As we are rapidly heading towards winter, I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with information on the Mid-Winter meeting of Chapters Council. Chapters Council will meet in Dallas on Sunday, January 22, 8-10 am in the Sheraton San Antonio Ballroom A.

ACRL Officers Mary Ellen Davis, Joyce Ogburn, and Stephen Bell have been invited and will drop by to provide us with an update from the Board. Lynne Bradley from the Washington Office has been invited to attend and provide us with an update on congressional actions that we all need to be aware of. Finally, our two candidates for Member-At-Large for the ACRL Board, Marilyn Ochoa and Charles Kratz are scheduled to come by and discuss their views on the importance of the member-at-large position and how they feel they can work to support Chapter interest at the Board level.

As an update, I have received a notice from Mary Ellen Davis that the Executive Committee of the Board did not approve the Chapter’s Council Resolution calling for additional funding for the local chapters. To quote Mary Ellen:

“The Executive Committee determined that it was in the best interest of the association to maintain a distinction between decisions related to revenue and expenditures. In particular, it decided not to approve this request as the proposal would
establish a relationship between Board actions related membership dues rates and the Chapters funding program reimbursement rate. The Executive Committee viewed these as two separate and unrelated decisions and did not desire to establish a policy relating them.”

Two new members will begin serving Chapters Council – Tim Dodge of Auburn University will begin a two year term as Legislative Network Representative and Ryan Gjerde of Luther College will be the new Chapter Listserv administrator, succeeding Laurie Swartwout, who has done such an excellent job of administering the Listserv. Thank you, Laurie.

In preparation for the meeting, I would like to ask that the chapter representatives speak on activities and functions which might benefit other chapters.

Finally, the day will cap off with a work session from 4- 5:30 pm. The session will be held in the Sheraton Hotel, Majestic Room 10. I look forward to seeing you all in Dallas.

Rickey Best

2012 Call for Nominations

At the Chapters Council Midwinter Meeting in Dallas, there will be a call for nominations for Secretary and Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of Chapters Council. Self-nominations are encouraged. The election will take place during our meeting at Annual in Anaheim. Details about the requirements of each position can be found in the Chapters Council manual at http://connect.ala.org/files/38518/acrl_chapters_council_orientation_manual_pdf_10197.pdf

Running for office in Chapters Council is a great way to become more involved with ACRL nationally while continuing to support the work of your local ACRL chapter. Please consider running for office or nominating someone else whom you believe would make an excellent candidate. Contact Danielle Whren Johnson with any questions or nominations at dwhren@loyola.edu.

Chapters Council Dine-Around

While at Mid-Winter, join your colleagues for a taste of Texas at the Chapters Council Dine-Around. The Dine-Around is scheduled for Sunday, January 22 at 6:30 pm at the Iron Cactus Mexican Grill and Margarita Bar (http://www.ironcactus.com/). Located at 1520 Main Street, the Iron Cactus is approximately one-half mile from the Dallas Convention Center. Started in Austin in the mid-90s, the Iron Cactus now has five locations across the state of Texas. The Dallas location boasts over 80 varieties of tequila and a wide selection of both traditional and contemporary Mexican cuisine. Vegetarian and gluten free options are also available.
Preliminary Agenda for Chapters Council

ALA MidWinter
January 22, 2012
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Sheraton San Antonio Hotel, Ballroom A

1. Welcome and Introductions - Best

2. Update on Petition for Increased Funding to Chapters - Best

3. Update on ACRL Activities from Mary Ellen Davis / Joyce Ogburn / Stephen Bell

4. Washington Office Update (not yet confirmed)

5. Introduction of Candidates for ACRL Slot on Board - Best
   a. Marilyn Ochoa
   b. Charles Kratz

1. Discussion of Chapter Activities- Open

2. Call for Nominations for Chapter Offices – Whren Johnson

3. Update on Chapter Council Communication Committee – Lenker

4. Other Business

Adjournment

Note: Work Session will be held January 22, 4-5:30 p.m. in the Sheraton Hotel, Majestic Room 10
ACRL Chapters Council Meeting, ALA Annual June 27 8-10am (draft minutes)

Present: Mark Lenker, Chair (Virginia); Rickey Best, Vice-Chair (Alabama); Danielle Whren Johnson, Secretary (Maryland); Michael Mounce (Mississippi); Tracey Olanyk (Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia); Amy Eklund (Georgia); Kathy Parsons (Iowa); Regina Beard (Kansas); Mark Thompson (New Jersey); Beth Lander (Delaware Valley); Kristen Mastel (Minnesota); Les Kong (California); Laurie Swartwout (Wisconsin); Alyssa Deutschler (Washington); Danielle Rowland (Washington); David Dahl (Maryland); Margaret Mellinger (Oregon); Carole Myles (New England); Caroline Fuchs (Greater Metro New York); Rhonda Huisman (Indiana); Cynthia Dudenhofer (Missouri); Tasha Cooper (Eastern New York)

Mark Lenker-Chair of Chapters Council made introductions of officers (Mark Lenker, Chair, Rickey Best, Vice-Chair, Danielle Whren Johnson, Secretary), listserv administrator (Laurie Swartwout) and Chapters Topics Editor (Regina Beard). He explained that the purpose of Chapters Council is to share ideas and to have communication from Chapters to National.

Lenker then gave an overview of agenda:
There are 42 Chapters, but many are not here, so we need to do something to encourage people to participate in other ways if they can’t make the meetings.

Minutes from Midwinter 2011 were distributed. Laurie Swartwout moved that the minutes be approved. The minutes were approved.

Lenker then explained that we would be holding elections for a new Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Secretary for Chapters Council. He introduced the candidates for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Michael Mounce and Danielle Whren Johnson. They were then given the opportunity to make a short candidate statement.

Michael Mounce shared that he has been a member of ACRL since 2004. He has leadership experience in the MS chapter: in 2009 secretary, 2010 vice chair, 2011 chair. He explained that it is a very active chapter and listed some of the activities with which they have recently been involved. He was nominated for Chapters Council and would be honored and happy to serve at the National level. He believes it is an important position because it is an important link between the board of directors and the ACRL state chapters. If elected he will collaborate with and support the state chapters and make sure that the needs of state chapter are communicated to the ACRL Board of Directors.

Danielle Whren Johnson shared that she is has served as the Secretary for Chapters Council over the past year. She has also been involved with the Chapters Council Communications Task Force. She is the outgoing president of ACRL MD. She believes that Chapters Council is an important organization that allows chapters to work together to share ideas as well as to provide a connection to ACRL National for support and communication. She is interested in running for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect to continue the good work being done by the Chapters Council.
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Lenker then explained there was one current nominee for Secretary, Laura Hillier from Oklahoma who was not in attendance. There was a second candidate that dropped out. Nominations from the floor, including self-nominations, were encouraged by Ricky Best. Tracey Olanyk nominated herself for position of secretary.

Ballots were distributed by Rickey Best, and votes were cast. While the ballots were being counted introductions were made by everyone in attendance.

Mark Lenker - Longwood University in Farmville, VA Chair
David Dahl - Towson University, ACRL MD
Danielle Whren Johnson - ACRL MD
Kathy Parsons - Iowa
Danielle Rowland - ACRL Washington
Alyssa Deutschler - ACRL Washington
Cynthia Dudenhoffer - Central Methodist University, ACRL Chapter Vice-Chair Missouri
Tasha Cooper - Syracuse, incoming program chair Eastern NY ACRL
Caroline Fuchs - Greater New York Metropolitan Area chapter
Rhonda Huisman – IUPUI, Indiana Chapter
Regina Beard - Kansas, Editor of Chapter Topics
Mark Thompson - New Jersey
Amy Eklund - Georgia ACRL
Tracey Olanyk - West Virginia
Beth Lander - Delaware Valley Chapter
Kristen Mastel - University of Minnesota, Past Chair of Minnesota
Laurie Swartwout - Wisconsin. Outgoing chapters’ representative. Outgoing listserv administrator
Michael Mounce - Mississippi Chapter
Les Kong - California Chapter
Rickey Best - Auburn, Alabama.

