

# Chapter Topics

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## **Hello and Welcome from the ACRL Chapters Council Chair . . .**

Many of you who attended Chapters Council recently had the opportunity to meet me. I would like to formally introduce myself as the 1998-99 Chair of ACRL Chapters Council. I would also like to invite you to contact me with your questions and suggestions about ACRL Chapters Council. This group was created by ACRL to provide chapters with a forum for voicing their concerns and sharing their ideas among chapters and with the ACRL national officers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to become involved in Chapters Council. We need the stars who shine in their local chapters to share their talents and expertise with the Council. Become a participant! We are currently looking for volunteers for the following committees:

- 1) ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum Planning Committee** (Assist with the planning and organization of the forum, to be held in Philadelphia at the ALA Midwinter meeting.)
- 2) The Chapters Council Meeting Committee** (Assist with organizing fund raising for refreshments at our Midwinter and Annual meetings.)
- 3) ACRL National Conference Roundtable Proposal** (Participate in a proposal to hold a Chapters Council Roundtable in Detroit at the ACRL National Conference in April.)

ACRL chapters become stronger when they are connected. I would like to thank the ACRL national office for including a listing of the ACRL chapters on their website. This helps chapters keep current with exciting events and programs presented by other chapters. The visibility of Chapters Council and the local chapters on the ACRL website has strengthened our communication process. Be sure to visit the ACRL website at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>.

I would like to thank Barbara Jenkins for the wonderful leadership she provided as Chapters Council Chair in 1997-1998. Barbara was instrumental in many of the exciting changes we experienced at Chapters Council. She made a firm commitment to assisting chapters with the incorporation process and she plans to continue to help us with this endeavor. Barbara was elected as an ACRL Board Member where her organization and leadership skills will be greatly appreciated. She has also offered to assist with the creation of the Chapters Council Policies and Procedures guidelines.

Finally, following in the footsteps of Barbara Jenkins at the Washington, D.C. meeting, I would like to ask for ideas or suggestions for the Midwinter meeting. If you have topics you would like to have the group explore in detail at Philadelphia, contact me. A few members expressed interest in a mini-workshop on creating chapter websites. If you are interested in this idea (or others) please let me know. We need to plan now for January.

I hope you can join us in Philadelphia in 1999.

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**Chapters Council  
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Director-at-Large  
Position on the  
ACRL Board of Directors**

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**Chapters Relations Task Force**

The ACRL Chapters Relations Task Force Report was approved by the ACRL Board at the 1998 Annual Meeting. Several of the recommendations should be particularly noted by Chapter leadership. Please incorporate these into your appropriate Chapter documentation.

- 1) Beginning in the 1998-99 fiscal year, ACRL will fund each chapter at \$1.00 for each ACRL national member living within the geographical region served by the chapter. Each Chapter needs to request these funds independently by submitting original expense receipts to ACRL.
- 2) Beginning in the 1999-2000 fiscal year, ACRL will provide the Chapters with \$10 for each new member who joined ACRL national in the previous fiscal year. This funding is automatic as long as a Chapter continues to submit annual reports documenting recruitment activities.
- 3) Chapters need to incorporate or belong to an incorporated state association by the end of the year 2000 or, for new chapters, within one year of their recognition by ACRL.
- 4) ACRL funds can be used for a broader range of expenses than previously were acceptable. The only restrictions that now apply are those that apply to ACRL sections.
- 5) Each ACRL Chapter must complete a one page annual report by September 1 of each year, beginning in 1999. (The form is on ACRL's website at <<http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>>.)
- 6) Funding will be withheld for any Chapter that does not submit an annual report for two consecutive years.

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**Chapters Council 97/98 Annual Report with Respect to the ACRL Strategic Plan**

*ACRL GOAL 1: Provide development opportunities for academic and research librarians and other library personnel that enhance their ability to deliver superior services and resources.*

This is the goal most connected with Chapters. Chapters provide substantial continuing education and often are the main means of professional development for many librarians in their state or region. Chapters Council provides a mechanism for sharing and support through the newsletter, *Chapter Topics*, and the biannual Chapter Council meetings.

A representative from Chapters Council is also a member of the ACRL Professional Education Committee. This Committee is looking at ways of making national programs available to chapters and finding ways of meeting the needs of ACRL members who are not able to attend national meetings.

