Message from the Chair

Soon we'll be meeting in Anaheim for our Chapters Council session. The meeting will be held Sunday, June 24, from 8-10 a.m. at the Disneyland Hotel – Castle Room C. We will have a full agenda (which has also been posted in ALA Connect) – in addition to updates from the ACRL Officers and the Washington Office, the Legislative Liaison for Chapters Council, Tim Dodge, will bring us up to date on issues we need to be aware of.

As an update on the election for a Board Member at Large representing Chapters Council, Marilyn Ochoa from the University of Florida has been elected. Congratulations, Marilyn. Chapters Council looks forward to working with you. Congratulations also go to Trevor Dawes from Princeton, who was elected as ACRL Vice-President / President-elect. We look forward to working with Trevor as well.

We will elect new officers for Chapter’s Council – if you have not already answered Vice-Chair Danielle Whren Johnson’s call, please consider doing so. Over the past couple of years, working with Chapters Council has been one of the most enjoyable activities I’ve experienced. We will elect a Vice-Chair/Chair-elect and a Secretary. Danielle has e-mailed the specifics relating to the positions, but she can be contacted at dwhren@loyola.edu if you have any questions.

Amy Eklund will update us on the survey conducted by the ACRL Working Group. The Working Group has gathered some invaluable data which, we hope, will assist us in planning a new approach for getting an increase in funding for local chapters. I encourage you all to think about what your chapter can use in terms of additional support from ACRL. Perhaps instead of the $1.00 per member, we could request two webinar
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training sessions for each chapter.

We will discuss ideas for increasing local support for chapters at Annual. I hope you will all attend and bring suggestions with you. Recognizing that funding is tight, if you will not be able to attend but have an idea regarding support that you would like Council to consider, please e-mail either myself (rbest@aum.edu) or Amy Eklund (amy.eklund@gpc.edu) with your suggestions.

For a historical appreciation of our surroundings, Anaheim was founded in 1857 by grape farmers and wine-makers from Bavaria. The name Anaheim translates as “home in the valley.” Though the wine and citrus are long gone, Anaheim is the largest city in Orange County, and the 10th largest in California.

I hope to see you with the good burghers of Anaheim, and to toast their past and our future. Sincerely,

Rickey Best, Chair
ACRL Chapters Council

Join us for the ACRL Chapters Council Dine Around

Join your colleagues for food and fun at the Chapters Council Dine-Around, scheduled for Sunday, June 24 at 6:30 pm at the Tangerine Grill and Patio. The restaurant is in Anaheim, at 1030 W. Katella Ave., inside the Anabella Hotel next door to the Anaheim Convention Center. Vegetarian options are available. Please contact Danielle Whren Johnson at dwhren@loyola.edu with any questions regarding the Dine-Around.
Preliminary Agenda

ALA Annual – Anaheim, CA
Sunday, June 24, 2012
8:00 am – 10:00 am
Disneyland Hotel (1150 Magic Way), Castle Room C

1. Welcome – Best
2. Explanation of Council and Duties
3. Election Results for ACRL Board Director-At-Large Position
4. ACRL Officers Update
5. Washington Office Update
6. Legislative Liaison Update – Tim Dodge
7. Chapter Council Elections – Danielle Whren
8. Approval of Minutes from Mid-Winter Meeting – Tracey Olanyk
9. Dine-Around Information – Danielle Whren
10. Chapter Council Survey Results and Discussion – Amy Eklund
11. Other Business
12. Adjournment

**Working session will meet from 4-5:30 pm in the Disneyland Hotel, Congo Room.**
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Mid-Winter 2012

Present:
Rickey Best, Caroline Fuchs, Danielle Whren Johnson, Bob Wolverton, Amy Eklund, Shaile Stoeckel, Ryan Gjerde, Tim Dodge, Regina Beard, Elizabeth Clarage, Beth Lander, Nancy Weiner, Brian T. Gallagher, Charles Kiy, Cindy Dudenhoffer, Les Kong, Rhonda Huisman, Mark Lanker, Tracey Olanyk

Welcome and introductions

Minutes from Annual 2011 meeting approved.

Tim Dodge was introduced as the new Legislative Network Coordinator.

We then heard from Candidates for ACRL slot on the board. First up was Charles Kratz. He talked about the importance of the position in general and to him. He talked about his experience in many different levels of ACRL and the importance of having a background in local chapters. He feels it is important that local chapters have a voice/advocate on the board. Since we only nominate every 3 years it is important that we have someone looking out for the chapters and bringing the board to us. He is comfortable with blogging and would be interested in new opportunities to grow a relationship with the chapters. He asked how we could be better represented at the board. Rickey said as he did the resolution there was no one on the board who understood what or why he was asking but if there was someone on the board who could better articulate our needs/position to the board. Charles replied that he couldn’t promise that he could get everyone to agree to something like that, but if elected he would come back to ask the Chapters Council what the issues are and what is important to us and take that back the board. Rickey then gave an update on the petition for increased funding to chapters. The Executive board did not approve the request. Rickey feels that if ACRL is going to raise membership rates using the HEPI (Higher Education Price Index) they should consider a similar rate for the money they give to the chapters. Rickey then asked if the Chapters Council members thought this was something we should continue to push for. A new member asked Rickey to explain what the petition was about. The resolution was trying to tie the reimbursements from ACRL to the individual chapters on HEPI - since that is how they are calculating membership rates for national. The current minimum is $100 but chapters get a dollar for each member over the $100. The last time this was reviewed was in the 1980’s. But for even this little amount the chapters are required to put on a program (which usually costs a lot more than the amount they are given from national). {see addendum below} The other reason for this request to look at the reimbursement rates to chapters is that ACRL has done better financially- if national rates continue to increase- younger members will not sign up or will drop out. Charles asked if we knew if the executive board or only the executive committee vetted the response. No one had the answer to that question.

A discussion then took place about the relationship between the ACRL Chapters and ACRL National. If we can get people to join local chapters they then tend to get interested to join committees at the National level. It was also pointed out that if you attempt to grow your membership by doing a recruitment drive and you can document it to National you can get $5 for every new member. {see addendum below}
The question came up whether or not we could get National to put a check box on their membership application to say yes I would be interested in more info about my local chapter. But how would that info get back to the local chapters? Once the box is checked there would be an increase in ACRL staff time. Rickey asked Beth to chair a small group to discuss the possible options with adding a check box. The group of volunteers was Beth Lander, Caroline Fuchs, Sheila Stoeckel, and Brian Gallagher. And they would begin their discussion at the 4-5:30 work session.

Discussion then returned to the membership drives. The question was asked if the $5 was the same even if the person joining was a student? No one seemed to know only that it was stated that the rate was $5 per NEW member and nothing about students. There was concern that you might get less than the $5 because the student membership rate is a cheaper rate. ACRL will give you a list of National members in the area for you to try to recruit but to get the money it has to be a documented drive.

Mark Lenker then passed out cards for online communications. The push to improve online communication is because it’s hard for people to get to the ALA conference but we want them to be able to get involved and we want to support them.

The website has a new address.
The Chapter topics newsletter is going strong thanks to Regina Beard.
The list serve administrator Ryan Gjerde said traffic is light.
There is also a community blog Cindy Dudenhoffer and Amy Eklund are moderators.
We also have a Facebook presence ACRL Chapters Caroline Fuchs and Francesca Livermore set this up. Mark will send something out over the listserve but he wants people to Facebook and get the word out before he does.

Mark was asked to provide the digital file for the card he handed out so the chapters can print out their own copies and hand them out.