Rickey Best announced the election results: Danielle Whren Johnson - Vice Chair, Tracey Olanyk - Secretary

Best then shared that the Dine Around was that night at Pat O’Brien’s at 6:30. He explained that there are two entrances, which will both lead to the inner courtyard where we will meet. There are no reservations for the group. He asked for a show of hands of who might be attending. Tentatively 10-15 people will be attending.

Rickey Best then shared the resolution he drafted for increased funding for chapters. He explained that we are currently funded $1 per member in ACRL in the state. This has been the case since the early 90s. Best passed out copies of the resolution he has written and a copy of the board action form that needs to be filled out to submit the proposal to the board. He also explained that each chapter gets a minimum of $100 no matter how many members you have. The ACRL Board can now make dues increases based on HEPI, so the resolution is asking for chapters funding to also be based on this same index. The Board is going to be con-
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concerned about the deficit in their budget and increasing their revenue. However, chapters are going to need additional support and funding to be able to carry out their mission. Mark Johnson asked for clarification on the HEPI resolution that occurred at National. Best explained it will not be a change in bylaws, it will just be a change in procedure. This is the 4th time we have tried to increase the funding in some way. This seems to be our best chance to increase our budget. Cynthia Dudenhofer asked about a past resolution that was proposed to allow states that use their money to dip into funds of people who don’t. This proposal did not go forward because violates ACRL rules about rolling over of funds. Kathy Parsons added that not all the chapters use their money.

At this time discussions on the funding resolution were tabled in order to meet with members of the ACRL Executive Board: Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Executive Director; Joyce Ogburn, Vice-President; Lisa Hinchliffe, President

Lisa Hinchliffe mentioned ACRL’s new Plan for Excellence and explained there was lots of member engagement in creating the plan. It is a focused strategic plan. The three goal areas are the value of academic libraries, student learning, and research and the scholarly environment. Committees already working in two of these areas were identified: student learning and scholarly communication. They created a value of academic libraries committee to cover the third area.

The focus for the coming year will be engaging with the report and the research agenda in the report. ACRL is working on revising standards for libraries in higher education. They have worked through a draft and it is sitting in front of standards committee. It will then go before the board if all goes well.

Joyce Ogburn will be implementing the strategic plan as the incoming ACRL president. She explained we have to align resources with our highest priorities. They are working with principles for budgeting. ACRL has a shortfall for this fiscal year. They can cover it with reserves, but can’t do that forever. ACRL also needs to figure out how to fund CR&L now that it is open access. They have sent out a survey to see if people are interested in it going e-only. Ogburn also shared that committee appointments are almost done. There are currently about 70 committees. They will be looking at the structure of committees over the next couple years.

Mary Ellen Davis spoke about ongoing professional development programs. They received good evaluations from ACRL in Philadelphia. She said it is not too soon to start thinking about 2013 in Indianapolis. There are also lots of e-programs that are being put together. Get in touch with Katherine Deiss (kdeiss@ala.org) if you have ideas for new e-programs or presenters. Davis asked if the chapters would be interested in hosting a small talk or workshop on scholarly communication. Based on a show of hands the majority of attendees would be interested in finding out more about that. Davis also explained that ACRL does not get anything as a division of ALA. All funding comes from division revenues. They are currently holding positions open to help deal with the budget shortfall. Laurie Swartwout asked about the scholarly communication road show.
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Joyce Ogburn explained that people would go out and speak on this topic at no fee to get groundwork and understanding. They are trying to determine what the tipping point of doing this as professional development without a fee is. She also shared that there are new books out and encouraged us to look into these resources. ACRL is also looking for new content providers. ACRL is a publisher that pays royalties.

Mark Johnson thanked them for the new strategic plan. He shared that NJ has really taken advantage of document. There is a committee of 25 people that are doing a continuing cycle of discussion and a survey that is going to go to the colleges. Lisa Hinchliffe asked him to send her an email with this information. ACRL wants to be able to highlight how people are using this values initiative and allow people to share the things that they are developing.
There is a blog on the Values website to share what people are doing.
Lisa Hinchliffe has been presenting this report at various library conferences both nationally and internationally as well as higher education conferences.
ACRL has applied for planning grant from IMLS. They want to bring together teams from across universities to show what libraries are doing for ROI.

Mark Lenker asked Mary Ellen Davis to share about the challenge of the mid-winter candidates forum. She explained that technology has kind of overtaken this. Compressed schedules are also a factor. They did a webcast and few people attended. There were also articles in CR&L News. Davis said they would keep doing that and the webinar, but she is not sure what the value of an in person forum is if people aren’t coming. They have lost funding for lunch, which used to draw people.

Laurie Swartwout asked what percentage votes. Mary Ellen Davis answered about 20-30%, which is good compared to other ALA sections.

Kathy Parsons asked if we could do a candidates booth in the Exhibit Hall.
Mary Ellen Davis responded this was done at ACRL, but could be done at Midwinter too.

Lisa Hinchliffe said each candidate is given one mass email, a webinar, and the candidates are given the option to be at the booth. They can speak at Midwinter and the ACRL conference. We should be trying to figure out what this event is for. Do we still have this need? How do we meet this need in the new environment? Perhaps we’re already meeting the need in other ways besides the event. Don’t just try to fix the event. Maybe it is no longer needed.

Laurie Swartwout wondered if this could be kept at the Chapters Council level. Candidates have always come to the Chapters Council meeting. People do report back to their chapters.

Lisa Hinchliffe pointed out that candidates are also attending the divisional meetings like Chapters Council.

Mary Ellen Davis said we could invite other people into our meetings to hear the candidates if we invite the candidates to come. We should consider ourselves in a pilot phase. How can chapters be involved in this? Another Candidates’ forum will not be scheduled at this point.
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Lisa Hinchliffe said if we want to do something that requires a physical space we need to have the request put in by September. If we’re planning on doing it at an existing meeting, then it just needs to be put together by Midwinter.

Mark Lenker asked if everyone knew about the Chapters visit. 6 chapters a year can apply for one of the ACRL committee members to come to the chapter. 3 are already scheduled. Possibly one additional one has been scheduled. A chapter’s eligibility is up for 3 years after a committee member has attended one of their meetings. Send requests to Megan Griffen.

The ACRL Executive Board members left the meeting and discussion returned to the resolution on funding—

Kristen Mastel asked if we know how much ACRL is bleeding each year.

Rickey Best replied about half a million, which he heard at Leadership council on Friday. He explained it is possible our resolution won’t get approved, but that it is worth fighting for. It should be consistent that if our dues are tied to HEPI, then our funding allocation should be consistent with that.

Kathy Parsons encouraged chapters to use up all their money.

Danielle Whren Johnson asked people to share how their chapters are using the money as due to the restrictions on its use some chapters have difficulty knowing how to spend it. Kathy Parsons shared that Iowa donates their money to the academic leadership institute of their parent organization.

Laurie Swartwout said Wisconsin creates an invoice for supplies for the state academic conference and that is enough. The money then goes into the yearly conference. Mark Lenker shared that Virginia has used their money for postage to promote events. Money can also be used to fund non-librarian speakers, membership recruitment and newsletters.

Rickey Best asked people to send him an email (rbest@aum.edu) if they have any comments. The deadline to submit to the board is July 15. So send comments prior to that date. Mark Lenker also explained that chapters can get $10 per new member of ACRL after a membership drive in the state. It was asked if this part of the new resolution? It is hard to do.

Rickey Best replied that this is not part of the resolution. He doesn’t want to confuse the issue at this point.

Kathy Parsons said we talked at Midwinter about getting that $10 rolled into a larger pot, but we don’t think ACRL is willing to do that.

Alyssa Deutschler said Washington has never seen that $10 come through.

Kathy Parsons responded it has to be after a special organized drive. Mark Lenker said if something occurs to you on this issue, it can be addressed at this afternoon’s work meeting at 4:00.
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Mark Lenker then reported on the work being done by the Online Communications Committee.

Regina Beard, Mark Lenker, Kathy Parsons, and Danielle Whren Johnson were committee members. A lot of people are not able to attend face-to-face meetings, but we want to be able to bring them into conversation. We have ALA Connect and Chapters Topics, but it is hard to interact with a pdf, and people in this group seem to not like to use ALA connect. There is a lot more potential for communication. As a group we have been exploring possibilities.