*ACRL GOAL 2: Collaborate with other professional organizations and associations of higher education in order to promote mutual interests.*

Chapters Council has developed a legislative network to respond to some of the legislative issues in higher education.

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## Chapter Incorporation

By the end of the year 2000 all Chapters must be independently incorporated or be part of an already incorporated organization (e.g. state library association). Barbara Jenkins, Past Chair of Chapters Council has developed some tips for undertaking the incorporation process. If you would like a copy, e-mail Barbara at [jenkins@oregon.uoregon.edu](mailto:jenkins@oregon.uoregon.edu).

Those chapters that are already incorporated can send ACRL a copy of their Articles of Incorporation that shows the date of incorporation. Chapters that are part of their state association need only send a note that describes the designation along with one of the state association's official membership brochures that lists the unit.

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### ACRL/NY Initiative Grant Project Crystallizes into Book

The proposal for *Librarians as Learners, Librarians as Teachers: The Diffusion of Internet Expertise in Academic Libraries* was accepted for publication by ACRL Publications in March, 1998. This book will integrate multiple research projects in the metropolitan area on librarians' learning and teaching patterns to gain/provide Internet expertise. The initial project began in 1994 and the book should be available by Midwinter 1999.

Although the research projects were done in the New York metropolitan area over a five-year period, many of the methodologies used to keep mid-career librarians abreast of technology may well be utilized in other areas of the United States. The focus on multiple perspectives provides the reader with an awareness of the social networks employed in such endeavors.

Both qualitative and quantitative methodologies will be employed (interviews, reflective papers, discourse analysis, surveys and demographic analysis) to provide these multiple perspectives on the impact of the Internet on librarians' jobs.

Patricia O'Brien Libutti, Fordham University Libraries, will edit the book. Authors are ACRL/NY members, as well as invited contributors who are involved in teaching /learning the Internet, adult education, and the effects of technology on work.

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### ***Responsibilities of Legislative Network Chapter Representatives***

The ACRL Board authorized the establishment of the Legislative Network to provide grassroots input on legislative and policy issues and to represent the interests of academic/research librarians and the higher education community on issues of legislative and information policy.

- ✓ Recruit individuals to form a local advocacy network within each chapter and encourage them to contact their legislators when an issue comes before the House, Senate, or other arms of government which impacts academic/research libraries or the higher education community.
- ✓ Work to create an awareness of legislative and information policy issues at the local level and inform academic/research librarians and others about how they can become involved in advocacy efforts.
- ✓ Keep informed about ALA legislative initiatives and information policy issues.
- ✓ Identify and collect examples of academic/research library activities and practices in support of legislative initiatives to be shared with the ACRL Government Relations Committee and the ALA Washington Office.
- ✓ Promote the legislative agenda developed by the ACRL Government Relations Committee and adopted by the ACRL Board.
- ✓ Channel information regarding local issues through the ACRL Legislative Network Coordinator to the ACRL Government Relations Committee and the ACRL Office for appropriate action.
- ✓ When possible, coordinate the work of the ACRL Legislative Network with the initiatives of the ALA state chapters.

# Highlights of the Minutes

## ACRL Chapters Council Meeting in Washington, D. C.

Chair Barbara Jenkins called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Noting the refreshments in the back of the room, Vice-Chair Lois Cherepon thanked Engineering Information Inc. (EI) for refreshments funding.

Jenkins introduced the following people: *Chapter Topics* editor Jill Holman; Vice-Chair/Chair Elect Lois Cherepon; Secretary Mary McInroy; Past-Chapters Council President and member of the Chapter Relations Task Force John Collins; incoming ACRL President Maureen Sullivan; and ACRL Executive Director Althea Jenkins.

After bringing our attention to the "Chapter Leader Notes" information sheet, prepared by herself and Cherepon and given to all attendees, Jenkins asked for comments on the minutes from the midwinter meeting. Hearing no comments, the minutes were approved. There were no additions to the agenda. Touching on the chapter incorporation issues, which will be discussed in detail at the end of the meeting, Jenkins stated that by the end of the year 2000, ACRL's state chapters will need to either be incorporated on their own or as part of a state association.