Blogs- Amy did background and coding for it. The blog is hosted on ACRL connect. She discussed the process for posting. It is moderated they don’t want to restrict people but it is still a professional blog. It’s a place where people can share programs, links, whatever is going on. There is info on the webpage on how to post. Submissions go to Cindy so they can edit and format to make sure pictures display correctly. Board members will have privileges to add stuff without going through Cindy and Amy and they are willing to set up people who would regularly post, like council reps, so they have access. Right now they are looking for content to get it going.

There was discussion about chapter topics and the blog possibly overlapping in content, but it was generally thought that the blog was a more informal way to get info out.
The guidelines to content and rational are all on the website, but nothing is in stone- if anyone has ideas they are asked to share. All the contact info for officers is on the blog page. Anyone can make comments, even if you don’t post you can subscribe to it. Let your members know about the blog. You can also sign up for RSS feeds.
Mark encouraged people to go on to Facebook and like us and send the Facebook out to your chapter members so they can go and like it too. Blog posts will go to the Facebook page.
Rickey then thanked Mark for his leadership on the communication committee and all the people that were previously mentioned who have helped out with the different parts.
Danielle announced that the dine around was at 6:30 at the Iron Cactus for any interested members.
She also announced that they were looking for candidates interested in running for office at ALA Annual there will be 2 open positions on the Chapters Council:
Secretary- 1 year obligation
Vice President/President Elect- 3 year position

It’s a great way to get involved. If you are interested you can let Rickey or Danielle know now, but there will be a call closer to Annual. You would need to provide a bio for Chapter The term begins after Annual. You can also nominate others.
Rickey then asked what was going on in the local chapters?
Eastern New York is getting ready for a mini conference and brown bag series covering topics like open access and metadata.
Delaware Valley had a PDA conference that was well attended. They had many attendees that didn’t normally come to their programs. The discussed how people we affected by PDA and difficulties with aggregators and consortia’s efforts. They have a spring program planned to discuss the values report and celebrate their 40th anniversary.
Rickey interjected that it would be nice to talk to speakers and have them agree to stream their presentations to other chapters.
New Jersey did a joint conference with VALA in Jan. 300 librarians attended they are looking now planning a conference in early June with the state association with 13 sessions.
New England had a retreat and invited library students and invited them to be on committees. Their annual conference will be in May. They have a subcommittee for a 2 day conference if they can swing it with vendors possibly one day being a workshop with sessions the second day. They are looking for a location. This will be their 3rd year of streaming part of the conference to distant members.
California has a 2 day conference coming up. They were also approached by a regional accreditation agency to take part in a conference they are having. The agency wants to have a discussion about information literacy and how they can affect applications for accreditation. The Chapter updates were put on hold because the ACRL reps showed up.
Joyce Ogburn talked about visiting the Mississippi and Missouri chapters this past fall. The topic she spoke on was the future of academic libraries. She then stayed for chapter visits. It was a highlight for her to get out and see people. She does not currently have any additional visits planned.
She talked about the value initiative. They got an IMLS grant to host a summit this past fall how do we work together to gather information and proceed to prove value. They brought in the provost for guidance and help. They are currently working on another grant which is due Feb 1st as well as a committee restructuring proposal- more information on this to follow. Rickey asked if there were currently plans to post/publish on the IMLS grant. Joyce responded that there was to be a report released this spring.
Stephen Bell talked about his visits this fall with Maryland and Ohio. He was impressed with how well the Ohio conference was run- they had scholarships for people to attend and separate sessions for support staff. In the Spring he will be going to Illinois (March), Alabama (April), New England (May).
He then talked about the appointment process- a committee is working on it right now. If you are interested or want to share with members NOW is the time to get your name into the ACRL volunteer database to indicate which committee/s you are interested in. This process happens Feb./Mar.
Appointment letters got out in May.
2013 president’s program will be a joint program with LAMA. Maureen Sullivan and her plans.
Mary Ellen Davis thanked us for our flexibility in meeting with them. And wanted to highlight professional development opportunities.
The ACRL 2013 conference in Indiana
- great destination, call for proposals is out, you can participate virtually (can have a brown bag and bring in anyone on campus).
April 18-19 virtual learning- check out the website
-topics- critical thinking, fundamentals of management, understanding the publishers, embedded librarians
-but they are always happy to hear about other topics we might want webinars on.
ACRL insider- another blog you can subscribe to
-designed to share the workings of ACRL
-info on where ACRL wants to get you to act (i.e. petition to save school libraries...
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-different comments they are making about legislation (i.e. Google, Wikipedia…)

-library copyright alliance

If you have ideas for the association they would love to hear them.

Rickey asked about the rejection of our resolution/proposal. Joyce responded that in the budget no other increases as tied to dues. The rate increase was only a dollar. And the proposal would not have been with In line with how they have structured the budget to date- allocations are not done by percent.

Rickey stated that there has not been an increase in allocation since the 1980’s and that he would welcome ideas on how to propose this issue. And he asked if the entire board saw the resolution/proposal? The answer was yes they see all documents before the executive board in case the board needs additional information.

HEPI increases will add up over time and will put pressure on the local chapters as well since we have similar costs to National but if we capped it at a dollar it might lead new and younger members to join chapters. And it was felt that it is effective to get members in at chapter level.

Data is needed on the relationship of Chapters to National- National would like to work with chapters to grow memberships of National and local. And not all chapters use allocated money.

Someone suggested maybe instead of per person allocation National could fund more speaker visits since all the chapters are different in whether or not they can accept money from National. We need to have more dialog on how National and the Chapters can work together to find ways to grow.

The question was brought up about a check box on the National membership application- is it possible?

How can chapters then get that info? Chapters could also do the same for people who have an interest in National. The ACRL form is really the ALA form- but Mary Ellen is willing to do that.

What do we need- speaker model vs money or other options? Joyce will work with the small group to come up with ideas/options. What are our common needs and how can National help?

Ryan asked if Chapter’s council ever got a report of which chapters use the money- we haven’t but can get one in the future. Someone noted that it is a long time since National and Chapters have had that talk.

Corey Williams, Associate Director of ALA, Senior Lobbyist for copyright. She and four other colleagues are in the Washington office for lobbyist. She gave an update on 2 bills that currently have a lot activity surrounding them that have to do with copyright- PIPA (protect IP act) comes up in May, and SOPA (Stop online piracy)- comes up in Oct. (the motion picture industry is behind this one). She created a chart with all the reasons Librarians should have an issue and put it out in and ALA district dispatch so that people can get updates on who is doing what in legislation.

There is a 3rd bill submitted by rep Darrell Issa (R-Calif). It is called the research works act- 3 pages simple language. But the bill would nullify NIH public access and make the public pay for the material again. Issa is fighting SOPA but then introduced the Research Works act “publishers” are behind it, but not academic publishers.

Corey pointed out when you do advocacy you can slow legislation- not necessarily stop it. The content industry is very mad about the above mentioned bills so these bills will be re-written and resurrected.

Depending on where a bill is, Corey, might be specific in her targeting of advocacy. She feels it is good when a bad bill has been introduced- it gives them a chance to educate and plant seeds of new ideas.

If she feels that the Research Works Act is picking up steam she will send the info out to members to get grassroots started to fight.
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They have a new office mate, Ted Wegner. He is the grassroots coordinator. They post and advertise on district dispatches and work closely with ACRL—please use them as a resource. Mark mentioned the Chapter Council’s new blog and asked Corey to post there. Corey said she would be glad to do a guest blog.

