newsletter, and will have hosted three membership meetings. In response to a survey of members conducted last summer, programming for the 2009-2010 year was geared to focus on innovation and assessment issues within academic libraries.

In September, the chapter hosted a meeting at Edinboro University. Keynote speakers Barbara Mann and Robert Miller from the University of Maryland, University College, discussed their efforts in engaging faculty and students on the library level in a purely distance education environment. In February the chapter teamed with the West Virginia Library Association’s Academic Division in hosting ACRL’s webcast Text Messaging Reference: Enhancing Reference Services with SMS. To round out the year of engaging programming, the WPWVC will present its Spring meeting on May 21st at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Keynote speaker Danielle Theiss-White from Kansas State University will discuss innovation in library services with her address (R)Evolutionary Academic Library Services.

The fall also saw the move of the chapter website from a hosted server to a dedicated domain at [http://wpwvcacrl.org](http://wpwvcacrl.org). The new website has enabled members and those interested in chapter activities more immediate access to organizational information. Another accomplishment in which the chapter takes great pride was the publication of the inaugural edition of the WPWVC newsletter in the fall of 2009. Several libraries throughout Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia contributed articles on programming, projects, and initiatives. A spring edition was published in March with equal success.

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VIRGINIA

The Virginia Chapter of ACRL will hold our Annual Spring Program, “Collaboration: Libraries Moving Forward Together,” at the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, on May 27th. The program features keynote speaker Lori Goetsch, ACRL President 2009-2010, who will discuss collaboration among academic librarians on the national level. Bruce Hulse, Director of Library Services for the Washington Research Library Consortium, will discuss WRLCs digital library, shared collections, and more. Gene Damon, Director of Automation for the Virginia Community College System, will present information about resource sharing and cooperative collection building among Virginia libraries.

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WISCONSIN—pictures

Spring in Wisconsin brings the Wisconsin Assoc of Academic Libraries (WAAL) conference – this year held in Milwaukee, WI. In addition to the educational programs and sessions, there is always a focus on local culture of the host city. Included in the options of things to do this year was a tour of the Harley-Davidson Museum, an evening at Lakefront Brewery, a local craft brew pub, and a visit to the newly created Learning Commons at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

Our luncheon programs focused on history of the Milwaukee area. Bob Greenstreet, professor and Dean of the School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee shared with us the focus, planning and progress in the redevelopment of the urban environment of Milwaukee. As areas are renovated and new buildings created, there is a strong working relationship between the University and the City of Milwaukee to create sustainable, interesting and complementary choices of architecture within the city.

John Gurda, author of “The Making of Milwaukee,” the first full-length history of the Milwaukee community since 1948, gave a wonderful presentation on the community’s history – “from its wilderness past to the complex patterns of the 21st century.” He has been studying his hometown of Milwaukee since 1972 and is well versed on the history of the neighborhoods, industry and places of worship within the city.
Our keynote speaker was Lisa Janicke-Hinchliffe, Vice President/President-Elect of ACRL. She stretched us to think beyond the library when planning information literacy learning opportunities for our students. Information literacy can be integrated in content-specific and general education curriculum; she encouraged us to think beyond boundaries of a traditional BI session by collaborating with faculty to find those opportunities for multiple formats of instruction at “point of need” for our students. Information literacy then becomes an ongoing process rather than a “one shot” experience.

Concurrent sessions within the conference included overviews of successful programs on evidence-based research for health-care students; ways to find online Federal Government information, ways to provide graduate student support workshops, digital archives, instruction with primary sources, librarianship in virtual space, the art of weeding the print collection, professional development after library school, and a fun and informational session on “geek librarianship.”

Our conference wound down with a thought provoking second keynote by Rachel Singer Gordon, webmaster, LISjobs.com, and consulting editor at Information Today, Inc., Books Division – “Getting Unstuck” at different points in our career path. She presented thoughts on assessing our careers, determining where we want to be and ideas on steps that we need to consider and act on to get us there.

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