Vice-Chair Cherepon explained the process for election of Chapters Council officers, asked for nominations from the floor, then read the names of nominees for Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Lynne King, Associate Director of Libraries, Albany Campus Library-The Sage Colleges, from the Eastern New York Chapter; and Evelyn Minick, University Librarian at St. Joseph's University, from the Delaware Valley Chapter. For Secretary, current Chapters Council Secretary, Mary McInroy University of Iowa, from the Iowa Chapter. **Election results: new Vice-Chair/Chair Elect is Lynne King. McInroy continues as Secretary.**

Incoming ACRL President Maureen Sullivan was introduced. Sullivan has been involved in library consulting and training since

1982 and as such has visited many of the chapter libraries represented at the meeting. Drawing on her organizational experience, Sullivan wishes to further strengthen the connection between the ACRL Board and the chapters and encouraged the raising and communicating of issues to the ACRL Board. She is also willing to help address issues involved in incorporation.

The theme of her presidency is "Leadership and Learning," which will include creating and fostering opportunities for strengthening professional development. Sullivan sees Chapters Council as crucial to this effort, noting that John Collins is currently a member of the ACRL Professional Development Committee. During midwinter, Sullivan finalized a professional development plan for her presidency, one which would spark national dialogues on leadership and learning. Sullivan would like to have these dialogues take place in small groups at chapter conferences in 1999. Attendees felt the idea was sound, but chapters will need more lead time than January 1999 to fit the incentive into their 1999 conference programming. If information was sent to chapters by August 1998, this would give some chapters enough time for incorporation into their 1999 meetings.

**ACRL Executive Director Althea Jenkins** spoke next. A. Jenkins stressed the importance of letting the ACRL Executive Board know when and how chapter activities are occurring, in order to develop a more complete listing of professional development meetings. A. Jenkins took attendees through contents of the ACRL packet handed to all present. Plans are to fill Elisa Topper's ACRL Member Services position by September 1. Until the position is filled, contact A. Jenkins with any concerns.

The Initiative Grants deadline is mid-March, but send in applications any time and they will be considered for the current funding year. A. Jenkins reminded attendees of the Speakers Bureau, which gives chapters an

opportunity to invite an ACRL officer to speak at a state conference or to sit in as a member of the audience. She encouraged chapters to “flood the ACRL office with information.” Cherepon thanked the ACRL Board for adding links to the chapter web pages from the ACRL web page. B. Jenkins drew attention to the ACRL Legislative/Public Policy Agenda annual reports on the tables, enough for one copy per chapter.

After a short break, Jenkins began the **ACRL Forum**, a time for discussion of chapter issues and concerns. Topics raised included:

- ◆If ACRL could share member lists in electronic form, Chapters could improve recruiting efforts.
- ◆Chapters could share with each other experiences with speakers to improve future programs.
- ◆To ensure ALA / ACRL website continuity, someone suggested using a “vanity” address, so if the host server changed there still would be continuity in the addresses.
- ◆The Chapters Council roster needs to be kept up to date, keep sending in those changes! (Hopefully the roster will be mounted on ACRL’s website soon.)
- ◆Should chapters build expectation of ACRL national presence at regional events? National ACRL programs could be reintroduced at the regional levels, e.g. New England co-sponsored a regional institute with ACRL. Call Mary Ellen Davis in the ACRL Professional Development Office if your chapter would like to sponsor a regional institute.
- ◆Chapters would like more information about results from Initiative Grants.
- ◆The current format of Chapters Council meetings satisfies attendees (interaction and discussion preferred over listening to speakers).
- ◆Theme-oriented segments of Chapters Council meetings received a positive reception, e.g., incorporation today, perhaps fund-raising, in the future. Meetings could also have a “best” and “worst” program section, a “swap & shop” segment to illustrate activities from each chapter. Other suggestions: use meetings to create chapter programming, with chapter representatives coming prepared to do chapter and/or regional work; include a period at the end for regional

meetings; explore possibility of chapters organizing a session at the ACRL national conference (chapters would need support, schedule visibility and other types of publicity).

◆Attendees were reminded of “acrl-frm” the ACRL Forum listserv, as a way to communicate with other chapters. Instructions for subscribing to acrl-frm can be found on <<http://www.ala.org/membership/lists.html>>.

### Updates

✕**Chapter Topics** (Jill Holman). Holman handed out a sheet of information on *Chapter Topics*. Suggestions for future issues included: “theme” issues highlighting hot and/or relevant topics; linking onto national themes, e.g., legislative advocacy; more information on national ACRL expectations for “membership recruitment;” publicizing the Speakers Bureau; publishing guidelines for chapter archives.