Marilyn Ochoa, who is running for Chapter Representative on the Board, then told us about herself. She is Assistant Head of the Education Library at the University of Florida. She started in 2002 on the ACRL Ethics committee. She has served on the ACRL Government Relations committee, first as a member then as chair. She has worked with board and staff members of different levels. She is currently the ACRL Liaison grants committee chair and she feels this is an opportunity for her to work with other members in the organization. As a legislative advocate she spoke at Florida ACRL. She was a site liaison for ACRL. She appreciated the opportunity to talk with us.

We then heard from the two candidates for vice president/president elect of ACRL. First was Debbie Malone from Drexler. She was the Delaware rep to Chapters council and then stayed on as newsletter editor for a couple of years. She also served as representative from Chapter’s Council to the ACRL board—she thought it was fascinating and encouraged people to do it. They reorganized council liaisons to a liaison coordinator committee, which she currently chairs. And they expanded to 12 liaisons. About the position she is running for she feels that the president makes a lot of appointments and that the nomination committee for those positions cannot do much without diversity to choose from and Chapter’s Council is where that comes from.

Next we heard from Trevor Dawes from Princeton University. He has been active in ACRL, particularly in professional development areas. He feels Chapters can work more closely with National on programming since attendance at conferences is declining. And the two parts working together would allow them the ability of deliver content at a regional and local level. He was the past chapter president of the New Jersey chapter. And in response to Ricky’s resolution he feels that funding is important to provide this programming.

We then heard from Tim Dodge, ACRL Chapters Council Library Legislative Network Representative. They are tasked with drawing up a legislative agenda that the ACRL endorses or focuses on for a year. He wanted to know who our legislative liaisons or advocates are, we can e-mail him the info. He had a hand out for ACRL Legislation and Policy Information. The links were for—general website http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch and the direct link to Legislative Advocates Information—http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch/acrladvocates The minutes from 2011 Annual were passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by
Tracey Olansky, secretary

Addendum:

ACRL staff provided the following clarification of the above misconceptions:
- The new member drive gives a chapter $10 per new member, not $5.
- On page one, it says ‘But for even this little amount the chapters are required to put on a program (which usually costs a lot more than the amount they are given from national).’
- Chapters are not required to put on any program to receive a yearly allocation. The only requirement is that chapter must submit an annual report each year. If a chapter misses two years in a row, funding is revoked until they submit a report again.
- Chapters must request their yearly allocation by submitting a reimbursement request for incurred expenses. The funds can be used to fund programming, but it’s not a requirement. Some chapters use the funds pay for newsletters, printing, catering, etc.
The official policy is at http://www.ala.org/acrl/resources/policies/chapter5#5five.

Each fall, staff send chapter officers a budget memo detailing their chapter’s allocation and the steps needed to request the reimbursement. Here is an excerpt:

“ACRL Chapters may spend budgeted resources on any items or activities that support the charitable and educational purposes of ACRL’s strategic goals as identified in the strategic plan with two exceptions. 1) The allotted funds may not be used for payment of honoraria or travel to support librarians’ presentations at ALA, ACRL, or ACRL chapter conferences and 2) The allotted funds may not be used to purchase goods or services prohibited by ALA and ACRL policy.

ACRL is empowering you to decide whether your expense is charitable, educational or operational. As the originator of the expense, you will have first-hand knowledge as purpose of the expense and whether it is educational and charitable or operational in nature. Your signature will certify this decision and ACRL/ALA will have a clear paper trail for the expense should it be audited.”

Perhaps the yearly allocation/program requirement is being confused with the ACRL Chapter Speakers Bureau Program? This is an entirely separate program, not tied at all to the yearly chapter allocation. This program provides funding for six chapter visits by ACRL officers:
http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/chapters/officersspeakers.
Joint ACRL/ALCTS Presidents’ Program

Monday, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Future of the Book: Innovation in Traditional Industries

Duane Bray, a partner at IDEO, a global innovation and design consulting firm, will discuss the challenges traditional industries often face when experiencing disruptive change. He will share concrete techniques for recognizing and harnessing opportunities for innovation.

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

FUTURES! 53rd Annual RBMS Pre-conference

June 19-22, 2012 - San Diego, California
The theme is FUTURES! The 2012 RBMS Preconference will explore a multiplicity of futures for the rare book, manuscript, and special collections community. How are special collections materials being discovered and used today? How will they be discovered and used tomorrow? Who will our users be and what will they need? What forms will special collections materials take? Join us to learn, discuss, share, and contemplate. Now is the Time to shape and prepare, because the future is now.
http://rbms.info.

Digital Humanities in Theory and Practice: Tools and Methods for Librarians

Friday, June 22, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
This preconference will position humanities librarians to participate in, create, and lead digital humanities initiatives. In addition to introducing theories and practices that characterize the digital humanities, explore several examples of how librarians currently lead library digitization initiatives, collaborate on faculty projects, and participate in national grant-funded efforts. Investigate project management complexities, digital humanities’ impact on research collections, humanities librarians’ work with faculty to manage their digital humanities research, and digital humanities’ role in scholarly communications. Registration materials and additional program details.

Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Libraries in higher education are increasingly required to demonstrate their value and document their contributions to overall institutional effectiveness. The Standards for Libraries in Higher Education is a framework for library planning and assessment that can be used for a variety of circumstances including annual planning, program review, and accreditation self-study. Through presentation, discussion, and group activities, learn how to use the Standards to communicate your library’s impact! Registration materials and additional program details.
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 2012 ALA Annual Conference

ACRL will offer 23 "must see" programs at the 2012 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim! Hot topics include assessment, research, innovation, and dealing with economic and environmental disasters beginning Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 a.m. through Monday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Complete program information is now available on the ACRL Web site at under ‘Conferences & Continuing Education’ and ‘ACRL @ ALA Annual Conference 2012.’ Direct questions to Megan Griffin at mgriffin@ala.org.

e-Learning from ACRL

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

Visit Online Learning to see the full schedule of online seminars and live Webcasts.

Survey Explores Relationship Between ACRL and Chapters

During the 2012 Midwinter Chapters Council meeting held in January, a task force was formed to create a survey which would explore the relationship between ACRL and its state chapters, specifically regarding funding of chapters in the future by gauging the membership’s satisfaction or lack thereof with the current funding structure. The goal of the survey is to tap into the membership and, through their feedback, to provide ACRL National and ACRL Chapters Council with funding options, perhaps even identifying a replacement for the current structure of ACRL funding regional chapters on a per member basis. The survey ran from April 23 to May 15.

The task force will report the results of the survey at the Chapters Council meeting at ALA Annual in Anaheim.

Task for members:
Task force chair- Amy Eklund (Georgia Perimeter College)
Rickey Best (Auburn University)
Danielle Whren Johnson (Loyola/Notre Dame Library)
Mark Lenker (Longwood University)
Brian T. Gallagher (University of Rhode Island).

Submitted by Brian T. Gallagher, President
New England
Candidate for Vice Chair/chair-elect:
Les Kong

Statement of interest
I have been very active at the state level in California in terms of professional associations, having held top leadership positions in the ACRL Chapter, California Academic & Research Libraries, and in the ALA Chapter, California Library Association. Through these associations, I have also been active at the national level with ACRL and ALA, participating at ACRL Chapters Council meetings, and on ALA Council for a number of years. It would be an honor to serve in a leadership role on the ACRL Chapters Council. If elected, I would continue our efforts to push for increased funding of chapter activities by ACRL, and would seek ways to close the perceived gap between the chapters and National.

Candidate Biography:

Work Experience

Education
Masters of Business Administration, California State University, Sacramento. 1987.
Masters of Library Science, University of California, Berkeley. 1977.
Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration (Marketing). San Francisco State University. 1975.