Would it be possible to do something like Skype this meeting? We also want to try to make between meetings communications more robust. The committee conducted a survey. There was a 48% response rate. There is a lot of interest in virtual meetings. 48% very likely to attend, 42% likely to attend. Respondents were also asked to rate general interest in asynchronous communications. There was lots of interest.

Respondents were asked to indicated their top 2 choices for communicating online—Facebook 42%, Blog 36%, Wiki 32%, ALA Connect 25%, Chapters Topics 16% (30% indicated they didn’t know what this was—so maybe just need to promote this more). What topics people would like to see addressed—Programming ideas 88%, networking 76%, membership recruitment/retention 74%, filling out ACRL forms 67%. 78% indicated would contribute to online discussion

8 people said they would be willing to manage communication forums. ACRL has activated a wiki for us. We can broadcast this through Facebook, ALA Connect, and the listserv. The model has become blog centric, but we like that because it engenders conversation and would also leave a record of that conversation.

We will need moderators for most of these forums.

The proposed model for posting to the blog—Chair 3 posts per year, Vice-Chair 2 posts per year, Secretary 2 post per year, Blog admin 2 posts per year. This would be a minimum. Other people are also encouraged to post.

Mark Lenker has been in conversation with Megan Griffen. Her suggestion was that we start with 1 or 2 things and grow out from there. None of these forums takes a long time to set up. It's not a huge investment if something does catch fire and we decide to let it go. We have a green light from Megan.

Mark Lenker asked for comments from the floor.

Amy Eklund said a variety of channels is great, but if we splinter the conversation too much it might not be as cohesive as you want. Content may be going in multiple places, but if people are responding the conversation would be splintered and occurring in multiple places.

Mark Johnson asked why we would be doing this?

Amy Eklund likes the idea of a blog.
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Cynthia Dudenhoffer said she is not sure that adding a wiki would help that much. There are already ways for static communication. ALA Connect doesn’t work well. Lots of people will see stuff on Facebook.

Kristen Mastel asked, couldn’t we associate the Chapters Topics with a blog. Have the pdf, but also add it in the blog. We want to prevent people from having to go to lots of places.

Amy Eklund said it is hard to find Chapters Topics on the ALA website. If we put it on the blog that would solve that problem. There was lots of support for the idea of the blog.

Amy Eklund asked about platform for the blog. The committee indicated Wordpress was the platform they had decided was the best fit, but Mark Lenker said we should find a moderator and let them give input. We should outline when chapters might contribute content.

Amy Eklund said she went to a session on branding your blog where they indicated you should have posts once per week. We should assign chapters to a month to post minimally. They could do more posts though.

Rickey Best said we should also be posting more than just about events. Other topics might include such things like what we’re doing to address the values of academic libraries as an example.

Kathy Parsons said we can also have candidates post a blog entry.

Amy Eklund said we could also ask ACRL officers to post stuff on the blog. Whatever platform you choose would be good if can subscribe via email. Then encourage other chapters board members to subscribe.

Rickey Best said we should also encourage general members of chapter to contribute as well.

Kathy Parsons indicated that the listserv will remain for officers only.

Laurie Swartwout responded that only important info should be put out on the listserv. Regina Beard asked what makes a wiki less attractive than a blog.

Cynthia Dudenhoffer responded thatwikis are more for archiving info. They are not good for creating a conversation.

Regina Beard pointed out that we have more states than months. So assign multiple states per month and could have a fairly busy blog. Kansas published open access the proceedings of their conference.

Mark Lenker said if you have more thoughts on this or want to join the committee come to the work meeting this afternoon or email Mark.

Mark Lenker then addressed the topic of the ACRL Presidential Candidates’ Forum.

Les Kong said feeding off blog issue, why couldn’t we have a regular set of interviews and Q&A with the candidates. That way we would have it down for everyone to see in black and white. More people can see it then.
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David Dahl recommended getting this in video format. Then at conferences we could have it playing on repeat on a monitor somewhere where people could stop by and watch.

Amy Eklund said that the webinar needs to continue, but she is all for ditching the face-to-face meeting. Other channels are better at this point.

Alyssa Deutschler likes the idea of them being in booths.

Laurie Swartwout likes having the candidates attend the Chapters Council meeting and would hate for us to lose that but agrees that having the forum follow is redundant. It might be nice to have a list of questions we want them to answer at our meeting.

Rickey Best asked what about having them in the exhibit hall during opening night.

Mark Lenker will put something together on this issue and post it to the listserv and ALA Connect.

Rickey Best indicated that there are 2 positions that need be filled: listserv administrator and legislative network liaison. Send Rickey Best (rbest@aum.edu) names of people who are interested.

Mark Lenker indicated that we will be working further from 4-5:30 in the Regents Room at Marriott New Orleans for anyone who would like to attend.
ACRL Presidential Candidate’s Online Forum

The 2012 candidates for ACRL Vice President/President-Elect will participate in an online forum in early March. Come hear Trevor A. Dawes and Debbie Malone discuss their platforms and vision for ACRL. Dawes is Circulation Services Director at the Princeton University Library and Malone is Library Director at DeSales University. Details for accessing the Webcast will be available on the ACRL Insider blog, www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider, by early February. Audio archives will also be available on ACRL Insider a few days after the forum.

Standards for Libraries in Higher Education Revision

The ACRL Board of Directors approved a comprehensive revision of the association’s seminal Standards for Libraries in Higher Education (SLHE) in October 2011. Grounded in nine principles reflecting the core roles and contributions of academic libraries, the newly revised version of SLHE provides guidance to libraries in advancing and sustaining their roles as partners in student education, achieving their respective institution’s missions, and positioning libraries as leaders in assessment and continuous improvement on their campuses. The full text of the revised SLHE, along with a recording of an introductory webcast on the new standards, is available on the ACRL Standards and Guidelines website at http://www.ala.org/acrl/standards. More details on the new standards are available on ACRL Insider at http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/archives/4105.

Value of Academic Libraries Summit Update

ACRL is partnering with the Association for Institutional Research, the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and the Council of Independent Colleges, to convene two national summits later this year. In the first, a wide range of participants from the higher education sector will discuss the data campus administrators would like libraries to provide and what collaborative assistance is available through institutional research offices. In the second, librarian participants will address strategies to prepare the library community to document and communicate the library’s value in advancing the missions and goals of their colleges and universities. With grant funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, teams from a broad spectrum of institutions will gather with representatives from accreditation commissions and higher education organizations for dialog around the assessment of student learning and faculty research productivity. Complete details, including a list of participating institutions, are available on the ACRL Insider blog at http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/archives/4094. The summits are part of ACRL’s ongoing Value of Academic Libraries initiative.
ACRL @ Midwinter 2012

ACRL is sponsoring a variety of activities at the 2012 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Dallas. Activities include a forum on the newly revised Standards for Libraries in Higher Education, the SPARC-ACRL forum on scholarly communication issues, an update on the ACRL Value of Academic Libraries Initiative, and a full day institute entitled “Scholarly Communications: From Understanding to Engagement” (separate registration is required for this event). Complete details are available on the ACRL website at http://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/confsandpreconfs/midwinter/acrlmw2012.

ACRL 2013 Call for Participation

ACRL is now accepting proposal submissions for the ACRL 2013 Conference to be held April 10-13, 2013, in Indianapolis. ACRL challenges you to imagine, innovate and inspire your colleagues with proposals that explore the most dynamic and challenging issues and ideas facing academic and research librarians today. Tag proposals with three of the list of 40 keywords available in the Call for Participation. The tagging system will emphasize connections among the conference content and help all participants identify and sort through the wide variety of dynamic interactions and exchanges that define ACRL conferences. Contributed paper, panel session, preconference and workshop proposals are due May 11, 2012. Cyber Zed Shed presentation, poster session, roundtable discussion and Virtual Conference Webcast proposals are due November 9, 2012. Complete details, along with the online submission form, are available in the Call for Participation at http://conference.acrl.org/.

Submitted Megan Griffin
ACRL Program Officer
Chapter Reports

Eastern New York

ENY/ACRL held its annual “Brown Bag” lunchtime discussions this October at three member institutions: Clarkson University, State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, and University at Albany. Since this year’s Brown Bags were scheduled during Open Access Week, the conversation focused on that topic. With the University at Albany Libraries, ENY/ACRL co-sponsored a presentation by Dr. David Hogg, entitled “Open Science, Free Software, and Citizen Astronomers,” which coincided with the Brown Bag at University at Albany.