✕**ACRL Web Task Force** (Jill Holman). The report on the policies and requirements for the ACRL Web page has been passed to the Executive Board.

✕**ACRL Legislative Network** (Lee Marie Wisel). Wisel noted that academic librarians need to be as politically active as public librarians. All chapters now have liaisons appointed to the Legislative Network. The “Legislative Advocacy” preconference went well. The preconference was one way to build an education base for future actions, such as increased attendance by academic librarians at National Legislative Day. ACRL’s legislative issues include intellectual property & digital copyright, and Wisel encouraged attendees to contact their congressional delegations on this issue.

B. Jenkins announced that the ACRL national conference in 2001 will be in Denver. Jenkins noted that 50 scholarships will be given to encourage attendance at the Detroit conference in 1999 for those ACRL members who have been librarians for less than 5 years. More information is available on the web.

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# Chapters Websites

## Status Report

### A Site Development Example from the Iowa Library Association / ACRL

In 1996, the president of the chapter appointed an ad-hoc committee to create their website including links for the Iowa Academic and Research Libraries Directory, News, ILA/ACRL Organization, Conferences and Scholarships, and Internet Links. They have since added more.

Recently they decided to discontinue their print newsletter and are questioning online archives — how many issues should remain on the web?

ILA/ACRL has been happy with using a web committee; they believe adding electronic duties to existing publication committees causes too much stress for those committee members. They also advocate for vigilant maintenance once the initial site is mounted.

ILA/ACRL uses Siteflow to monitor their website usage. With about 5 months of data, they found that the three large state-supported universities of Iowa used the ILA/ACRL website the most.

This information is from an article by Chris Neuhaus and Barbara Allen, “ILA/ACRL Home Page: The Creation and Development of an ACRL State Chapter Web Site,” *ILA/ACRL Newsletter*, 8:2 (Summer 1998). For more information, see the website <<http://www.iren.net/acrl/>>.

I conducted an informal survey of the 17 Chapters’ sites currently linked from ACRL’s page. There’s quite a bit of design variety, but a lot of content is similar. Chapters have been busy mounting information regarding the following:

- awards
- conferences / programs / workshops
- background / history / mission statements
- rosters of officers / boards / committees
- bylaws / constitutions
- minutes
- listservs
- job opportunities
- newsletters
- archives
- library e-journals & websites
- membership / recruitment information
- links to ACRL’s site
- legislative information

Many of the Chapter sites offered something unique or a distinguished delivery. For example:

- California — wow 22 links!
- Illinois — spotlight section for current events
- Indiana — nice graphics
- Iowa — full directory of members
- Nebraska — call for research grant proposals
- New England — splashy style, prominent SIGs
- Western New York / Ontario — bios of officers
- Ohio — beautiful, elegant design
- Oregon — statistics on Oregon libraries

Peer chapters’ sites can inspire you as to how you want to create or further develop your site. Perusing what others have done is a great way to learn and clarify what is right for your site. Good publishing to you!

To get your site linked from ACRL’s site, contact Jack Briody ([jbriody@ala.org](mailto:jbriody@ala.org)).

## ARIZONA

In May and July CULD and ARLIRT cosponsored two continuing education programs. At the program in May, Linda Alexander and Bob Smith reported on a web-based project that supports a library skills course at Western Kentucky. At the program in June, two innovative projects were discussed. Jeff Rosen and Laura Bender from the University of Arizona demonstrated a new web-based tutorial entitled RIO and Dennis Isbell and Lisa Kammerlocher from Arizona State discussed their experiences with implementing Carol Kuhlthau's Information Search Process Model in reference and library instruction. A web page featuring access to Arizona economic information is in the preliminary stages of development and will be completed by the annual conference.

The AzLA Annual Conference will be held November 4-6 at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. CULD-sponsored programs include: "Electronic Copyright Issues," "Electronic Collection Development: Issues and Creative Solutions," "ORION: A Library Intra-net for an Integrated, Participatory Book Acquisitions Process," "Web Sites for a Desert Isle," "Arizona Economic Development Web Site," and "Management of Web Sites."

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## ILLINOIS

The Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries (IACRL) will sponsor several events at the Illinois Library Association Annual Conference (October 24-27). Programs include "Distance Education: The Academic/Public Library Connection" and the "Lincoln Digitization Project." The Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year will be announced during the IACRL breakfast meeting.