Memberships, Committees, and Offices held (Selected)
CARL Executive Board, Member, 2007-present.
CARL, President, 1998.
CARL, Vice-President/President-Elect [state-wide elected position], 1996-97.
CARL, Secretary-Treasurer [state-wide elected position], 1992-93.
Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC), Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges & Universities, Substantive Change Committee, Member, 2004-09.
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WASC, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges & Universities, Evaluator, 2001-present.
ALA Chapter Councilor (California), California Library Association (CLA), 2006-2011.
CLA Executive Board, Member, 2002-2005, 2006-2011.
CLA President/Past President, 2003, 2004-05.
CLA Vice-President, President-Elect [state-wide elected position], 2002.
Local Arrangements Committee, Junior Members Round Table, ALA, 1987.
Membership/Public Relations Committee, Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT), ALA, 1987-89.

Publications and Presentations
For Secretary:
Caroline Fuchs

State of Interest
Statement of interest: I would be pleased and honored to serve as the Secretary of the ACRL Chapters Council. As an active member of the library community both locally and nationally, I firmly believe that academic librarians should actively engage with their professional organizations. Chapters Council is a fine example of how academic librarians can work together to further the goals of the professional, while also providing a significant arena in which to share ideas, discuss issues, and network with colleagues. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as Secretary.

Candidate Biography
Caroline Fuchs is Associate Professor and Outreach Librarian at St. John’s University Libraries. In addition to an MLS from St. John’s University, she also holds a MA in English and an MA in history. She currently serves as the President ACRL/NY (the Greater New York Metropolitan area Chapter); as the Chapter’s Legislative Liaison; and as a member of the Chapter’s Symposium Planning Committee. She has been an active member of both ALA and ACRL and serves on several committees including the ACRL ULS Academic Outreach Committee and the RUSA Access to Information Committee. She currently co-chairs the AFL-CIO-ALA Joint Committee on Library Services to Labor Groups. Among her other professional commitments, Professor Fuchs serves on the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO) in several capacities: as the co-founder and co-convener of the Library Advocacy Special Interest Group, as co-convener of the Library 2.0 Special Interest Group, and as a Member of the Documentary Heritage Program Advisory Council.
Alabama

The Alabama Chapter held its annual meeting on April 25 in conjunction with the Alabama Library Association convention in Hoover. Thirty attendees enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner followed by an informative program and a short business meeting.

Steven J. Bell, ACRL President Elect and Associate University Librarian for Research and Instructional Services at Temple University, was the keynote speaker. His presentation topic was Disrupted Higher Education: Leading from the Library. He explored disruptive trends in higher education and their potential impact on academic libraries and discussed how academic librarians can help shape the future of their institutions by leading from within.

Tim Dodge, Auburn University Libraries, was presented with the 2012 Sue O. Medina AACRL Significant Contribution Award. He was recognized for his contributions at the state, regional, and national levels including service to the Alabama Chapter and the ACRL Chapters Council.

Chapter officers for the coming year were recognized: Jennifer Long, President; Ellen Wilson, President Elect; Lori Northrup, Past President; Stephanie Rollins, Secretary; Debbie West, Treasurer; Rickey Best, Member-at-Large; Eric Kidwell, Legislative Liaison; Beth Rugan, Newsletter Editor; and Steven Turner, Webmaster.

The Alabama Chapter sponsored several Best Practices programs at the convention. Full session programs included Using LibAnalytics to Tell the Library Story, Doing More for Less: Windows and Mac Accessibility Features, and Career Planning Assistance for Graduate Students at SLIS. Mini session programs included Five Things to Know about Online Conferencing for Reference and Instruction, Electronic Books and Use in the Library, Hosting an In-house Professional Development Day, and Founding an Archives. The Alabama Chapter also sponsored a program at the convention on Library Advocacy: Clear and Simple with guest speaker Marilyn N. Ochoa from the University of Florida.

— Submitted by Jennifer Long, Alabama Chapter President

Arizona

Welcome from Arizona, where we are celebrating our Centennial Year! This year our major emphasis was the annual conference held in Tucson, November 28-30, 2011. The theme “Imagine the Future” brought well-known library visionaries together in Arizona including, Stephen Abram, plus George Needham and Joan Frye Williams. College, university, community college, and library school students gave presentations on various topics of interest. Programs within the conference tracks sponsored by the Arizona College and University Library Division (CULD) included Leadership & Staff Development; User Services; Author Programs; Technology and Tech Services; Information Literacy and Teaching; Library Outreach; and Marketing and Advocacy. Poster and Round Table sessions offered opportunities to share ideas with public and special libraries staff. Topics focused on the futuristic theme of the conference and included presentations by University of Arizona SIRLS (School of Information Resources and Library Services) graduate students. Our CULD membership meeting highlighted the need for group communication, improving the value of the association, and continuing professional development events.

Our Arizona Library Association conducted a Fall 2011 Membership Survey with 22% participation by the academic librarians or library staff. It identified that about 45% of members have been in the state more than 5 years. Results highlighted the importance of having an annual conference to exchange ideas and provide the opportunity to network with peers. Arizona’s upcoming conference will be held at South Mountain Community College in Phoenix on November 8-10, 2012. The theme for this year’s conference, Beyond the Box, will include sessions covering Leadership & Staff Development; User Services; Author Programs; Technology and Tech Services; Information Literacy and Teaching; Library Outreach, and Marketing and Advocacy. All are welcome to join us in this professional development opportunity.

— Submitted by Deb Holbrook, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
California

CARL (California Academic & Research Libraries) has been very active over the past several months. Here are some of the highlights:

2012 CARL Conference

Over 220 librarians attended the CARL biennial conference at the beautiful Marriott Hotel at Mission Bay in sunny San Diego California April 5-7. The conference featured an outstanding line-up of speakers whose talks embodied the conference theme, “Creativity and Sustainability: Fostering User-Centered Innovation in Difficult Times”.

On April 5, attendees had the opportunity to attend pre-conferences on instructional design theories emphasizing David Merrill’s component display theory model; innovative approaches to teaching information literacy contextualized from a business perspective; and action research and peer learning communities. The official conference kicked off that evening with an array of activities to engage and inform attendees: vendor/exhibitor tables, virtual and print poster sessions, 5-minute lightning rounds, and networking. It set the stage for a wonderful conference experience!

On April 6, Jenica Rogers, director of Libraries at the State University of New York, Potsdam, gave a provocative keynote address entitled, “Saying Yes: Building Innovative Libraries by Killing Fear and Getting the Job Done”, providing innovative strategies for leadership and management. Later that day, Elisabeth Leonard of Sage Publications gave a riveting presentation entitled, “Strategic Innovation: More than a Myth?” during which she discussed her research on innovation in libraries and outlined the characteristics of innovators. April 7 rounded out the conference with invited speakers Char Booth (Claremont Colleges) and Brian Mathews (Virginia Tech) who gave an engaging and innovative talk on threshold concepts and concept mapping.

The conference team: Allison Carr (co-chair), Brena Smith (co-chair), Joseph Aubele (site coordinator), and Stephanie Brasley (president), wanted to raise the bar on California’s conference. They succeeded with a number of new features which included a virtual conference within the conference, Unconference sessions, and lightning rounds. In addition to sessions and plenty of food, CARL presented the CARL Outstanding Member Award, the Ilene Rockman CARL/ACRL Scholarship Award, and the CARL research Award. Visit CARL Awards for more information on the winners.

The conference team continually heard, “this is a great conference”, “I really enjoyed the speakers,” “I am getting so much out of the sessions I attended,” and more. The 2012 conference was a resounding success! For more information, visit CARL.org.