In November, ENY/ACRL co-sponsored a data curation profiles workshop at Cornell University through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). We also co-sponsored a social event in December with the Upstate (NY) Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and the Syracuse University ALA/SLA student chapter, which provided an opportunity for our future librarians to meet some of our members in a casual setting.

Planning is underway for our annual spring conference, which will be held at Mohawk Valley Community College in Utica, on May 21, 2012. The focus will be assessment and the featured speakers will include Danuta Nitecki, Dean of Libraries at Drexel University, and Zsuzsa Koltay, Director of Assessment and Communication, Cornell University Library. The schedule also provides our members the opportunity to formally share information with each other in poster sessions and lightning rounds. The conference promises to be interesting and informative.

Submitted by
John Coogrove, President Eastern New York Chapter

Georgia

The Academic Library Division of the Georgia Library Association/Georgia ACRL Chapter was again active at the Georgia Council of Media Organizations annual conference, October 5-7, 2011 in Athens, Georgia.

The Academic Library Division officially sponsored two presentations at the conference: "Building a Green Library: Lessons Learned from Three Georgia Academic Libraries" (Virginia Feher, Gene Ruffin, Bill Potter, Loren Pinkerman) and "Trends in Faculty Roles, Promotion and Tenure: A Discussion" (Fred Smith, Alan Bernstein, Lorene Flanders, Cathy Jeffrey, Susan Morris).

In addition, an academic papers session featured six peer-reviewed papers. The two award-winning papers were: "Why We Still Matter" by Pete Bursi (YBP Award) and "No Melting Pot: Results and Reflections from the 2011 Southeastern Federal Depository Coordinators Salary Survey Project" by Yadira Payne, LuMarie Guth, and Chris Sharpe (Ebsco Award).

An Academic Library Division luncheon was held jointly with the Public Library Division. The keynote speaker, Georgia author and historian Annette Laing, gave an entertaining presentation about her background in academia and how it influenced her historical fiction series for young readers, the Snipesville Chronicles.
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The 2012 Academic Library Division officers were also introduced at the luncheon: Katherine Ott (Clayton State University), Chair
Kara Mullen (Clayton State University), Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Casey Long (Agnes Scott College), Secretary
Sarah Steiner (Georgia State University), Past Chair
Amy Eklund (Georgia Perimeter College), ACRL Chapters Council Rep.
Eva Lautemann (Georgia Perimeter College), Chair, Selected Papers Review Committee

The midwinter business meeting of the Academic Library Division is scheduled for January, 27, 2012 at Clayton State University.

Submitted by
Amy Eklund, Georgia ACRL Chapters Council Representative

Louisiana

Current Officers:
Melissa Goldsmith, President
Vice-President (TBA after special election)
Kelly Blessinger, Treasurer
Tracy Hall, Secretary
Tony Fonseca, Past President

ACRL-LA continues to grow and market membership. In the past year, we have created an associate level of membership that enables out-of-state, retired, and unemployed librarians to join our chapter. It also enables scholars and other professionals to join us. Further membership growth has positioned ACRL-LA with Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science (LSU-SLIS) students and faculty to encourage professional development and student membership in both ACRL and ACRL-LA. This marketing membership effort continues to grow with each new semester of LSU-SLIS students.

On October 14, 2011 ACRL-LA held its annual fall business meeting in Baton Rouge, at LOUISiana Library Network Users Conference (LUC). Future goals discussed include the possibility of hosting a regional conference. The goal of such a conference would be to offer something in addition to a national level conference, since nothing like this event exists in the area and there remains a need for a conference venue that supports academic librarianship theory and academic scholarship that leads to publication.

The third issue of our international level, peer-review journal Codex will be released soon. Codex was initiated in fall of 2009. Codex: The Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACRL welcomes original articles of any
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length regarding scholarship that pertains to academic librarianship and libraries. Research-based content will receive preference, but Co-dex will consider non-research articles as well.

ACRL-LA continues to offer workshops and to work with other state organizations, including presenting for LOUIS Users Conference (LUC) and Louisiana Library Association (LLA). Look for us this spring at the annual LLA 2012 conference http://www.llaonline.org/ne/lla_conference.php in Shreveport where ACRL-LA will host an ice cream social showcasing the benefits of ACRL-LA membership and offering resume and curriculum vitae review sessions for those in the field of academic librarianship.

For more information about ACRL-LA, Co-dex, or to become a member of ACRL-LA please visit our website http://www.acrlla.org/.

Maryland

ACRL MD continues to work to expand our reach throughout the state to encourage new members and increase engagement by current members. This past summer we began to provide a virtual participation option for all of our in-person meetings. Members unable to attend meetings in person were encouraged to join us virtually through Wimba, which accessed through the Maryland Library Association. Additionally, in planning our participation in the annual Maryland Library Association conference in May 2012, ACRL MD followed VLACRL’s lead in attempting to distinguish programming aimed at academic librarians to encourage conference attendance.

On October 14, 2011 ACRL MD held its annual Fall Program entitled The Future is Tomorrow. Steven Bell, Associate University Librarian for Research & Instruction at Temple Uni-

![Attendees at ACRL MD's Fall Program work on their vision of the future of academic libraries.](image)

Submitted by Tracy Hall, LA committee Secretary
McNeese State University

ACRL MD’s Fall Program work on their vision of the future of academic libraries.

versity and vice-president/president-elect of ACRL talked about the prospects for academic librarianship in a tumultuous higher education and information landscape and how adopting a design approach to achieve an intentional user experience provides a strategy for a future-proofed library. The program also featured a panel of librarians from both academic and public libraries in Maryland discussing the challenges facing libraries both now and in the future and how librarians can best respond to them. The day also
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featured a number of creative hands-on activities designed to get participants to think in out-of-the-box ways about the future of libraries.

Current Officers:
Alison Cody (American Psychological Association), President
David Dahl (Towson University), Vice-President
Joanna Gadsby (University of Maryland Baltimore County), Secretary
Danielle Whren Johnson (Loyola/Notre Dame Library), Past-President

submitted by Danielle Whren Johnson, Past President
Loyola/Notre Dame Library

Minnesota

“Interesting, well-presented, and practical.” “Timely and informative.” “I learned exactly what I wanted.” Those are just a sampling of participants comments on this year’s ARLD Day, the annual day-long conference of the Academic and Research Libraries Division of the Minnesota Library Association. ARLD is Minnesota’s ACRL chapter, and this year we teamed up with the Public Library Division of MLA to present the April 29 conference.

Keynote speaker Jason Griffey, the head of library information technology at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, was especially singled out for kudos for his talk on “The Everywhere Patron.” For the first time in the conference’s history, this speech and other morning events were available online to preregistered virtual participants, as well as to the 180 in-person attendees (a record number!).

Other highlights of the day, which focused on reaching library patrons through mobile technologies, included:

Seven afternoon breakout sessions, and a “lightning round” session
Lunch in the beautiful surroundings of the University of Minnesota’s Landscape Arboretum
Presentation of the ARLD’s first-ever “Innovators Award”, which comes with a $300 stipend, to Lisa R. Johnston, a research services librarian at the University of Minnesota

For more information on the day, including session slides and a recording of the keynote, visit http://mnlibraryassociation.org/event11_0429/.

Submitted June 2011 by Rebecca Ganzel
Member Communications, ARLD

Minnesota has very little snow on the ground right now in December, but we’re not letting grass grow under our feet either. The state’s ACRL chapter, also known as the Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Minnesota Library Association, had three notable happenings this fall, and we’re looking forward to another this coming spring.
Board Elections

As a result of our September elections, three new members joined our 2012 board effective December 1. Our current members are:
Kate Peterson (University of Minnesota), Past-Chair
Cindy Gruwell (St. Cloud State University), Chair
Amy Springer (College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University), Chair-Elect
Jennifer Sippel (Minneapolis Community & Technical College), Secretary
Rebecca Ganzel (Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota), Member Communications
Jayne Blodgett (University of Minnesota at Morris), Legislative Liaison,
Dan Reeves (Rasmussen College at Brooklyn Park) and Jodi Carlson (University of Minnesota at Duluth), Members-at-Large

We are pleased that the current board represents so many different areas of Minnesota, and different kinds of educational institutions as well. Monthly board meetings are now being held in the central-Minnesota location of St. Cloud, with many members attending virtually via “GoToMeeting” software.