IACRL has received an ACRL Initiative Fund award to offer in Spring 1999 "The Librarian as Leader in Electronic Literacy: A Virtual AND Drive-In Conference." Two threaded discussion tracks preceding the one drive-in day will emphasize 1) Librarians as leaders in the adaptation and implementation of information technology in higher education

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and 2) Philosophies and practices in providing quality library support service to students in online course environments. Guest experts will moderate the online discussions which will be followed by the in-person conference. Lastly, there will be a wrap-up online discussion.

This fall, IACRL will conduct via e-mail a training-needs survey of academic library directors to identify potential topics for future workshops and conferences.

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## INDIANA

Librarians from across the state met in Indianapolis at the Indiana Library Federation's (ILF) Annual Conference in April. The Indiana Academic Library Association (IALA) presented seven programs, including a preconference on patents and trademarks and our annual luncheon.

Dr. John Lienhard, Professor of Technology and Culture at the University of Houston and a host on National Public Radio was our keynote luncheon speaker. His thought-provoking presentation, "What people Said About Books in 1498: A Medieval Mirror of 1998," contrasted the explosion of information that resulted from the invention of movable type with the current information environment resulting from the Internet. Historical hindsight considers moveable type a positive development, but it did have a dark side in the lives of Europeans, just as the Internet has had a dramatic impact on our society and on our profession. Technologies are to be embraced and managed, not looked at as either evil or good.

The Association also held elections at the event. Welcome to our new Secretary: Judy Tribble (Indiana State University), Member-At-Large: Joe Harmon (Indiana University-Purdue University), and Vice-Chair/Chair Elect: Gabrielle Carr (Indiana University Southeast). Other programs included: "Thirty Websites Every Librarian Should Know," "Vendor Selection Using the RFP Process," "College Accreditation and Qualitative Assessment," "Resource Sharing in a Consortial Environment," and "Beyond Search Engine Horsepower," which can be

viewed on our website at: <<http://www.rose-hulman.edu/Library/ort/SEHorse/page1.htm>>.

The Committee is already hard at work planning the 1999 Conference, with the theme "Libraries & Lifelong Learning." The conference, to be held April 7-9, will overlap with the ACRL Annual Conference, and we hope to utilize distance communication technologies for a live transmission from the ACRL Conference to our conference on one of the overlapping days.

IALA is pleased to announce the debut of our website, featuring reciprocal links to ACRL's website, committee rosters, bylaws, online volunteer form, job resources, conference information, and links to every academic library in the state. The Committee wishes to extend a special thanks to Don Zhao, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, for all his hard work on the site. Please visit us at: <<http://www.a1.com/ilf/iala/index.html>>.

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#### **IOWA**

Attendance at the Iowa Chapter's joint-spring conference with the Nebraska Chapter was 194 people, the highest number in our history. We were particularly happy that so many library paraprofessionals joined us for the half-day preconference on paraprofessional issues in libraries. The Iowa chapter awarded five scholarships for free registrations to support staff members and two for free registration and partial reimbursement of travel expenses to new professional librarians.

We are now looking ahead to our program at the Iowa Library Association's annual conference October 15-16 in Waterloo where the Chapter's program will include Barbara McFadden Allen speaking on "Collaboration out of Chaos: The Challenges and the Rewards," followed by a discussion of inter-institutional cooperation in Iowa.

During the Summer, the membership of the Chapter also approved a major revision of the bylaws. The revisions included, among other things, establishment of a standing committee for Electronic Information which will oversee the Chapter's web page and listserv.

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#### **KANSAS**

In October 1997 the annual Fall CULS Conference was held in Manhattan, Kansas. There were about 120 conference attendees. The theme of the conference was "Communicate, Cooperate, Collaborate." We had a panel of librarians from Colorado, Iowa, Alabama, and Kansas who opened the conference with a discussion of collaborative, cooperative efforts in those states. The break-out sessions focused on the theme.

At the CULS Conference there were three individuals honored for their service to CULS and librarianship: Steve Hanschu (Emporia State University), Joe Forte (Kansas Newman College), and Virginia Quiring (formerly of Kansas State University Libraries).

CULS held a luncheon at the Tri-Conference in April. Dr. Robert Luehrs of Fort Hays State University presented the program, "The Secret History of the Emerald City: Oz for Adults."

