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Important News for Midwinter

Sequential scheduling for Chapters
Council
events at a Gunter Hotel
Sunday, Jan. 16th:

ACRL Chapters Council Meeting
8:30-11:00am

AND

ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum
and Luncheon 11:30-2:00pm

that the ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum and lunch, which Chapters Council organizes on behalf of all ACRL members, will follow our meeting on Sunday morning. So, in addition to setting aside your Sunday morning on January 16, you'll want to mark your schedules for 11:30am to 2pm, as well. Both events, the Chapters Council meeting and the Candidates Forum, will be held at the same location. While the ALA program will list the Forum time as Noon to 2pm for general participants, a social hour beginning at 11:30, with an early start for the buffet lunch, will provide a brief break and easy transition for Chapters Council members from meeting to Forum.

The Candidates Forum is an extremely valuable opportunity for ACRL members to become prepared to cast an informed vote in the annual elections for ACRL's President. The interchange between the candidates, followed by an exchange between members and the candidates also offers one of ACRL's most open conversations among members and association leaders. The lunch helps provide the social atmosphere conducive to this relatively informal, open conversation among all participants.

And as the event's organizer and host, Chapters Council has an important opportunity to raise its profile within ACRL. Council members attending the Forum can bring the chapter perspective to those attending, both through questions to the candidates and casual conversations during the social hour and lunch. Your participation is important.

This theme of defining and promoting ourselves will also be a part of our Midwinter Chapters Council session. In addition to our regular business meeting, we will use a portion of our time to work in small groups on the

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAPTER COUNCIL CHAIR

Greetings ACRL Chapters Council Members!

Before we know it, we will have weathered another semester, we will hopefully have had some time to enjoy the holidays, and suddenly, it will be time for Midwinter once again. It's not too soon to be thinking about your schedule of meeting events. Of course, the traditional Sunday morning Chapters Council time slot of 8:30am-11:00am is a given. But this year, it is important to note

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Chapters Council @ Midwinter

AGENDA

ACRL CHAPTERS COUNCIL MEETING SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2000 (8:30-11:00) GUNTER HOTEL, YELLOW ROSE ROOM

Business Meeting (8:30-9:45)

1) Welcome

Lynne King, Chapters Council Chair

**2) Introduction of Chapters Council Officers
2000 Chapters Council elections information**

Evelyn Minick, Chapters Council Vice-Chair

3) Vote on June 1999 Chapters Council Minutes

Sherri Edwards, Chapters Council Secretary

4) Updates from ACRL Officers and Staff

5) Chapters Council Newsletter and Website

Heather Ward, Chapter Topics Editor

**6) Chapter Topics format options -
Web vs. paper**

7) Incorporation update

8) Other new business

Small Workgroups (9:45-11:00)

“What is Chapters Council?” brochure development

- ✓ Brainstorming
- ✓ Group reports
- ✓ Wrap-up

ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum and Luncheon (11:30-2:00)



ALA Midwinter
Meeting 2000

ACRL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FORUM SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2000 (11:30-1:30) GUNTER HOTEL, CRYSTAL BALLROOM

(immediately following Chapters Council meeting)

Midwinter ALA Conference

San Antonio, TX

Sponsored by ACRL Chapters Council

Luncheon provided courtesy of EBSCO

Meet the Candidates:

Ray English

Director of Libraries

Oberlin College

Mary Reichel

University Librarian

Appalachian State University

Program:

Welcome & Introductions

Candidates Respond to Prepared Questions

Questions from the Audience

Closing Statements

- ✓ Meet the candidates for the top leadership position of ACRL
- ✓ Hear their responses to concerns of academic libraries
- ✓ Enjoy a light lunch with colleagues

If you have any questions you would like the candidates to address, please forward them to:

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Chair, ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum Committee