Book Discussion

We added a new event to our mix this fall: a discussion of the book *Reflective Teaching, Effective Learning* by Char Booth. Around 15 academic librarians gathered at the Roseville, Minn., branch of the Ramsey County Library on October 27 to discuss the book, which overviews practical tools for improving learner-focused library instruction and instructional design. Participants came from as far away as St. Cloud, Duluth, and Leech Lake. All appeared to relish the opportunity to form a “community of practice” around this common experience. ARLD chair Kate Peterson spearheaded organizing the group, although she did not want to be considered its leader. All the librarians brainstormed, discussed and suggested future topic discussions while enjoying treats appropriate to the season (there is a coffee shop housed in the library). A second, virtual discussion of the book took place in early November. Some of the discussants also participated in an October 28 luncheon sponsored by Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (CLIC, a group of eight academic libraries) that featured a talk by Ms. Booth herself.

MLA Conference

A change in the organization of the annual MLA conference, October 12–14, meant that ARLD did not directly sponsor any workshops there, as we have in years past. Instead, sessions were organized by tracks, such as “Authors, Literature, and Programming,” that touched on several different areas of interest to attendees. We did, however, hold a lively and well-attended board meeting in the Duluth convention center’s “Gooseberry Falls Room” (meeting rooms there are named for different Minnesota state parks).

Spring 2012 ARLD Day

The ARLD’s annual spring conference, ARLD Day, is set for April 27, 2012: workshops, lunch, a keynote speech, and the presentation of our “Minnesota Academic Innovators” award. The setting is the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen, and the 2012 conference theme is “Transliteracy: Constructing Knowledge and Networks.” Our keynote speaker is Lane Wilkinson, assistant professor and librarian at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga — one of the courses he teaches there is titled, “Vampires, Zombies, and Philosophy.”

Contributed by Rebecca Ganzel
Member Communications, Minnesota Chapter, ACRL
The Mississippi Chapter of ACRL held its annual luncheon event during the Mississippi Library Association’s 2011 Conference. The conference, whose theme was “Collaboration and Partnerships: The Building Blocks of Libraries,” was held at the Jackson Marriott Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi October 18 – 21, 2011. The ACRL luncheon was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. The luncheon included a catered lunch, a speaker, a time for questions and answers, and the Mississippi Chapter of ACRL business meeting. Joyce Ogburn, 2011-12 President of ACRL, gave a presentation entitled “The Future of Academic Libraries.” In her presentation, Joyce first described a future academic library and then engaged the audience by having them participate in the discussion. Joyce mentioned certain words that describe academic libraries such as “active,” “connective,” “generative,” and “transformative.” She then asked the audience to come up with similar words to flesh out these concepts. Also, she tied the characteristics of future libraries to the ACRL Plan of Excellence. The luncheon was very well attended, with 80 people in attendance.

The 2012 ACRL-Mississippi Chapter Executive Council members are:

Melissa Dennis (University of Mississippi), Chair
Jennifer Brannock (University of Southern Mississippi), Vice Chair/Chair Elect
Bob Wolverton, (Mississippi State University), Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Mounce (Delta State University), Immediate Past Chair

Contributed by Michael Mounce
Mississippi Chapter Representative

The College and University Section of the Nebraska Library Association sponsored eleven sessions and one pre-conference session during the 2011 joint annual conference held in Lincoln on October 5 – 7, 2011.

The pre-conference was titled “Libraries, Laws and Lee Lawrie” and was co-sponsored by the NLA Special & Institutional Section and the College & University Section. The pre-conference showcased the Nebraska State Capitol special collections on site and a reflection of the Nebraska state history. Gregory Paul Harm, pre-eminent scholar and author of “Lee Lawrie’s Prairie Deco” lectured on the art at the State Capital and conducted a select sculpture tour. After lunch there was a visit to the State Law Library and its collection of rare printed materials; a tour of the Capitol Archive which focused on how the Archive serves the ongoing preservation and restoration of the Capitol; and a guided tour of Capitol artwork and furnishings.

The conference sessions and presenters:

“Learning To Live With A Statistical Abstract”, James Shaw. This presentation provided an update of the loss of the printed abstract and offered practical advice concerning alternative resources. It explored the policy implications of trading away convenience and ease-of-use for enhanced data tools more suitable for advanced researchers than the general public.

“Librarians as Master Gardeners”, Joyce Neujahr and Emily Keston. Neujahr and Keston presented the information dashboard used at UNO’s Criss Library to visually connect departments within their library and the wider community using data and statistics.

“Digital Natives”, Nora Hillyer and Linda Parker. This presentation was an explanation of the data from a study that identified the information
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literacy skills that students bring to UNO. The presentation described the project and its impact on the UNO Information Literacy Program.


“Institutional Repositories: Libraries Reaching Out to the World”, Paul Royster. Royster gave a short history on the development and progress of institutional repositories (online open-access digital archives) in college libraries, with special emphasis on the history of the UNL DigitalCommons, the nation’s second largest institutional repository.

“Annual Reports”, Mary Jo Ryan and Kathryn Brockmeier. The different reasons for creating annual reports were explored along with target audiences, content and formats.

“Managing UNL Computers”, Signe Boudreau, Scott Childers, Deb Pearson. Presented the research, implementation, and outcomes of putting an access-control system into place after experiencing an increase in computer use by community users.

“What’s The Truth About Human Trafficking”, Anchalee Panigabutra-Roberts. The presenter gave a general overview of research and data on human trafficking in the United States and how to evaluate such data in the U.S. context. The participants learned how to evaluate and scrutinize human trafficking data in different publications and media.

“Learning Commons”, Ronald Wirtz, Keri Pearson, Jon Ritterbush. A presentation on the UNK Learning Commons, its programs and services offered now and in the future, plus a description of how the project developed over approximately two years from inception to the completed facility.

“Into The Flames”, Robert Nash. The deliberate destruction of books by fire has been carried out around the world for more than two thousand years, and continues to this day. Who burns books, and why? From the Bible to Harry Potter, notable cases of book burning were examined and discussed.

“Need to Write a Paper”, Sue Ann Gardner. Presented on the value of literature reviews and how to prepare one (determining scope, selecting a date range, audience, etc.).

College and University Section Luncheon and Business Meeting
The College and University section Luncheon and Business Meeting was held October 7, 2011 during the Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Education Media Association Annual Conference.

College and University Section Spring Meeting
The College and University Section Spring Meeting will be held jointly with the Special and Institutional Section of the Nebraska Libraries Association on May 18, 2012 at Grace University in Omaha. The theme for the meeting is “Connected and Collaborating: Nebraska Libraries”. The keynote speaker will be Beth McNeil, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Purdue University Libraries.
Awards

Incoming NLA C&U Section Chair, Marcia Dority Baker, Assistant Professor of Law Library and the Access Services librarian at the Marvin and Virginia Schmid Law Library, recognized Sabrina Riley, Library Director, Union College for her service as outgoing chair. The 2011 Nebraska Library Association College & University Section’s Distinguished Service Award was given to Joyce Neujahr, Director of Patron Services, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Newly elected/appointed officers for the College & University Section:

Sally Gibson (Creighton Reinert Alumni Memorial Library), Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect
Ben Brick (Grace University), Secretary
Nora Hillyer - ACRL Chapter Liaison and ACRL Legislative Coordinator

Submitted by Nora Hillyer, ACRL Chapter Liaison
University of Nebraska Omaha

New England

Salutations from the New England Chapter! We’ve been quite busy around here...but busy in a good way. Last August, our Serials and Electronic Resources Interest Group (SERIG) provided more heat to that sultry month with its hot, hot program: “Current Trends in E-Journals”. The program was held at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy. The three presenters, each active in working with different aspects of the world of journals, shared her perspectives on important issues facing libraries and journal publishers in 2011:

Lois Bacon, Director of Publisher Services at EBSCO, presented the vendor and publisher perspectives on e-journals.