Deb Ludwig (Johnson County Community College) was elected vice-president for the 1998/99 year.

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#### **KENTUCKY**

The Kentucky Chapter will sponsor a session by Tim Coggins, Director of the University of Richmond Law Library, entitled "Censorship @ Your Library, Update" at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Library Association in October. At our October business meeting Sue Burch (University of Kentucky Law Library) will step up as chapter chair, and the following slate of officers will be presented to the membership: Chair-elect: Marcia Freyman (Lexington Community College), Treasurer: Helen Williams (Morhead State University), and Secretary: Martha Reed Perry (Bellarmine College).

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#### **MISSOURI**

The Missouri Association of College and Research Libraries (MACRL) will be presenting three programs at the annual MLA Conference in Kansas City on October 7-9, 1998. The Community College SIG will feature a presentation by Laura Rein, Director of

the Eden-Webster Library, on the topic "Library Services in the Distance Education Environment." A second MACRL program will be offered by a team from Southwest Missouri State University, David L. Adams, Head of the Library Systems Office, and Charlotte A. Dugan, Reference Librarian/ILL Coordinator. Their subject will be "Electronic Reserves in Academic Libraries." The program offered in conjunction with the MACRL business meeting will be presented by Marilu Goodyear, Associate Dean at the University of Kansas Libraries. Her topic will be "Surviving the Internet: Obscenity, Pornography, and Other Legal Issues." MACRL is also sponsoring a table talk on MOBIUS, the newly created consortium of Missouri academic libraries that will be purchasing and managing a common library platform for the academic libraries of the state.

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#### NEVADA

We are excited to have Althea Jenkins coming to our state library conference being held in Las Vegas in October to speak on "Embracing Change: New Roles and Opportunities for Academic Librarians." Also planned is a panel of the state's two university library deans on the topic of access versus ownership of materials.

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#### NEW ENGLAND

The chapter is looking forward to the fall conference, entitled "Inside, Outside / Upside, Downside: How and Why Libraries Are Reorganizing." ACRL President Maureen Sullivan is our keynote speaker. Other speakers, from libraries either currently undergoing or having recently completed reorganizations, will use interactive breakout sessions to assist participants in coping with the challenges of the process. The conference will be held November 20 at the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. For more information or to register, contact Laura Walters (lwalters@infonet.tufts.edu).

To complement the fall conference, a preconference on Thursday, November 19, "Introduction to Facilitation Skills," will address the growing need in our organizations for a greater number of

staff to be skilled as facilitators. This participative preconference will be presented by Sullivan and Shelley Phipps

The Special Interest Groups continue to provide innovative and exciting forums for discussion. Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah of Boston College was the speaker at "Managing Difficult Patrons," a program sponsored by the Continuing Education Interest Group, held at Northeastern University on May 7, 1997. It will be repeated at Eastern Connecticut State College in Willimantic on Friday, October 30. The program is open to all levels of library staff. Cost is \$15 (members) or \$20 (non-members) and includes lunch. To register, contact Susan Cirillo (scirillo@umassd.edu).

The American Textile Museum in Lowell hosted the Women's Studies Interest Group's fall program on October 2. "Electronic Classrooms: Designing, Planning, Evaluation of Teaching Software" was hosted first by Yale University's Sterling Memorial Library last spring and then repeated this autumn at the O'Leary Library, University of Massachusetts at Lowell.

A successful meeting was held this spring by the Preservation and Conservation Interest Group, focusing on designing preservation/conservation space. Harvard University hosted the panel discussion and offered open houses at nearby labs. The Business Librarians Interest Group held a meeting at Northeastern University featuring demonstrations of several business databases.

The chapter also plans to continue sponsorship of a non-ARL New England salary survey. The survey will be conducted by Herb Carson of the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at The University of Rhode Island.

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#### EASTERN NEW YORK

Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY was the setting for the Spring Conference and Annual Meeting of the ENY/ACRL Chapter. The conference theme was "Full Speed Ahead: the Impact of Full-Text Databases." Concurrent morning and afternoon sessions covered such topics as MARC records for full-text databases, bibliographic instruction with full-text databases, and management issues with full-text databases. The closing session consisted of a panel of full-text vendors, who gave their views of

the current state of full-text and the near future, and answered questions from the audience.