ACRL Staff Chapter Visits

As ACRL Director of Member Services and an academic librarian, I am understandably curious about and interested in what other academic librarians are doing and what issues concern all of us. While lurking on discussion lists and reading chapter newsletters give me a general sense of what is occurring around the country, I need a more personal view. To that end, I will be visiting a different chapter each fall and spring. In fact, I have already visited my first chapter. The Delaware Valley Chapter graciously welcomed me when I attended their fall program “The Aggravation of Aggregation: Managing and Promoting E-Journals in Your Library” on November 5, 1999 at Temple University's new Tuttleman Learning Center. It was a wonderful and insightful program, plus it provided a great opportunity to visit with chapter members, and to learn what specific concerns they have. I am eagerly anticipating upcoming chapter visits and hope to meet many of you in the future.

Melissa Cast

CHAPTERS COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for a few good folks with some Chapters Council experience to stand for election to the positions of secretary and vice-chair/chair-elect of Chapters Council. It's a great opportunity to get involved on a national level, and you work with wonderful people who are doing some amazing things for ACRL on a local level.

So, you think about it—yes YOU—and contact Evelyn Minick (minick@sju.edu) if you are interested. Or just call me at 610-660-1905 and let me talk you into it.

Evelyn Minick

CT Editorship Changes Hands Thanks Jill and Welcome Heather!

After two very productive years as the editor of *Chapter Topics*, Jill Holman of the Oregon Chapter has handed over the job to Heather Ward, also an Oregonian, as of the Winter 1999 issue. Jill is providing assistance and support to Heather during a transition period, making the process a seamless one to Chapter Council members. Many of you may have noticed that the familiar-looking email requests for *Chapter Topics* items and deadlines have continued without any interruption, and that only the name and address of the sender has changed.

As Jill passes the CT editorship on, it is only fitting to note that she has been responsible for the single biggest change in *Chapter Topics* in its publication history: the successful addition of a Web-based version of the newsletter. Under Jill's guidance, *Chapter Topics* became available for wider distribution than ever before, first from space on a server generously offered by the University of Oregon, and now from ACRL itself.

Jill has also been a strong advocate for completing the shift away from a paper production of *Chapter Topics*, and making the shift exclusively to the electronic copy. This topic is on the agenda for review at our Midwinter meeting in San Antonio.

Jill Holman has done an outstanding job as *Chapter Topics* editor, and I hope that Chapter Council members will take a moment to extend their appreciation to her, perhaps with a note (holman@darkwing.uoregon.edu), or when you see her next at ALA. And as a tribute to Jill's good work, we can all help the new CT editor, Heather Ward, by contributing items whenever possible, and meeting her deadlines!

Thanks Jill!

ACRL Offers Leadership Institute at the Texas Library Association Conference

Academic libraries exist in a constantly changing environment with many new challenges and many opportunities. One of the challenges for today's library leaders is to develop a nimble organization that can respond quickly and effectively to the many demands for new services. Strong leaders are needed to accurately analyze this changing climate and then articulate and carry out a vision for the library that makes it a vital part of campus-wide priority setting. ACRL is providing an opportunity for academic librarians to explore a variety of leadership issues at an institute prior to the Texas Library Association Conference in Houston on Tuesday, April 11, 2000. Both library leaders and aspiring leaders will benefit from the discussions at this institute.

At this one-day institute, veteran leaders including Althea Jenkins, Executive Director, Association of College and Research Libraries; Clifford Lynch, Executive Director, Coalition of Networked Information; Julie Todaro, Head Librarian, Austin Community College Rio Grand; and Robert Wedgeworth, Professor Emeritus, University of Illinois, will share their experiences and give you insights into how to be a successful leader.

Five toolkit sessions will examine these issues:

Leading in Times of Change

- ▶▶ Explore the differences between managing and leading.
- ▶▶ Find out how to promote organizational transformation and growth.
- ▶▶ Learn when to lead, to think strategically, to collaborate and partner with faculty, administrators, students, and staff, and make sound decisions about organizational structure.