Deborah Lenares, Acquisitions and Resource-Sharing Manager at Wellesley College, explained how, through trial and error, Wellesley College explored alternatives to subscriptions.

Janet Belanger Morrow, Head of Resource Management at Northeastern University Libraries, discussed how dealing with trends in licensing and related copyright akin to taking one step forward and two steps back.


Jim Kinnie (University of Rhode Island), Humanities Reference Librarian, discussed how he has applied the assessment cycle to show how well the WRT instruction program meets the outcomes and to inform any changes that would improve it.

Rachel Lewellen (University of Massachusetts Amherst), Assessment Librarian, spear-headed assessment projects at UMass including the assessment of the Learning Commons, electronic resources se study, LibQUAL+, ClimateQUAL, and
a cooperative collection development project that tracks duplication, circulation and cost of monographs.

Jeff Waller (Saint Anselm College’s Geisel Library-New Hampshire), Head of Reference and Instruction Services, chaired a committee charged with conducting a pilot assessment of information literacy on campus. His committee developed and applied a rubric to evaluate how well first-year and senior students demonstrated information literacy in their research papers.

Kathy Halverson (Keene State College), Assistant Dean/Head of Public Services. Keene State College has used the SAILS test for four years to assess the information literacy skills of all entering freshman and in 2011 to juniors.

When it comes to e-books, it often feels like one is traversing the unsettling and rough terrain of the marketplace, taking on the steep challenges of technology and copyright.

In October, the Collection Development Interest Group’s (CDIG) sponsored a half-day program, “E-Books: A Brief Fix on a Moving Target”, which offered attendees a stable perch from which to observe their target, with the help from the following experienced guides:

Laura Irmscher (Boston Public Library), Collection Development Manager, talked about her library’s OverDrive implementation

Greg Eow (Yale University), British and American History Librarian, discussed how his library’s users experienced a change of heart when it came to e-books

Kyle Courtney (Harvard Law School), Manager, Resource Sharing And Faculty Information Delivery, discussed the intellectual property rights of libraries and library patrons when it comes to e-books

Bill Boissy (Springer), Director, Network Sales, focused on the issues in current and future e-book technology.

On November 4, 2011, the Access Services Interest Group (ASIG) sponsored a round-table discussion program entitled, simply enough, “Talk to Me”. The conversations touched on various topics—student employment, resource sharing, loaning e-books, loaning laptops, creative partnerships, ILS Systems—to name a few. The discussion took place at the College of the Holy Cross’ Hogan Center in Worcester, MA.

The Scholarly Communication Interest Group (SCIG) presented a day-long program at the Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center (UMASS Medical) in Shrewsbury, entitled, “Open Access & Scholarly Societies: A Panel Discussion About The Opportunities and Challenges”. The program, which took place on November 18, 2011, offered a moderated panel discussion which explored how scholarly societies in a range of fields are responding to the emergence of open access publication models, including successful strategies for change, issues and concerns, and potential business models. October Ivins (Informed Strategies), who has a long track record of working with libraries and publishers, moderated the panel:

Ken Heideman (American Meteorological Society), Director of Publications
Kent Holsinger (University of Connecticut), Professor, Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
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Michael James (Boston College), Fellow at the Roche Center for Catholic Education
Robert Kelly (American Physical Society), Director of Journal & Information Services
Steve Zinn (University of Connecticut), Professor of Animal Science

For its Winter Meeting, held on December 3, 2011, NELIG opted to do what many of us wish we could do: be in more than one place at the same time. Five locations, to be exact:

Keene State College, Keene, NH

“Why Are We Here?: Using the Socratic Method to Enhance Student Learning”, Laura Braunstein (Dartmouth College)
“Speed Databasing”: Making Lasting Connections in 10 Minutes or Less, Rachel Blair Vogt and Carolyn Gamtso (UNH Manchester)
“Digging Deeper: Finding Information in the WWW”, Melinda Malik (Merrimack College)

Providence College, Providence, RI

“Library Scene: Fairfield Edition: Orienting First-Year Students to the Library Using Interactive, Multimedia Game Play”, Laura Weber & Jessica McCullough (Fairfield University)
“The Power of Video: Creating a Rapport in the Classroom that Extends throughout a Semester”, Kari Mofford (UMass Dartmouth)
“Mastering Music Searching”, Erica Charis (Berklee College of Music)

Tufts University, Medford, MA

“Beyond the One Shot: Excerpts from a Faculty Information Literacy Collaborative”, Karla Fribley & Christina Dent (Emerson College)
“Parsing the Sexy Title: Looking Beyond the Academic Colon to the Core of the Article”, Catherine Fahey (Salem State Univ.)
“Effective Research Strategies for Academic Assignments”, Stacy Schwartz (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)
“Google vs. The Library: Transitioning Your (Re)Search”, Zachary Newell (Salem State University)

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

“Bubble Over: Filter Bubbles, Internet Personalization, and You”, Sarah Faye Cohen, Andy Burkhardt, Michele Melia (Champlain College)
“Fake Hemmingway: Paraphrasing for Non-Native Speakers”, Nikki Krysak (Norwich University)
“Understanding Plagiarism through Case Studies”, Rachel Pusateri (Green Mountain College)

Western New England University, Springfield, MA

“Gathering Background Info – Credo v. Wikipedia”, Jennifer Ditkoff (Keene State College)
“Finding What you Need: Choosing your Own Adventures in Library Research”, Laura Robinson Hanlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)
“Build Your Research Foundation: Every Great Project Begins with a Plan”, Joy Hansen (Middlesex Community College)

The final NEC program of 2011 was brought to us care of the Chapter’s new Leadership Development Committee. The workshop, “Managing Change – Shaping the Future”, helped the attendees learn how to identify the forces of change as well as to identify those strategic partners and initiatives that will help one to survive and thrive. The workshop took place on December 9, 2011 at the Tower Hill Botanical Gardens in Boylston.
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Dr. Catherine Pastille, currently the Interim MBA Program Director and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Management at Providence College where she teaches business ethics, strategy, leadership and organizational behavior, facilitated the workshop. She was aided in her task by a panel of New England librarians:

Kristin Eshelman (University of Connecticut- Thomas J. Dodd Research Center), Curator of Multimedia Collections in Archives and Special Collections

Dr. Tracey Leger-Hornby (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), Dean of Library Services

Elaine Russo Martin (University of Massachusetts Medical School), Director of the Lamar Soutter Library

Martha Rice Sanders (HELIN Library Consortium in Rhode Island), Knowledge Management Librarian for the since the position was created in 2005

As for 2012 – The Conference Planning Committee, chaired by Vice-President Leslie Button of UMass, Amherst, has put out the call for presentations for the Annual Conference scheduled for May 18, 2012 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester. The title of the conference is “Leading the Change: Integrating the Library into the Future of Higher Education” and one those leaders, Steven Bell, will be the keynote speaker. Button is to be commended for populating her committee with five library school students – four from the University of Rhode Island and one from Simmons College in Massachusetts.

Submitted by Brian T. Gallagher, President NEC

New York

Greetings from The Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter of ACRL! ACRL/NY ended 2011 with its annual symposium “The Global Librarian: Information without Borders” which was held at the Vertical Campus Conference Center (Baruch College/City University of New York) in NYC. Four outstanding speakers presented on a variety of related topics: “Transliteracy and the Demands of Library Instruction in the 21st Century” (Lane Wilkinson), “Distance Education Librarians: Removing Boundaries and Barriers to Information” (Angela Whitehurst), “Copyright, Libraries, and the Pressure of International Law” (Dr. Kenneth Crews) and “Traveling Librarians: Building Campus, Community, and International Relationships Through Support and Leadership of Off-Campus Programs” (Amy Bryant. Poster presentations included: “Outreach to International Campuses: Removing Barriers and Building Relationships,” “CUNY Librarians in China,” “Open Access and Liberal Education: A Look at Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia,” International cataloging community on the Web: a Case of Personal Cataloging/Metadata blogs,” and many more! For more on our symposium, see http://acrlnysymp2011.wordpress.com.