SCIL Works 2012 “Back to Basics: The Ubiquitous One Shot”

The Southern California Instruction Librarians (SCIL) Interest Group held an excellent program on one-shot sessions in last February to help attendees to reinvigorate their one-shot sessions. Research and practice presentations included: “Rethinking Handouts for Library Instruction Sessions: They’re Not as Bad as You’ve Been Told!” by John Hickok; “Methods Behind the (One-Shot) Madness: Enhancing Instruction through Portfolios, Mapping, and Rubrics”, by Natalie Tagge, Char Booth, and Sean Stone; and “But it’s Not Enough!” Confronting Reality and Optimizing Learning--The 50 Minute One Shot by Kristin Wells. Visit the SCIL website to see obtain the presentation slides.

CARLDIG-South – “Reference Shopping Spree”

Sixty librarians attended the California Academic Reference Librarians Discussion Interest Group – South (CARLDIG-South), an engaging and interactive program on innovative, practical and “just plain cool” ideas related to reference work. Presenters talks included reference programs to help at-risk students, integrating e-books into the reference collection, and iRove: Roving Reference with iPads. More information may be found in the CARL newsletter.
California cont.

CARL Election
CARL held elections in late 2011 and is pleased to present its newly elected officers for 2012:
Vice-President South/President-Elect - Allison Carr (CSU San Marcos)
Secretary - Matthew Conner (UC Davis)
Treas. - Pam Howard (San Francisco State Univ.)
Director-at-Large - April Cunningham (Saddleback College)
Director-at-Large - Shana Higgins (University of Redlands)

Submitted by Stephanie Brasley, President, 2012
Georgia

Members of the Academic Library Division (ALD) of the Georgia Library Association (GLA) met at the GLA Midwinter Conference on January 27 at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia. This planning conference gives the GLA, its divisions (including ALD, which is the ACRL Chapter of Georgia), and interest groups a chance to conduct general business and plan for the annual GaCOMO (Georgia Council of Media Organizations) annual conference, to be held October 3-5, 2012 in Macon, Georgia.

Officers of the ALD were introduced: Katherine Ott, chair; Kara Mullen, vice-chair/chair-elect; Casey Long, secretary; Amy Eklund, ACRL Chapters Council representative; Sarah Steiner, past chair. Amy Eklund presented updates from the ACRL Chapters Council meeting at ALA Midwinter. Liz Bagley (ALD member and 2012 GLA president) announced that ARCHE Library Council is applying for the ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow Workshop on behalf of ARCHE Libraries in Atlanta. Eva Lautemann, Papers Committee chair, discussed the academic paper reviewers’ need for a rubric, which led to the formation of an ad hoc committee. A nominating committee was formed to select candidates for 2012 Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Secretary, and ACRL Chapters Council Representative; Rebecca Rose will chair this committee.

The remainder of the meeting focused on program planning for GaCOMO. The ALD and the Public Library Division of GLA will again host a joint luncheon, with Mark Bauerlein, author of The Dumbest Generation, slated as the speaker. General discussion about ALD session programming led to many possible topics being proposed by ALD members, including: information-literacy credit-based courses; technical colleges with a multi-state perspective; patron-driven acquisitions; assessment; e-books; library marketing using performing arts; open forum roundtable; QR codes and smartphones in the library; effectively incorporating patron feedback; and return on investment. Programs will be chosen for sponsorship at a later date.

Submitted by Amy Eklund
Georgia ACRL Chapters Council Representative

Iowa

ILA/ACRL held its annual Spring Conference at Luther College, Decorah, Iowa on May 25. This year’s theme was “Build on Our Strengths: Design for Our Future,” and featured keynote speaker Michael Porter, the CEO of Library Renewal and 2009 Library Journal “Mover and Shaker.” The conference also featured 12 presentations from ILA/ACRL members on topics ranging from embedded librarianship to illuminating hidden archival collections.

Every other year, ILA/ACRL seeks nominations for a Research Award, given to a chapter member who has made a meritorious scholarly contribution to the field, via published or presented research. The 2012 winner, announced at the Spring Conference business meeting, is Jean Donham, associate professor (University of Northern Iowa) for her article “Mental Models of Research: Generating Authentic Questions,” co-authored with Jill Heinrich and Kerry Bostwick (Cornell College) and published in College Teaching (58: 8-14, 2010).

The Iowa chapter continues to formalize a joint task force with the Iowa Association of School Librarians, to collaborate on issues such as outreach and advocacy.

Submitted by Ryan Gjerde
ILA/ACRL Past-President and Awards Committee Chair, and ACRL Chapters Council Representative
ACRL-LA is excited to report productive and fun participation at the March LLA annual conference held in Shreveport, Louisiana.

In addition to the ACRL-LA Executive Committee business meeting held at LLA Annual, ACRL-LA hosted the first annual ice cream social showcasing the benefits of ACRL-LA membership. After the ice cream, we got down to business by hosting a curriculum vitae review session, another first for the chapter. This session was particularly relevant for those librarians pursuing academic librarianship.

Currently, ACRL-LA Executive Board committee nominations are underway for fiscal year 2012-2013. The election took place on May 21.

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

For more information about ACRL-LA, Codex, or to become a member of ACRL-LA please visit our website.

Pictured from left to right: Tony Fonseca, ACRL LA Past President; Melissa Goldsmith, ACRL LA Current President; and Shelby Anfenson-Comeau, Reference Librarian, Louisiana State University, EUNICE (LSU-E)

Submitted by Tracy Hall, ACRL-LA Exec. Comm. Secretary
McNeese State University

Michigan

Michigan is revitalizing its ACRL Chapter! During the recent restructuring and reorganizing process at the Michigan Library Association (MLA), activity by the ACRL Chapter scaled back. In February, the MLA Board appointed Stephanie DeLano Davis, Instruction Librarian (Northwestern Michigan College), chapter chair for 2012-2013 and Scott Garrison, Dean (Ferris State University), as chair elect. Both look forward to strengthening the connection between Michigan’s academic librarians and ACRL.

Professional development for academic librarians has remained a strong component of MLA who gathered in Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 10-11, for the MLA Academic Libraries 2012 Conference. This two-day event, “Advancing Value”, featured keynote speaker, Megan Oakleaf, assistant professor of Library and Information Science (Syracuse University) and author of the ACRL “Value of Academic Libraries Comprehensive Report and Review”. In her keynote address, Oakleaf discussed the main findings.
of the report and challenged listeners to consider how they are advancing value at their institutions. An afternoon work session with Oakleaf gave participants a chance to share ideas and to formulate strategies for making tangible efforts to advance the value of libraries at their colleges and universities.

Event organizers assembled a plethora of inspiring and informative workshops. The 18 breakout sessions held during the two-day event rounded out participants’ experience, providing opportunities to learn about topics ranging from “Living in a Web-Scale Discovery World” to “Reference is Everyone’s Job” to “E-Textbooks for Engineering Courses”. A reception at Eastern Michigan University’s Halle Library, hosted by ProQuest, and tours of University of Michigan libraries offered attendees a chance to explore the rich academic facilities in the Ann Arbor area.

Concluding the conference was keynote speaker Ari Weinzweig, co-founding partner of Zingerman’s Community of Business, an organization committed to local, sustainable business, expressed through a variety of efforts including Zingerman’s Delicatessen (the original business), Zingerman’s Bakehouse, Zingerman’s Mail Order and ZingTrain, the training arm of the organization. Ari shared his “12 Natural Laws of Business”, encouraging listeners to organizational greatness through excellent customer service.

WTCox Subscriptions sponsored the event organized by the MLA Academic Libraries Work Group 2012, co-chaired by Valeria Long and Lynn Sheehan of Grand Valley State University. MLA ACRL hopes to extend the conversation started at Academic Libraries Conference through its Academic Community of Practice listserv and continue the process of Advancing Value.