The Business of Leading: Investing in People

- ▶▶ Learn how to successfully share a vision of change with people to achieve success.
- ▶▶ Examine ways to set and assess outcomes, attract the best and the brightest, and how to diversify your workforce.

Using Technology to Lead

- ▶▶ Find out how to make the most of technology to build an information infrastructure.
- ▶▶ Learn how to use technology to create new and improved services and processes, and explore upcoming technological innovations.

Financing the Library of the Future: Analyzing Choices

- ▶▶ Analyze and understand the climate and the issues to better position your library. Learn how to be mission specific and how to successfully compete for resources with revenue generating units on campus.
- ▶▶ Find out ways to think strategically in times of change. Discover the role of fundraising and library fees in financing the future of the library.

Leading for the New American Student

- ▶▶ Understand the characteristics of the New American Students.
- ▶▶ Examine their impact on the library and information services and resources.
- ▶▶ Explore ways your library can respond to the needs of an emerging new student.

Registration for this one-day institute will be through the Texas Library Association. A registration form will be on their Web site at <<http://www.txla.org/>> after January 3, 2000. Questions? Contact Margot Sutton, ACRL program assistant, e-mail: <msutton@ala.org>, phone: (800) 545-2433 ext. 2522.

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Information Literacy Consultant Association of College and Research Libraries

The Association of College and Research Libraries is seeking applications from individuals as independent contractors or institutions of higher education as independent contractors for its Information Literacy Consultant position. The establishment of the Information Literacy Consultant position is a response to the ever growing interest in information literacy, a demand for programs and activities, a need to coordinate ACRL's current and developing information literacy initiatives, and the need to attract funding from external sources to support informative literacy initiatives.

The consultant reports to the Executive Director of ACRL and works in collaboration with an oversight volunteer advisory committee and committees implementing various information literacy initiatives. The consultant will be responsible for translating information literacy priorities, policies, and direction into operational programs and services. Major initial objectives include setting up a process for developing proposals for seeking funding from external sources; web site development; development and implementation of a plan for promoting information literacy among professional associations in higher education and on campuses across the U.S.; and development and monitoring of a communication process among ACRL information literacy initiatives.

We seek a qualified, highly committed and self-motivated individual to provide leadership to this important initiative. The ideal candidate will have a MLS degree, and significant understanding, knowledge, and experience in developing, delivering, marketing, and evaluating programs in information literacy as well as a proven record of organizing and monitoring programs in general. Institutions interested in serving in the independent contractor's role must have a proven record of successful involvement in the delivery of information literacy programs. In addition, they must be able to show in their organizational structures that a librarian on their staff, who meets the qualifications outlined in this document for the individual independent contractor, will be assigned primary responsibility for fulfilling the objectives of the position.

This is a contract position and the fee structure is negotiable. The Consultant is not eligible for any vacation or holiday pay; is ineligible for any benefits provided by the client. It is expected that the successful candidate will carry out his/her work at a setting away from the ACRL offices. The position will require the following travel commitments and contact with ACRL Executive Director and member information literacy units: attendance at ALA annual conferences and midwinter meetings, ACRL national conferences, monthly meetings with ACRL Executive Director—face-to-face and by conference call, meetings with professional higher education associations. Other meetings may be required as the information literacy programs grow and become better known. Expenses incurred will be reimbursed in accordance with ALA policy for all approved travel. This is a one year contract subject to renewal.

To apply, submit a letter of introduction, resume, and three references. Institutions should submit a letter of introduction, description of information literacy program on their campus, and an outline detailing how they would go about providing the necessary support for the ACRL information literacy initiatives.

Send application packets to Althea Jenkins, ACRL Executive Director, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago IL 60611. The review of applications begins immediately and continues until the position is filled.

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Arizona

The Arizona Library Association (AzLA) annual conference was held in Phoenix on November 17-19, 1999. The College and University Library Division (CULD) was involved in sponsoring or co-sponsoring eight programs.