Our chapter has been very busy this year! We are in the process of launching our Pilot Mentoring Program, which will match newly-minted librarians with more experienced members of our field. We have received numerous applications for both mentors and mentees.
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We also launched The Graduate Services Discussion Group in fall 2011. Members meet and discuss issues relating to serving the special research needs of our graduate students. We are also restructuring our organization to include a Professional Development Committee, which will collaborate with other library organizations in our area to foster professional development events and programs for our chapter members and the wider library community. We’ve unveiled our new logo (see above) and are expecting to launch our new website by the end of January 2012!

As a way of encouraging new membership in ACRL/NY and ACRL national, each of the Chapter’s Discussion Groups and Geographic Sections host an annual “meet & greet” event. Current members and non-members are invited to attend these free events, where they will have an opportunity to participate in the session, network with colleagues and meet members of the ACRL/NY executive board.

In partnership with the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO), ACRL/NY was pleased to co-sponsor several programs in fall 2011: “Change in the Digital Age – Metadata Trends for Libraries” and “Fair Use is not Civil Disobedience: Rethinking the Copyright Wars and the Role of the Academic Library.” We look forward to collaborating on other projects in 2012.

ACRL/NY’s 2012 Executive Board:
Caroline Fuchs, Pres.; Legislative Liaison
Carrie Netzer Wajda, Vice President/ President Elect
Carrie Marten, Immediate Past President
Natalka Sawchuk, Treasurer
Fiona Grady, Secretary
Werner Sbaschnik, Membership Secretary
Mark Aaron Polger, Newsletter Editor

2012 Discussion Group Chairs:
Kathryn G. Shaughnessy, Dist. Learning
Michael Handis and Amy Ballmer, Grad Services
Fiona Grady and Dianne Conyers, Information Literacy/Instructional Services
Maureen Weicher, Resource Sharing
Keith Muchowski, Special Collections and Archives
Michael Handis, Linda Miles, New Librarians
Mark Aaron Polger and Albert Tablante, User Experience (UX)

2012 Geographic Section Chairs:
Susan Werner, Chair; Gail Delaporte, Vice Chair/Chair Elect (Long Island)
Dianne Conyers, Chair; Anice Mills, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect (New York City)
Gloria Meisel, Chair; Winifred King, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect (Westchester/Lower Hudson Valley)

North Dakota-Manitoba

On April 18, 2011, more than 30 librarians gathered at the University of North Dakota for the annual North Dakota–Manitoba Chapter Spring Conference. A conference that focused on the subject of assessment was a powerful draw—as attendance was quite high despite some logistical hurdles. While the day was lovely, some travelers had to bypass flooded roads which made a several hour trip even longer.
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Unfortunately, that inconvenience was eclipsed by record flooding later in the season for some parts of the state (Minot area) and the province (outlying areas of Winnipeg).

The theme for the Chapter’s Spring Conference on assessment in Academic Libraries was a result of the doctoral work of the current chair, Char Myhre. Utilizing her coursework and research interest, she provided members a basis for what she hopes will be an ongoing discussion on assessment.

“Assessment in Academic Libraries: What? Why? How?” featured two sessions with university faculty members as speakers. Myhre invited a professor from her educational doctoral program at North Dakota State University, Dr. Chris Ray, to discuss “Learning Outcomes: Building Blocks for Assessment” and to lead a hands-on exercise so that participants left with clear, targeted, and assessable learning goals. Later in the day, Dr. Lana Rakow, communication professor from the University of North Dakota, and embedded librarian Kristen Borysewicz co-presented on the experience of blending their unique backgrounds during a semester-long course and assessing what the students learned. Since the course fulfilled both cultural diversity and information literacy requirements, the presentation was entitled, “Assessing Information Literacy as if Culture Mattered”. The day ended with Betty Braaksma and Marie Speare sharing their several years’ of experience with LibQual+ surveys at the University of Manitoba.

At the business meeting a slate of candidates was presented to the membership and later that Spring the following new officers were elected for the 2011-2012 term:

James Kominowski (University of Manitoba), Chair-Elect
Janet Rex (University of North Dakota), Secy
Lila Pedersen (University of North Dakota), Member at Large
They join the current officers:
Char Myhre (North Dakota State University), Chair
Jan Horner (University of Manitoba), Treas.

The Spring 2012 Conference will be held in Winnipeg, at the University of Manitoba on April 30, 2012 and will focus on "new and emerging technologies and how they are changing and enhancing traditional library services.”

Submitted by Kristen Borysewicz, Past Chair
University of North Dakota

Ohio

The ALAO Annual conference, “Constant Change, Constant Opportunity” was held November 3-4, in Toledo.

Pre-conference & Conference keynote speakers included:
Change & Opportunities for Today’s Academic Libraries

Lauren Pressley is a librarian, educator, and technologist. She is actively involved in the American Library Association and the Library and Information Technology Association. In 2008 she was recognized as an ALA Emerging Leader and in 2009 she was named a Mover and Shaker by Library Journal. She lives with her husband, John Borwick, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
Change + Design = Innovation: Taking a Design Approach to Achieve Innovation From Change

Steven Bell

Academic librarians have made tremendous strides in integrating the library into the teaching and learning process. They have established themselves as campus leaders in harnessing technology for information access and control. Despite good progress, change and innovation remain difficult challenges for many academic libraries especially when confronted with wicked problems with no easy solutions. Design is all about change. How might we utilize a design approach to leverage change to inspire innovation in our organizations so we give our user community members a better library experience? In this keynote talk, Steven Bell will explore how academic librarians can apply a design approach, a process that designers use to identify problems and develop thoughtful solutions, in their libraries to stimulate ideation, innovation and implementation in times of constant change.

The pre-conference featured a panel discussion on ACRL’s report, “The Value of Academic Libraries: A Comprehensive Research Review and Report”. The panel included:

John Burke (Director, Gardner-Harvey Library, Miami University Middletown), Moderator

Sara Bushong (Dean of Libraries, Bowling Green State University), panelist

Susan Scott (Director of the Library, Ohio State University – Newark and Ohio Technical College), panelist

2011 Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award Given to Diane Schrecker

Diane Schrecker, Curriculum Librarian, Ashland University, recipient of the Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award during the 2011 Annual Conference. Past President Rocki Strader presented the award, citing Diane’s long service to ALAO as Secretary, Curriculum Materials Center Interest Group Chair, Program Planning Committee member (for many conferences), member of the Research and Publications Committee, and as a frequent presenter at annual conference, workshops, and in poster sessions. Shrecker was described in the nomination letter as a “top-notch professional” who never fails to promote ALAO activities, especially on the Library Cloud blog. As an author, committee and board member, conference presenter and workshop host, she “serves to help other library professionals grow and learn.”

Kenneth Burhanna, Head of Instructional Services, Kent State University Libraries, has been named by the Distance Learning Interest Group, the 2012 Distance Learning Visionary. Burhanna’s leadership and vision in supporting distance learning has been demonstrated through his commitment to developing strategic partnerships on campus, providing professional development opportunities, and by...
developing support tools and resources for librarians and instructors. Burhanna will share his distance learning experience and philosophy at the 2012 DLIG Spring Workshop in a session entitled "A Strategic Action Plan for Distance Learning Support."

Attendees can look forward to four learning outcomes:

1. A clearer vision for the strategic role their libraries can play in distance learning.
2. Tools and approaches for providing leadership on distance learning initiatives.
3. Models for creating guiding documents and online support tools.
4. An awareness of key challenges for libraries in distance learning.

Save the date! The DLIG Spring Workshop is tentatively scheduled for May 11 at the Voice of America Learning Center in West Chester, Ohio (I-75, just north of Cincinnati). Details about additional sessions and registration will be forthcoming in February.

Other Awards Announced at Annual Conference:
Continuing Education Grants
Christine Rigda, University of Toledo
Allen Reichert, Otterbein University
Barbara Strauss, Cleveland State University
Kathy Fisher, Ursuline College
Research Award Grants (presented by Mark Eddy, Research/Publications Chair):
Fang Fang (Kenyon College), Instructional Technologist
Joshua Finnell (Denison University), Humanities Librarian
Heidi Gauder (University of Dayton), Instruction Program Coordinator
Fran Mentch (Cleveland State University), Social and Behavioral Sciences Librarian

The TEDSIG TEDDY Award went to Anne Gilliland, Ohio State University. Gilliland, formerly with OhioLINK, serves as Head, Copyright Management Office at Ohio State University. Her contributions to ALAO include serving as Technical Services Interest Group Co-Chair, as a member of the ALAO Executive Board, and as a very effective presenter at several TSIG workshops and ALAO annual conferences.