At the business meeting, the ENY/ACRL Librarian of the Year award was given to Gillian McCombs, formerly Assistant Director for Technical Services and Systems at the University at Albany, SUNY, and now Central University Librarian at Southern Methodist University in Dallas. Ms. McCombs' many accomplishments include: several years of service on the Program Committee of ENY/ACRL, a three-year term as Vice-President, President, and Past-President of the chapter, and many contributions on the national level to ACRL and ALA. She has published widely and has given many presentations on the regional and national levels. Ms. McCombs was given an honorarium and a plaque to commemorate her selection as 1998 Librarian of the Year.

The Fall Conference of ENY/ACRL is scheduled for Monday, October 26, at Skidmore College. The keynote speaker is Marjorie Hodges, from Cornell University's Computer Policy and Law Center. Please check out our website for more information <<http://urilib.library.cornell.edu/acrlhome.htm>>.

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#### **GREATER METRO NEW YORK**

The 1998 ACRL/NY Annual Symposium, "Changing Course: Libraries as Learning Organizations," will take place on November 13, 1998 at the Fashion Institute of Technology. The symposium will focus on the proactive role librarians must take in light of organizational issues that include faculty status, team management, total quality management, and outsourcing.

Speakers chosen for this program represent libraries that have undergone substantial changes and our keynote speaker is a nationally known organizational consultant. Dr. Deanna H. Berg, President of Innovation Strategies International, is an expert in strategies for creative change, team building in the learning organization, total quality management, and leadership. Dr. Berg has worked as a consultant for Ford Motor Company, Lucent Technologies, AT & T, and Xerox, among other major corporations. She has written numerous articles for professional journals and contributed to books including, *Break Out Creativity: Bringing Creativity to the Workplace*

(Select Press, 1998). Dr. Berg has presented workshops and keynote addresses to various organizations, including the American Library Association (Miami, 1994).

The afternoon panelists will present actual case studies and offer their expertise and insights into library organization. These panelists will be: Dr. Barbara Buckner Higginbotham (Chief Librarian, Brooklyn College), Jane Hutchison (Associate Director of Instruction and Research Technology, William Patterson University), and Joseph Branin (Dean of Libraries, State University of New York at Stony Brook). At this time, there is a possibility of the addition of a fourth panelist, to be announced.

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#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

The College and University Section of the North Carolina Library Association will hold a workshop in November with the theme, "Fulfilling the Promise of the Millenium: Purposes, Perspectives, Possibilities." Dr. Ben Speller, Dean of the School of Library Science at North Carolina Central University will deliver the keynote address. Breakout sessions on education will be led by Shirley Gregory (Library Director of Barton College) and Paula Hinton (Social Sciences Reference Librarian at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill). Break out sessions on providing access will be led by John Ulmshneider (Associate Director for Information Technology at North Carolina State University) and John Little (Web Development Librarian at Duke University). Registration details may be obtained from Joy Pastucha (828-298-3325 x329).

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#### **NORTH DAKOTA / MANITOBA**

The North Dakota / Manitoba Chapter held its Annual Conference on June 5, 1998 in Grand Forks, ND. Entitled "Racing Toward our Electronic Future: Focus on Journals," the program explored the exciting but perplexing world of electronic journals. Presentations and discussions by academic and library administrators, users, and vendors examined issues of access, instruction, and availability. At its annual meeting, the Chapter decided to establish a

listserv to provide members with an avenue of communication and began discussing the issue of incorporation. In late summer, the Chapter established a Web site <[www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/acrl/nd\\_mb.html](http://www.lib.ndsu.nodak.edu/acrl/nd_mb.html)>. Although results of our annual election were unavailable at press time, Judy Rieke serves as Chair for the coming year.

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## OHIO

The Ohio Chapter of ACRL held its leadership retreat June 1-2 at Roscoe Village Inn in Cosohton, Ohio. The purpose of this annual leadership retreat is to orient new Board members and Committee and Interest Group Chairs about ALAO operations, procedures, activities and organizational structure, including planning the budget, reviewing goals and setting objectives for the coming year.

Officers for 1998/99 are: President: Mary S. Konkel (University of Akron), Vice-President/President-Elect: Jerome U. Conley (Miami University), Past President: Sherri Edwards (University of Akron), Secretary: Marcia Suter (University of Toledo), Treasurer: Elys Kettling (Wayne College, University of Akron), and Membership Chair/Treasurer-Elect: Martha K. Fleming (Case Western Reserve University).