New officers for 2000 have been elected. They are Patricia Hotchkiss (President-Elect), and Beverly Adler (Secretary).

The College and University Library Division is a division of the Arizona Library Association, which was incorporated November 7, 1969.

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Delaware Valley

Our Chapter gathered on the evening of Monday, September 27, 1999 at the Drexel University College of Information Science and Technology (IST) to hear a lecture by Mr. George Keller. This was the first presentation in our Academic Librarianship Lecture Series, a program funded by an ACRL Initiative Grant. The meeting was co-sponsored by the IST. Mr. Keller is one of America's leading scholars of higher education, and an award-winning editor and education writer. His 1983 book, *Academic Strategy: The Management Revolution in American Higher Education*, is in its seventh printing. Mr. Keller's talk could be summarized as "the five revolutions in higher education." With a combination of revealing statistics, facts and anecdotes, he illustrated the radical changes that higher education is undergoing. Keller described demographic, sociocultural, economic, and technological revolutions as well as the revolution in the categorization of higher education. He was careful to point out how each of these changes is likely to impact academic librarians. The audience was a mix of academic librarians, library school faculty and library school students. Most questions addressed the direction in which higher education is headed in the future. Keller replied that, "those who make crystal ball predictions often end up eating glass." His message was that while we cannot predict the future, it is critical to be cognizant of the landscape of higher education so that we can

more effectively plan for whatever may come. After the program, Mr. Keller joined the attendees for refreshments and more discussion.

The second installment in our Lecture Series is scheduled for later this fall. Our speaker will be Mr. John Fry, Executive Vice-President of the University of Pennsylvania. Mr. Fry's presentation is entitled "The Economic Realities of Colleges and Universities: The Business of Higher Education." He will lead the audience in a discussion of the increasingly competitive higher education marketplace, reflecting on what these economic challenges mean for academic librarians, and what we need to know about the business of higher education to help guide our libraries into the future.

The ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter fall meeting was held on November 5, 1999. The program, "The Aggravation of Aggregation: Managing and Promoting E-Journals in Your Library," was held at the new Tuttleman Learning Center at Temple University in Philadelphia. The program was devoted to helping attendees develop innovative solutions to the challenges of enabling patron access to full-text journals found in aggregated collections of electronic databases. This program featured a special guest, Melissa Cast, ACRL's Director of Member Services. Other speakers included Maureen Pastine, Library Director at Temple University; Etheldra Templeton, Library Director at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Yumin Jiang, Cataloging Librarian for Serials and Electronic Resources at Cornell University's Mann Library; David Burke, Serials Cataloger at Villanova University; and David Langenberg, Associate Librarian at the University of Delaware. After a box lunch, attendees were invited to tour the Tuttleman Learning Center, a state-of-the-art instructional facility.

Our spring program and annual business meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 19, 2000. This program will be held at the Wilmington, Delaware campus of the University of Delaware. The program will focus on the work of instructional technologists—what they contribute to academic support programs and how they interact with library staff. Presentations will be made by instructional technology support teams, those that combine

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instructional technologists, librarians, and computer technologists, who then work directly with faculty in developing applications for teaching and learning technologies.

The Web site of the ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter made its official debut in October. There is now a link to the site from the ACRL Chapters List. The URL of our Web site is <<http://www.acrl-dvc.org>>.

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Georgia

The top award winner in the 1999 Georgia Library Association Academic Division's paper series was "Remote Possibilities: A 'Fill in the Blanks' Approach to Creating Web-Based Reference and Instructional Services," presented by Jana Lonberger of Emory University. The paper was presented at GLA's annual meeting October 22, 1999. Tom Cetwinski of the University of Georgia was awarded second place for his presentation on "Using Training for Recruitment and Retention." Awards were sponsored by Blackwells and EBSCO, respectively. The paper series was created in the early 1990s to encourage publication and presentation, particularly among new librarians, providing an avenue for them to get started, and also to encourage experienced authors to develop presentations on new topics. Papers undergo editorial analysis by a review committee. This year's review committee was comprised of Elizabeth Bagley (South Georgia College), David Bunnell (Mercer University), Lance Foldes (Berry College), Callie McGinnis (Columbus State University), Bill Nelson (Augusta State University), Betty Paulk (Valdosta State University), John Wilcox (University of Georgia), and Barbara Winters, Chair (University of Georgia).