The conference program may be accessed at: http://alaoweb.org/conferences/conf2011
Conference photos are at: http://www.flickr.com/photos/denlib/sets/72157627952219083/

submitted by Susan D. Scott
Central Ohio Technical College

The Virginia Chapter of ACRL held our annual summer program at Hollins University on May 9, 2011. Our program, entitled “Cool Tools: Innovations from Virginia’s Libraries” featured a variety of technology, which can be used by librarians for project management, instruction and when communicating with users. Our presenters were
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from different public and private institutions across Virginia and included Heather Moorefield-Lang from Virginia Tech, Luke Vilelle from Hollins University, Mark Lenker from Longwood University, Rebecca Pappert from the University of Virginia and Maryke Barber from Hollins University.

More than 25 proposals for both concurrent sessions and poster sessions for the 3rd annual VLACRL Conference-within-a-Conference (associated with the Virginia Library Association’s annual conference on October 27-28, 2011 in Portsmouth) were presented. Craig Amos, past-VLACRL chair led the effort with the conference planning committee to evaluate the proposals and planned the VLACRL sponsored sessions. The poster session expanded and received a positive feedback from the conference attendees. At our business meeting during the conference, Esther Onega was elected as Vice-Chair and Meridith Wolnick – as Secretary/Treasurer.

VLACRL Board members are currently working on plans for the 2012 spring program and looking at social media options to engage the current VLACRL members and recruit the new ones.

Submitted by Tatiana Pashkova-Balkenhol

Washington

ACRL-WA welcomes new officers: Amy Stewart-Mailhlot (Pacific Lutheran University Library), Member at Large
Nicholas Schiller (Washington State University Vancouver Library), Webmaster

Working with the University of Washington Libraries Teaching and Learning Group, we co-sponsored a first-time event open to all academic librarians across the state entitled “Intersections: a Teaching and Learning Libcamp.” Thirty-nine librarians attended this fun, informal gathering for engaging with teaching and learning in academic libraries. At the end of October, we hosted our annual joint conference with ACRL-Oregon at the University of Washington’s Center for Sustainable Forestry at Pack Forest near Eatonville, Washington. The theme of the conference was “Live Long and Prosper: Sustainable Solutions for Today’s Academic Libraries.” Lisa Janicke-Hinchliffe, Past-President of ACRL, opened the conference with her presentation “Engagement, Innovation, and Value: Principles for Sustaining Today’s Academic Library.” She also concluded the conference with a workshop where attendees worked in small groups using a “clearing circle” approach to discuss assessment projects in their libraries.

Eight breakout sessions and nine lightning talks covered a vast array of topics, from instruction to scholarly communication to marketing and website usability testing. A full list of the conference presentations can be found on the conference website: http://acrlwa.org/2011-schedule. Presentations are being posted to Northwest Central, http://nwcentral.org/. We are also very excited to announce our new website - http://acrlwa.org/

Submitted by Erica Coe
Delaware Valley

The Delaware Valley Chapter held its fall program on November 18, 2011 at Penn State Great Valley in Malvern. The entire one-day program was dedicated to patron-driven acquisition (PDA): “Patron Driven Acquisitions: Collaborative Collection Development?” Seventy academic librarians from the Delaware Valley attended the program to learn more about PDA in general as well as find out about already existing PDA implementations at local academic libraries.

The first presenter, Brian Schoolar from Temple University, provided the audience with a brief definition and overview of PDA at the example of a recently implemented PDA program at Temple University. His presentation was entitled “Patron Driven Ebook Acquisitions: Pulling Back the Curtain”. Simply put, PDA is a collection development philosophy and acquisitions model for e-books that many libraries have begun to use as a supplement to more traditional purchasing models. Instead of purchasing e-books up front, patrons are exposed through the library’s catalog to a wide variety of e-book titles. Patrons can access the full text of these e-books by clicking on a link within the catalog, and a certain number of uses by patrons triggers the purchase of a particular title.

The second presenter, Lorri Huddy from the CTW consortium (Connecticut College, Trinity College & Wesleyan University), addressed issues involved with the implementation of PDA as part of a consortium. Her presentation “Collection Development Adventures of a Small Consortium” discussed CTW’s shared e-book project which dates back to 2010. The audience had many questions for Huddy, who had guided the CTW consortium through two PDA implementations in as many years.

The final presenter of the day, Scott Anderson from Millersville University, focused more on the philosophy and context behind PDA and collection development with his presentation on “Exposing E-lec-tron-ic-al Books”. At Millersville, Anderson plans to expose PDA materials through the university’s discovery tool, and not through the library catalog. The day’s workshop ended with a panel discussion which provided attendees with the opportunity to ask each presenter more detailed questions about their individual experiences with PDA. Judging by the number and type of questions asked, there was a lot of interest on the part of attendees in this new collection development model. Each presentation also showed that the presenter clearly felt that PDA was a worthwhile investment of their time and energy. As Brian Schoolar said, librarians should face their fears, get interested in PDA, conduct background research, and “just do it!”

For more information about the Delaware Valley Chapter and its past programs, see the chapter’s website at http://www.acrldvc.org.

Submitted by Jutta Seibert

Alabama

The Alabama chapter continues to have a very busy year. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our officers, especially president-elect Jennifer Long and legislative liaison Eric Kidwell, AACRL is contributing to ongoing discussions important to all librarians in the state.

AACRL in partnership with the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries and the College, University, and Special Libraries division of the Alabama Library Association held
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its fall workshop on October 10, 2011, in Birmingham. The topic of the workshop was Cooperative Collection Development and featured two guest speakers. Timothy Cherubini, Director of Regional Services for LYRASIS, spoke about barriers, benefits, and conditions for success for cooperative collection development projects and the status today for group purchasing, patron driven models, shared electronic collections, print retention, and digitization. Leslie Horner Button, Associate Director for Library Services at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, spoke about a cooperative collection development project to reduce unnecessary monographic duplication within the Five Colleges Consortium. Presenters from various academic libraries described cooperative collection development efforts within the state including cooperative sharing of books, cooperative purchasing of electronic resources by consortia, cooperative retention of print journals by medical libraries, cooperative preservation of digital collections through ADPNet, and cooperative management and disposition of federal documents by ASERL members. Approximately 55 people attended the workshop, and it received positive reviews.

The AACRL Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association Convention in Hoover (Birmingham). A delicious dinner will be served followed by an informative program and a short business meeting. The program this year will feature Steven J. Bell, ACRL President Elect for 2011-2012 and Associate University Librarian for Research and Instructional Services at Temple University.

Several programs are planned at the state convention as well. AACRL and the College, University, and Special Libraries division of the state association will sponsor several Best Practices programs. There will be three full sessions and one session comprised of four mini-sessions (all happening at the same time). Topics include gathering, organizing, and sharing library statistics with LibAnalytics; Windows and Mac accessibility features for users with disabilities; career planning assistance for SLIS graduate students; online conferencing for reference and instruction; electronic books and use in the library; hosting an in-house professional development day; and founding an archives. In addition to these Best Practices offerings, the Government Relations Committee of AACRL, together with the state association’s Legislative Development Committee and the College, University, and Special Libraries division, will sponsor a program entitled “Library Advocacy: Clear and Simple.” Marilyn Ochoa, Assistant Head of the Education Library at the University of Florida and a past vice-chair of the ACRL Government Relations Committee, and Rickey Best, ACRL Chapters Council Chair will demonstrate to attendees that being an effective library advocate need not take a great deal of time, nor be overly complicated. Issues covered will be the importance of being an active advocate (i.e. why do it), whether that be at the local, state or federal level; and the program will provide attendees with the how-to tools necessary to be effective in advocating for libraries and their users.

In other news, AACRL said goodbye in December to our recent webmaster Jason Battles and welcomed Steven Turner, University of Alabama, into that position. Both Jason and Steven have been very helpful as we plan to update our web presence next year.

Submitted by Lori Northrup, AACRL President
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