Submitted by Stephanie Davis
Michigan Chapter Chair

Minnesota

Transcending Transliteracy in Minnesota

“What lifelong skills are we giving our students? How are we preparing them for change?” Those were among the provocative questions posed during 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 had support from the Public Library Division of MLA and Minnesota Educational Media Organization (MEMO) for the April 27 conference.

Keynote speaker Lane Wilkinson (University of Tennessee at Chattanooga), kept the audience focused on his engaging talk on “Transliteracy.” Wilkinson makes a point of never repeating material from other presentations, and his words fell on receptive ears. For the second time in the conference’s history, this speech and other morning events were available online to pre-registered virtual participants, as well as to the 157 registered in-person attendees.
Minnesota  cont.

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

- Nine afternoon breakout sessions (more than in any previous year), and a “lightning round” session;
- Lunch in the beautiful surroundings of the University of Minnesota’s Landscape Arboretum;
- Presentation of the ARLD’s second annual “Innovators Award,” which comes with a $300 prize — to Julie Gilbert, a librarian at the Gustavus Adolphus College.

For more information on the day, including session slides and a recording of the keynote address, visit our [website](#).

Submitted by Rebecca Ganzel, 
Member Communications, ARLD

Mississippi

The MLA-ACRL 2012 Spring Meeting was held at the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson on May 24. The speakers for the luncheon were Corrie Marsh, associate dean for collections and scholarly communication (University of Southern Mississippi) and Dr. Stacy Creel, assistant professor at the School of Library and Information Science (University of Southern Mississippi). They presented their experiences with the institutional repository at USM.

Submitted by Melissa Dennis, Chair 
Mississippi Chapter

New England

Hello from the New England Chapter. Spring arrived early this year in some parts around February…but though the seasons felt a bit out of whack – the Chapter stayed on course, providing membership with programs that both engaged and informed. On March 8, the Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG) sponsored DigiCamp, a half-day youConference which took place at the College of the Holy Cross. Eighty-six librarians joined in, listening to how other libraries use technology and shared innovative and interesting things that happening at their libraries. Essentially, the DigiCamp was a community-driven format where each session was designed by the participants, a format which fostered spontaneous sharing. Absolutely no PowerPoints were allowed entry to the DigiCamp.

The New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) welcomed spring with a program titled, "Critical Thinking: Why it is so hard to teach and what we can do about it." The NELIG Spring Meeting took place on March 16 at Keene State College, New Hampshire. Mike Caulfield, Instructional Designer at Keene State College, lead the free workshop that went from 9:30-12:30pm.

We hear all time that we are supposed to teach skills, not content, and that we need to focus on critical thinking instead of recall or process. Yet most people underestimate the difficulties of achieving what instructional designers call "transfer" in these areas — the result where students can truly apply newly-acquired conceptual knowledge to novel problems. The presentation and workshop discussed what we mean when we talk about "teaching critical thinking", and detailed the reasons why teaching it is so hard. In the workshop, participants worked with Mike Caulfield to identify conceptual barriers students have in thinking critically about information literacy, and were shown some basic techniques for addressing those barriers.
After reviewing the evaluations of its fall program on e-books ("E-Books: A Brief Fix on a Moving Target"), the Collection Development Interest Group (CDIG) realized that conversation on that topic must continue and so, on April 19, 2012, CDIG, in collaboration with the Serials and Electronic Resources Group (SERIG), did just that. This second free program on e-books titled "The Blind Men and the Elephant: How Different Constituencies Perceive E-Books," took place at the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Boston. Along with the moderated panels of students and faculty on the topic, the ninety attendees enjoyed presentations by October Ivins, an e-books consultant to university presses, and Kendall Hobbs from Wesleyan University, about the results of a student survey on e-books. No doubt, the evaluations on this program will say the same thing: more must be said.

Finally, on May 18 at the College of the Holy Cross’s Hogan Center, the New England Chapter held its annual conference, “Leading the Change: Integrating the Library into the Future of Higher Education.” Steven Bell, Vice-President/President-Elect of ACRL, started the day with a keynote presentation titled, “Disrupted Higher Education: Leading from the Library,” that incorporated videos, screen shots, a white board, and, of course, Steven’s conversational oratory style. Though discussing disruption, Steven wove an intricate presentation, exploring the role of librarians in this digital world, the ones who may need to lead the leap from off the old academic traditions into the digital swirl in order to provide the same level of service to their patrons.

During the business portion of the conference, chapter President Brian T. Gallagher (University of Rhode Island), handed the gavel over to Vice President/President-Elect Leslie Button (UMass Amherst). Additionally, the newly-elected officers were announced:

- Vice-President/President-Elect-Eleta Exline (University of New Hampshire)
- Treasurer-Elect-Melinda Malik (Merrimack College)
- Secretary-Betsy Peck-Learned (Roger Williams University)
- Member-at-Large-Carina Cournoyer (Brown University)

The business portion of the conference concluded in the best possible way—Awards!

The Best Paper Award:
Michele V. Cloonan (Simmons College)

Annual Conference Scholarships for Librarians/Library Staff:
Elise Browne (Eastern Connecticut State)
Kristina Edwards (University of Hartford)
Marie Mueller (Mount Wachusett Community College)

Annual Conference Scholarships for Library School Students:
Jessica Dziedzic
Miguel Garcia
Michelle John
Karen Lindquist
Rosanna Longenbaker

Continuing Education Scholarship:
Susan Buzzell (University of Maine)

Submitted by Brian T. Gallagher, President, NEC
Leslie Button welcomes attendees to the conference.

Steve Bell visits with grad students and librarians.

Bell addresses attendees

Officers take a break: Naka Ishii, Diane Klare, Carole Myles, and J. Patrick Hartsfield

New Officers (l to r): Eleta Exline, VP/Pres.-Elect; Carina Courmoyer, MAL; Leslie Button, Pres.; Betsy Peck-Leonard, Secretary

2012 Award Winners

“Blues Librarians” Brian T. Gallagher, past president and Leslie Button, new president.
The Annual VALE Users’/NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Conference was held January 5. The theme was “Brave New Librarian: Meeting Challenges and Embracing Change.” We had a full program of 24 excellent breakout and 20 poster sessions (a conference record!). Attendance also reached an all-time high at nearly 300.

Our distinguished keynote speaker was Brian Matthews, associate dean for learning and outreach at Virginia Tech Libraries. He is one of the profession’s experts on library outreach and user experience. Formerly assistant university librarian at UC - Santa Barbara, Mr. Matthews has been heard from a lot in the last few years. In 2009, he published a book entitled, Marketing Today’s Academic Library: A Bold New Approach to Communicating with Students. Until very recently he wrote the “Next Steps” column for American Libraries, and currently blogs as the “Ubiquitous Librarian” for the Chronicle of Higher Education.

His talk, “What Librarians Can Learn from Startup Culture,” focused on the fact that libraries are experiencing unprecedented and constant change. He suggested libraries think like a start-up company, which he defined as “an organization dedicated to creating something new under conditions of extreme uncertainty.” He presented examples of how libraries have acted on this entrepreneurial spirit and of how a new breed of librarian act to address emerging challenges and to develop cooperative initiatives. He believes that beyond technical skills or subject knowledge, it is an entrepreneurial outlook that will advance the profession. He also explored how libraries have successfully engaged users at their institutions and developed new academic services.