In addition, ACRL President Larry Hardesty spoke on the "Attitudes of Classroom Faculty Towards the Library" at a Chapter-sponsored presentation attended by 117 librarians. In total, the Chapter sponsored five programs at the Georgia Library Association Annual Conference.

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Carolyn A. Sheehy (North Central College) received the 1999 Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year award at the Illinois Library Association Annual Conference in October. Ms. Sheehy is the Director of Library Services at North Central College, and is active in professional associations both at the state and national level. The award recognizes individuals who excel in leadership and service activities within an academic library and in professional associations. It is sponsored by Ovid Technologies and includes a plaque and a financial award.

The IACRL Conference Planning Committee recently announced the dates and location of the Spring 2000 conference. The conference, entitled "Hot Topics 2000," will be held at the Holiday Inn in Matteson, Illinois, April 13 & 14, 2000. Speakers will address a variety of topics of current interest to academic librarians. The committee is currently soliciting proposals from Illinois librarians for one hour program presentations and for contributed papers.

The April 12 preconference, "Study Hall or Partner in Teaching and Learning?: The Role of the Academic Library Today," is funded by an ACRL Initiative Fund grant. Deborah Grimes will be the keynote speaker.

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Iowa

The ACRL Chapter of the Iowa Library Association held its executive board elections in October. Taking the reins for ILA/ACRL in the year 2000 will be Ed Goedecken (Iowa State University) as President. Jane Campagna (Scott Community College) is Vice President/President Elect. Barb Allen (University of Northern Iowa) is Secretary/Treasurer.

ILA/ACRL Committee Chairs and Committee Members can be located on the newly updated ILA/ACRL web site <<http://www.iren.net/acrl>> at <<http://www.iren.net/acrl/organization/people/9899.html>>. To locate librarians at universities, colleges, and community colleges throughout Iowa simply visit the online ILA/ACRL Directory at <<http://www.iren.net/acrl/directory/1999/1999directory.html>>.

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Kansas

“Lib2K: Building Bridges, Opening Doors” was the theme for the Fall Conference of the College and University Libraries Section of the Kansas Library Association held October 14-15 in Topeka, KS.

The two day conference featured Earl Lee (Pittsburg State University), author of *Libraries in the Age of Mediocrity*, as the Keynote Speaker. Lee commented on problems facing libraries and the challenges he believes are posed to our culture by numerous forces. Luncheon speaker was Burdett Loomis, political science professor at the University of Kansas. His lively speech focused on the events and activities of a legislative year. His research resulted in the book *Time, Politics, and Policy: A Legislative Year*.

The General Session was comprised of a panel of Kansas librarians from various libraries who shared their thoughts on what changes may occur in libraries as we go into the 21st century. Concurrent sessions included eleven presentations from academic librarians around the state. Presiding over the conference was CULS President, Deborah Ludwig, Library Facilitator at Johnson County Community College.

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Kentucky

New officers were elected at our fall business meeting. Carol Nutter (Morehead State University) is President-Elect; Amy Osborne (University of Kentucky) is Secretary; Ruth Kinnersley (Western Kentucky University) is Treasurer; and Marcia Freyman (Lexington Community College) is President.

1999-2000 committee chairs and members are in the process of being selected, and planning is already underway for our Spring meeting which will be held at Jenny Wiley State Park, April 12-14, 2000.

One of our goals this year is to finalize a membership directory, which we hope to have ready by the spring conference.