Program planning selections for the 1998 ALAO Conference, "Today's Actions, Tomorrow's Adventures — To Infinity and Beyond!" have been finalized. The conference will be held November 13 at the Fawcett Center on the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. Our keynote speaker is Bill Miller, former Ohioan and past president of the Association for College & Research Libraries (ACRL). Bill is currently Director of Libraries at Florida Atlantic University.

For additional information about ALAO, check out our Website at: <<http://www.wooster.edu/alao>>.

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## OREGON

The Oregon/Washington ACRL Fall Conference will be held October 22-23 at the Menucha Conference Center, near Corbett, Oregon. The theme for this

year's conference is "Librarians for the New Millennium." Higher education is changing. Some changes are coming from our institutions while other changes are from entrepreneurs, politicians, students, and taxpayers.

- \*How will librarians allocate and manage resources for support of library services?
- \*What are the emerging models of post-secondary education?
- \*What kind of physical work environment can librarians expect?
- \*What skills will be required of librarians in the institutions of the future?
- \*Where do libraries fit in? Or do they?
- \*Who will our users be? Will we teach them or just reach them?
- \*Will we be collaborators, competitors, or contractors in these evolving models?

Kurt Slobodzian, Dean of Instructional Technology and Learning Resources at the University of Phoenix, and John Byrne, Executor Director of the Kellogg Commission on the Future of State and Land-Grant Universities and retired President of Oregon State University, will present their concepts of academic institutions and the role of libraries. Oregon and Washington librarians will lead discussions on the role of librarians.

The rustic Menucha Conference Center is situated atop a bluff overlooking the Columbia Gorge. The picturesque lodge, spacious gardens, and winding paths make this an exceptionally pleasant location for reflection and discourse.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA

The South Carolina Chapter of ACRL presented two programs at the Annual Conference of the South Carolina Library Association (SCLA), held October 21-23 in Columbia, SC. ACRL President Maureen Sullivan was the opening general session speaker and addressed conference attendees on "Leadership and Learning: New Roles and New Expectations for Librarians." President Sullivan also spoke at a concurrent session jointly sponsored by the SC ACRL Chapter/College, the University Section, and the Library Administration Section of SCLA where she addressed an audience of academic and public

### Reports, cont.

service librarians on "Habits of Highly Successful Librarians: Personal Effectiveness for Professional Growth."

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### TEXAS

ACRL President, Maureen Sullivan will be the speaker at the College and University Library Division's program during the Texas Library Association Annual Conference next spring. Her topic will be, "Leadership, Learning and Creativity: Key Strategies for the Future." The program is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. The TLA Conference will be held in Dallas.

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### Minutes, cont.

The general meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. After a short break, a sub-group of attendees interested in chapter incorporation issues reconvened. Jenkins provided several documents to assist chapters in the incorporation process. As per her investigations prior to the Chapters Council meeting, B. Jenkins found 11 chapters currently unincorporated. They are: Alabama, California, Delaware Valley, Eastern New York, Greater Metro New York, Western New York / Ontario, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Dakota / Manitoba, Western Pennsylvania, and Washington.

Mary McInroy, Secretary, Chapters Council

**Next Deadline  
for  
Chapter Topics:  
November 13**

**Thinking about midwinter?  
Plan to attend the:**

## **ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum**

**Saturday, January 23  
noon - 2 p.m.**

### Annual Report, cont.

*ACRL GOAL 3: Maintain at the national level a prominent role in planning and decision making for influencing information policy.*

Chapters Council has developed a strong legislative network to respond to information policy issues of importance to academic librarians. All chapters have appointed a legislative network liaison to respond to the ACRL legislative calls for assistance. Chapter officers and members also play a role in information policy issues at the state level. Many chapter officers attended ACRL's first Library Advocacy workshop at the 1998 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

*ACRL GOAL 4: Ensure that ACRL's operating environment provides efficiency in its use of resources and effectiveness in the delivery of services to its members and constituent units.*

The Chapters Relations Task Force has developed a document that will provide for a clearer definition of the relationships between national ACRL and Chapters. This will provide for a more efficient and effective organization. Additional focus and incentive for national ACRL membership recruitment is also part of this document. Chapter officers have been very receptive to this partnership document.