Our chapter is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 15 programs at the upcoming 2012 New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) Conference, to be held June 5-6 in Atlantic City. A number of awards will be presented at the conference. This year’s Distinguished Service Award goes to Trevor Dawes, Director-Circulation Services Division (Princeton University). Trevor has helped many librarians through his tireless committee work, the inspiring programs that he has organized, and the numerous presentations he has given to a wide variety of audiences, including the Art Libraries Society of North America (ARLIS-NA) and the Princeton-Trenton chap-
This year marks the tenth anniversary of the NJLA/ACRL Technology Innovation Award, recognizing the leadership of librarians in developing innovative technologies for academic libraries. The Award honors a librarian or group of librarians for innovative use and application of technology in a New Jersey academic library. The award may be given either in recognition of a specific project, or for ongoing delivery of innovative technology applications. The Technology Innovation Award winners for 2012 are Chad Mills, Grace Agnew, and Yang Yu, of Rutgers University. Their project is entitled, “RUanalytic: Video Annotation Tool -- Enabling Learning, Transforming Scholarly Publication.”

The Research Committee selected Sharon Yang and Melissa Hofmann of Rider University as the winners of the 2012 Research Award for their article “Next Generation or Current Generation?: A Study of the OPACs of 260 Academic Libraries in the United States and Canada,” published in Library Hi Tech, 29(2), 266-300. Yang and Hofmann’s article which identified the progress made in the efforts to model current online public access catalogs (OPACs) after the next generation catalog (NGC) in academic libraries in the USA and Canada.

On a national level, the winners of this year’s ACRL Women and Gender Studies Section (WGSS) Award for Significant Achievement in Woman’s Studies Librarianship are Kayo Denda, Alicia Graham, Rhonda Marker and Li Sun of Rutgers University Libraries, and Kirsten Canfield and Lucy Vidal of the Center for Women’s Global Leadership (CWGL) in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University. The group created the CWGL Poster Collection portal, which provides access to approximately 300 posters from women’s rights organizations. This unique resource will be valuable to researchers, faculty, students, and the general public. The winners will be recognized with a plaque at the ALA Conference in Anaheim in June. The portal is accessible at the Center for Women’s Global Leadership. More information about the winners and the award can be found at ALA News.

This past year, the ACRL-NJ Chapter website has been revamped and moved to a Drupal platform, a change we hope will promote more interaction with our members. We invite you to take a look!
Greetings from The Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter of ACRL!

As the academic year winds down, ACRL/NY is busy planning its annual symposium and coordinating some new and innovative projects.

Carrie Netzer Wajda, Chair of ACRL/NY’s 2012 Symposium Committee, has been making great strides in planning our annual event. She has been successful in securing some terrific speakers who will present on this year’s symposium’s topic “Cultivating Entrepreneurship in Academic Libraries.” The focus of the symposium will be on the ways in which academic librarians are adapting to changes in the field through the adoption of an entrepreneurial mindset toward library services. The all-day symposium will take place on Friday, December 7, 2012, at Baruch College. Stay tuned for upcoming information about our speakers, their topics and, of course, registration information!

ACRL/NY partnered with the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO) on two outstanding initiatives. Under the leadership of Barbara Bonous-Smit (Member-at-Large and head of the ad hoc Professional Development Committee) and Jason Kuscma (Executive Director, METRO) our organizations have collaborated to develop a lecture series geared toward academic librarianship. Our latest event “Libraries in Flux” was held on March 19 with guest speaker Lee Rainie (Director of the Pew Research Center’s Internet and American Life Project). The event was sold out. The slides and video are available from the METRO website. Our next scheduled event, “Web,” was held on May 10 at the METRO Training Center in New York City.

ACRL/NY and METRO are collaborating on a joint publication project: “The Global Librarian.” Executive Board Members Caroline Fuchs and Carrie Netzer Wajda are on the project’s editorial board. This publication will focus on the vital role played by librarians and information specialists in developing new programs and services which allow them to deliver quality information services in unique and sustainable ways. The multimedia scope of the publication encourages not only case studies, chapters and other text-based reporting, but also short film/video, songs/audio, podcast episodes, and animation that demonstrate the innovative techniques that librarians have successfully employed to serve a global environment. We want to capture how librarians deal with changes in reference, collection development, access, and technical services. Themes of specific interest are in areas of: copyright, web services, teaching and learning, systems and assessment.

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to: intellectual property and the global environment; serving populations off the grid; community outreach (or community engagement); serving diverse/international populations; librarians in war-torn/underdeveloped countries; librarian efforts in times of catastrophic disasters; mobile, real-time librarians; international partnerships; librarians in the virtual world; services to indigenous populations; librarians without borders; librarians shaping geopolitical discourse; library’s role in developing countries (BRIC); creating tools/platforms for disseminating information; preserving cultural (autonomy? independence? or culture?) in an increasingly globalized world; crossing language barriers; librarians without buildings/books; librarians and social justice/responsibility movements

Deadlines: Submission of Proposals (500 words) due by: July 10; notification date of selected chapters, August 28; drafts due date, November 26; final corrected drafts due December 17, 2012.
Greater New York cont.

All submitted chapters will be reviewed on a double-blind peer review basis. Chapters should be written in English using APA 6th edition. Completed chapters will be between 3000-5000 words in length. Authors are encouraged to include original charts, graphs, photos or other multimedia objects. Non-traditional and multimedia texts will be accepted for consideration. E-mail your chapter proposal (500 words) and a brief personal biography, as a Word attachment, to info@metro.org. Your proposal should also include a chapter title. Use the phrase “Global Librarian Proposal” in the email subject line.

We encourage our ACRL Chapters Colleagues to consider submitting a proposal!

Submitted by Caroline Fuchs
ACRL/NY President and Legislative Liaison

Ohio
Coming Events

The ALAO Instruction Interest Group 2012 Spring Workshop will be held on June 4 at Ashland University. Entitled, Energizing Library Instruction: Pedagogical Voodoo to Animate Classroom Zombies,” this workshop promises to rejuvenate even the most zombie-fied students and library instructors with active learning topics such as embedded librarianship, instructional design, mobile devices, and digital storytelling. There are only a few spaces left, so register now to reserve your seats.

The ALAO 38th annual conference will be held October 26 at the Roberts Center in Wilmington featuring keynote speaker Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, ACRL Past President and Co-Chair of ACRL’s Value of Academic Libraries Committee. Look for upcoming conference information on the ALAO website.

Recent events and activities

As we have done for many years, ALAO funds two individuals to attend the annual National Legislative Day in Washington DC. Pictured is Stephanie Bange (right), ALAO’s Legislative award recipient 2012, along with Paula Brehm-Heeger from the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County waiting to see a legislator. Alison Ricker, Science Librarian at Oberlin College, also attended representing ALAO.

ALAO’s Distance Learning Interest Group (DLIG) Spring Workshop, “INOV8: Strategies & Models for Distance Library Services”, was held on May 11 at Miami University’s Voice of America Learning Center in West Chester.
Ohio cont.

The workshop boasted 44 attendees representing a variety of institutions from across the state of Ohio. Our 2012 DLIG Visionary, Ken Burhanna, kicked off the day with "A Strategic Action Plan for Distance Learning Support". He was followed by an engaging session on Quality Matters that was led by Janet Hurn, the Interim Director of E-Learning for Miami University Regionals. During lunch, many attendees joined Miami University Middletown’s Beth Tumbleson in taking advantage of the sunshine by stretching their legs on an optional nature walk through the adjoining park. After returning from the short hike, attendees settled in for the concluding Best Practices session, facilitated by Jessie Long (Miami University Middletown) and led by panelists Lauren W ahman (University of Cincinnati Blue Ash), Rob Snyder (Bowling Green State University), Rob Zai (Northern Kentucky University), and Ken Burhanna (Kent State University). The collaborative character of the workshop led to the creation of a starter “Best Practices” list, viewable from the DLIG blog.