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Maryland

“What do you mean? I found it on the Web! A discussion of copyright issues in a digital environment”

Copyright issues continue to be an increasing concern for both librarians and content providers. This past September, the Academic and Research Libraries Division of the Maryland Library Association (ARLD) held a program at the East Columbia Branch of the Howard County Public Library to learn more about the practical implications of copyright law for libraries. Mary Volland (Towson University) and Simmona Simmons-Hodo (University of Maryland, Baltimore County) welcomed three speakers: Patricia Wand (American University), Steve Anderson (Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander) and Sayeed Choudhury (Johns Hopkins University).

Through her presentation, Patricia Wand gave an excellent overview of the history of copyright law beginning with Britain’s 1710 Statute of Anne that was an “Act for encouragement of learning.” She then provided details on the current Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998, which

- ▶ Prohibits circumvention of technological protection measures (TPMs);
- ▶ Allows preservation efforts (through digital copying) for libraries;
- ▶ Limits liability of libraries and Online Service Providers (OSPs);
- ▶ Mandates that the Copyright Office study distance education issues.

Ms. Wand closed her presentation with the admonishment that: “A career in librarianship means living in the fast lane.”

Steve Anderson, a librarian and lawyer specializing in copyright issues, emphasized that the current criteria for fair use are difficult to apply in the digital environment. He believes that instead, there will be five other legal and technical means to enforce intellectual property rights in cyberspace including: licensing, database protection, automated rights management, icopyright.com and trademarks.

Sayeed Choudhury, Head of the Digital Knowledge Center, discussed copyright issues including Comprehensive Access to Print Materials (CAPM), scanning of materials at off-site shelving facilities, and electronic reserves issues with Adobe’s new ContentGuard initiative. Choudhury also discussed the Levy Sheet Music Collection on the Web which has to be modified due to the Copyright Term Extension Bill of 1998.

The following ARLD discussion, "Print?? CDs?? Online?? How do libraries choose in tight financial times?" was held Friday November 12, 1999 at the Beneficial-Hodson Boathouse, St. Johns College, Annapolis MD.

Other ARLD events will include:

- ▶ Digitizing Special Collections: What are the advantages and what is lost? Anne Arundel Community College Friday January 7, 2000. Snow Date: January 14, 2000.
- ▶ Psychology of the Web: Providing Quality Distance Services. Friday March 24, 2000.

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Nebraska

The Nebraska Chapter of ACRL has had an eventful year. October 20-22, 1999 was the annual Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Nebraska Chapter sponsored two well-attended programs during the conference. "Internet Policies in Libraries: A Panel Discussion" featured representatives from across the state, from public, academic and school libraries, and from the ACLU, to discuss issues related to Internet access in libraries. The two-part session included presentations and discussion, and was attended by 75 people, approximately 20% of those in attendance at conference. The Chapter also sponsored a presentation "The Future of Education for Librarianship," by Dr. Barbara Moran, Professor and former Dean of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill library school. Dr Moran's thought provoking presentation was also well attended. In addition, the Chapter helped sponsor the Thursday, keynote speaker Ted McCain, a futurist with the Thornberg Center. Mr McCain's presentation was unique and energizing and listed by many conference participants as one of the best keynotes they had ever heard.

The Chapter is gearing up for a new year with new officers. In addition to an update of our by-laws and a spring meeting, one of the topics at hand is a potential membership drive for both the Chapter and ACRL. Membership in the Chapter has been dropping, and very few of our chapter members belong to ACRL. If you have membership drive ideas that work, send them our way!

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New England

The Chapter held its fall conference on November 19th at the Boston Public Library. Our interest groups have planned and enjoyed several other excellent programs this fall. The Worcester Women's History Project (WWHP) commemorates and reclaims the heritage of the first National Women's Rights Convention, held in Worcester, MA, on October 23-24, 1850. On October 29, 1999 the ACRL/NEC Women's Studies Interest Group met on the campus of Assumption College in Worcester to learn more about the WWHP, which will be holding a reenactment of the convention in October 2000. Holy Cross Sociology Professor Carolyn Howe introduced the WWHP, its goals and missions, and gave a slide show on the 1850 convention. Assumption College History Professor John McClymer, who is the author of a book on the 1850 convention, showed Women's Studies Interest Group members what resources were available on the WWHP Web site <<http://www.assumption.edu/WWHP/index.html>>.

The Business Librarians' Interest Group Fall Program was held at Bentley College in Waltham, MA on Wednesday, December 1st. The topic was "New England Economic Information." Speakers were Leonard Lardaro, of the New England Economic Project and Professor of Economics at the University of Rhode Island, and Yolanda Kodrzycki, Assistant Vice President and Economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

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New Jersey

The ACRL New Jersey Chapter is celebrating the millennium with a membership forum on Electronic Reference at Camden County College in January and another on New Library System Migrations at Monmouth University in March.

In December, the User Education Committee held a workshop on Information Literacy at Union County College. Workshop facilitators were Margaret Deng, Mark Gracifo and Deborah Sheesley, who participated in the Summer Immersion Program at SUNY, Plattsburgh. It is hoped that this workshop will serve as a springboard to the possibility of bringing an Immersion Program on Information Literacy to New Jersey some time in the future. The User Education Committee is also planning a conference on distance education focus-

ing on instructional issues, to be held at Caldwell College during their spring break, some time between March 20th and 30th.

The New Jersey Chapter is planning a number of special events and programs, hosted by the Technology Committee and the Research Committee, at the New Jersey Library Association Spring Conference. This year, the conference theme is: "Libraries Build Communities." It will be held at the Cherry Hill Hilton in Cherry Hill, NJ from April 26-28th.

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The ACRL/NY Annual Symposium, "Libraries and Technology: For Better or For Worse," was held at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan on November 12, 1999. The keynote speakers were: Dr. Edward Tenner, an independent writer and consultant and author of *Why Things Bite Back: Technology and the Revenge of Unintended Consequences*, and Dr. David Magier, Bibliographer of East Asian Area Studies at Columbia University Libraries and an Internet training consultant. Panelists were: Dr. Peter Liebscher, Dean, School of Library and Information Science of Catholic University of America; Dr. Cerise Oberman, Dean, Library and Information Services of SUNY at Plattsburgh; Dr. Marie Radford, Associate Professor, Pratt Institute; and Dr. Jay Schafer, Director, Library and Information Services, Bay Path College. Prof. Tian Zhang is the 1999 ACRL/NY Symposium Chair. Lois Cherepon moderated the afternoon session. A Symposium report with additional details will appear in the next issue of *Chapter Topics*.

The ACRL/NY New York City Chapter sponsored a tour of the research library of the American Museum of Natural History on November 1, 1999. Those in attendance met for a dutch treat lunch, followed by an afternoon tour conducted by AMNH reference librarian, Michelle Anastasia. The tour included information on the history of the museum and the library, a description of library services, and a look at some of the library's rare books. NYC Chapter Chair, Mary Habstritt coordinated the event.

The Education/Curriculum Materials Center Librarians Interest Group of ACRL/NY met at the Milbank Memorial Library, Teacher's College,

Columbia University on November 19, 1999. The topic was collaboration and outreach activities for curriculum materials centers. Harriet Hagenbruch is the Chair of the Interest Group.

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Plans are underway for our spring meeting which will be held May 5th in Fargo, North Dakota. Through the ACRL Chapters Speakers Bureau program, the ACRL Board of Directors granted our request to have President-elect, Betsy Wilson (2002) Associate Director of Libraries/Public Services, University of Washington, Seattle, attend our spring meeting. Specific details will be developed by the new chair-elect who will assume office after the annual election in November.