Chapter Elections

Elections of new ALAO officers were announced this month:
Vice-President/President - Betsy Blankenship (The Ohio State University and Marion Technical College)
Secretary - Diane Kolosionek (Cleveland State Univ.)
Membership Chair - Alison Ricker (Oberlin College)
Board Members-At-Large - Kathleen Pickens-French (Miami University)

Mark A. Eddy (Case Western Reserve University)
Katy Kelly (University of Dayton)

Submitted by: Susan D. Scott, ALAO liaison to ACRL Ohio Chapter

Virginia

The Virginia Chapter of ACRL (VLACRL) held its annual Spring Program “Starting at the end: Rethink your instruction based on student bibliographies” at Sweet Briar College on April 9. The program featured keynote speaker Sandra Jamieson, Director of Composition (English Department, Drew University), who discussed the findings of the Citation Project, a multi-institutional study of student source use in 174 papers from 16 U.S. colleges and universities. The keynote address was followed by a reverse engineering workshop, facilitated by Candice Benjes-Small, Coordinator, Information Literacy and Outreach (Radford University) and Luke Vilelle, Public Services & Social Sciences Liaison Librarian (Hollins University). The workshop allowed participants to practice applying information literacy assessment by grading a sample student paper. The program ended with a presentation by Shaunna Hunter, Public Services Librarian, and Liz Rand, Head of Rhetoric and Writing (Hampden-Sydney College) about the importance of collaboration between a faculty and librarians to empower students in their research endeavors.

We are now in the process of planning a summer program and seeking proposals for the fourth conference-within-a-conference at the October 24-26 Virginia Library Association annual conference.

Submitted by Tatiana Pashkova-Balkenhol, Chapter officer
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Washington

ACRL Washington welcomes our new officers:
Vice President/President Elect—Deb Raftus
Treasurer—Charlene McCormack
Secretary/Newsletter Editor—Emily Wood
Member at Large—Rebecca Marrall

Submitted by Erica Coe
ACRL WA President

Wisconsin

The annual spring Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) conference was held at the beautiful Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva this year. Academic librarians, support staff, graduate students, as well as undergraduate students interested in librarianship were all in attendance. As always, the conference offered a wide variety of programming to encourage innovation, discussion, and collaboration among librarians across the state.

In fitting with the conference theme “Quest for Excellence,” this year’s conference featured two ALA Mover and Shaker keynote speakers: Jennica Rodgers (Director, SUNY Postdam Libraries) and Kim Leeder (Director, Library Services at the College of Western Idaho). Rodgers spoke about strategies for librarians to become successful leaders and managers. Leeder discussed the importance of intentional cross-campus collaborations for libraries to achieve their mission and future goals.

A wide variety of breakout sessions were presented this year. Some of the most popular sessions included:
- 7 Deadly Sins of Library Websites: Are You a Sinner or a Saint
- iPads, Kindles and Nooks Oh My! How We Beat the Flying Monkeys and the Poppy Field To Integrate E-Readers Into Our Services and Resources
- Getting the Culture Right: Developing and Maintaining an Effective Organizational Culture
- Marketing and Outreach Ideas that Work (and Don’t Work)
- Using Zotero to Teach Information Literacy Concepts

Post conference materials are available at the WAAL Conference website.

Submitted by Sheila Stoeckel
ACRL Chapters Council Rep for Wisconsin
Delaware Valley

2012 Spring Program Review - “Stepping Out and Stepping Up: Making a Difference on Campus”

The 2012 spring program and business meeting took place at the lovely Goodstay Center on the Wilmington campus of the University of Delaware. After a brief word of welcome from ACRL/DVC President, Jutta Seibert, Margaret Grotti (University of Delaware) gave an update on the ACRL Value of Academic Libraries Initiative (VAL). Grotti noted the current objectives of the initiative: to influence the national conversation and activities that focus on the value of libraries within the larger context of their parent institution; to undertake and support new research that builds on proposals in VAL; and to leverage existing research to support the development of a bibliography as a supportive resource. Updates on this initiative can be found at the VAL blog.

Representatives from seven college and university libraries outlined steps they had taken to promote the value of their library in the communities they serve. Lisa Stillwell of Franklin & Marshall College discussed how their staff increased visibility and broadened their colleagues’ understanding of what library staff does after a major reorganization of the library occurred in 2003. Stillwell’s talk highlighted the need to get out of the library building; the role of a designated “marketing” librarian; and the importance of immersing library staff in various campus communities. Darren Poley discussed the effects of scholarly outreach at Villanova University. He noted that his library’s activities focused on cultural, social and intellectual activities across the campus and included leisure activities for students as well as providing opportunities for spiritual engagement. Poley concluded by noting the recent renovations to the Falvey Memorial Library that resulted in the creation of a Learning Commons. Maureen Williams (Neumann University) discussed how a renovation project forced library staff to adjust to the loss of one third of their floor space as well as the loss of their dedicated computer lab. She described how the campus community perceived the library staff as “victims,” due, in general, to a “romanticized” view of the library. To counter this notion, Williams described the effort to re-brand the library. This was done proactively and regularly by linking what the library does to what is done throughout the larger community. Larissa Gordon and Calvin Wang (Arcadia University) described how all reference librarians, including the Director of the library, have taken on teaching roles beyond the typical information literacy instruction. Librarians at Arcadia have assumed an adjunct role and taught first year seminars and classes in a variety of interdisciplinary topics. These experiences have not only enhanced collaborative activity with faculty across the curriculum, but have also given Arcadia’s librarians a chance to see life from the faculty’s perspective. Cathy Ogur (Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania) asked the question, “Where should we go when we leave the library?” After experimenting with engaging both faculty and students outside of the library, Ogur realized that more benefits accrued from engagement with students, specifically through student groups and campus offices that provide services to students. She noted the importance of being aware of what is happening on campus, finding out what is important to students through their communications, and using that information as “competitive intelligence.” Laurie Rizzo (University of Delaware) discussed how to use special collections to promote the library to the larger university community. She highlighted the importance of an exhibit theme, tailoring exhibits to spec-
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Specific audiences and ensuring a meaningful context for the exhibit as a means of inspiring use of special collections in learning and instruction. Kimberly Grotewold and Erin Dorney (Millersville University) described their efforts to build relationships throughout the campus by getting involved with student organizations. These include collaborating with the Writing Center, the use of student employees in IT, and working with student clubs. They described how to create “intentional” engagement with student groups, and stressed the importance of structuring an assessment plan prior to initiating these partnerships.

The annual business meeting was held during the midday break. Election results for 2012/2013 were announced:

President - Rachel McMullin (West Chester University)
Vice-President/President Elect - Tina Hertel (Muhlenberg College)
Treasurer - Sheryl Panka-Bryman (LaSalle University)
Directors-at-Large - Marc Meola (The College of New Jersey), Sharon Neal (Alvernia University), and Gina Kaiser (University of the Sciences)
Webmaster - Kristyna Carroll (Villanova University)

They join Jutta Seibert (Villanova University), immediate Past President; Susan Markley (Villanova University), Secretary; Christopher Dixon (St. Joseph’s University), Archivist; and Beth Lander (Manor College) as Chapters Council Representative.

Announced at the meeting was the winner of the chapter’s $1000 graduate student stipend. The winner, Mary Marrisen, is enrolled at Drexel University and is a library assistant at Swarthmore College. Also announced was the winner of the chapter’s legislative stipend to participate in this year’s National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC. He is Shawn A. Woodson, who works as an Information Assistant for Library Academic Partnerships at Drexel Libraries. More information can be found at the chapter’s website.