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Ohio

The Academic Library Association of Ohio celebrated its 25th anniversary on November 12th. ALA President Sarah Long gave a dynamic speech. The conference ended with a Silver Jubilee Gala. Members enjoyed cake and ice cream while students from the Ohio State University School of Music provided music.

The ALAO Legislative Team was successful in applying for an ACRL Initiative Fund which will be used for a "State House Connect Day". Members will be invited to spend a day in Columbus to learn more about the legislative process and to speak with their state representatives.

ALAO, the Kent School of Library and Information Science and OhioLINK are co-sponsoring in ACRL Institute for Information Literacy (IIL) in June 2000. This program will mirror the inaugural Immersion '99 program that was held at Plattsburgh State University of New York in July 1999. Academic librarians from around Ohio will be invited to attend.

Finally, the membership ratified sweeping changes to the organization's constitution in November 1999. These changes reflect the growth of the organization and will position us well for the new millennium.

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Oregon

The ACRL-Oregon membership meeting was held during the combined ACRL-Oregon/Washington meeting on October 28, 1999 at the Pack Forest camp in Washington state. Past President Anne Fox ran the meeting. The chapter discussed ACRL-Oregon's presence at OLA 2000, the annual conference of the Oregon Library Association, April 5-7 at the Portland Airport Sheraton. ACRL will sponsor or co-sponsor three conference programs: a program on assessment of services; New Learners/New Libraries, co-sponsored with the Oregon Educational Media Association, and Librarians at Bootcamp (a discussion of ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy Immersion program), co-sponsored with OLA's Library Instruction Round Table. In addition, the Documents Interest Group of Oregon and ACRL will be jointly sponsoring a preconference on the new census for beginners. Arlene Weible (aweible@willamette.edu) is the contact person for this program.

ACRL National awarded the chapter a grant of about \$1000.00 to conduct a program concerning consortia in libraries today. However, the time of the fall conference did not meet ACRL's guidelines for receiving the award: the program had to have happened and had to have been reported by September 1st. The executive board decided against scheduling the consortia program in an event separate from the fall conference and the OLA preconference. The board will instead decline the grant and reapply for it in the spring.

Bonnie Allen was the representative to OLA's Continuing Education Stakeholders meeting October 21 in Salem. She reported that there was general satisfaction with the variety of programs available; however, there is a need to extend opportunities beyond the Willamette Valley. There is a summary of the Continuing Education Committee's activities on the OLA web site

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South Carolina

Dr. Celia Rabinowitz, Director of Media, Instructional and Public Services, St. Mary's College of Maryland, spoke at the South Carolina ACRL Chapter program at the Annual Conference of the South Carolina Library Association, held December 1-3 on Hilton Head, SC. Dr. Rabinowitz's theme was: "Libraries are in the Education Business:

Making Libraries and Librarians Count on Campus." In her program, Dr Rabinowitz discussed effective ways to promote the library and its services to the faculty on campus, and approaches that can lead to successful and rewarding relationships with all members of the academic community.

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Tennessee

The Tennessee Chapter held its annual Fall Conference on October 21, 1999 at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN, attracting about 80 participants. The theme of the conference was "The Power of Partnerships." This theme built on and extended topics of previous conferences that had explored partnerships between libraries and computer centers and between librarians and teaching faculty. This year, the focus was on collaborative efforts between various types of libraries on the local, state and regional levels. The celebration of the power of partnerships was especially timely because Tenn-Share, the multi-type consortium of Tennessee libraries, had just received news of the implementation of the Tennessee Electronic Library (TEL).

The following partnerships were considered: The Tennessee Academic Library Collaborative, the Nashville Area Library Alliance, Tenn-Share, the Scholarly Publishing & Academic Resources Coalition, and IRIS. While addressing specific needs of its respective member libraries, all of these collaborative efforts have in common a two-fold objective, (1) to increase access to information for library patrons and (2) to counteract the exorbitant price increases, especially in the area of journal subscriptions.

The day of sharing, networking, and discussion concluded with a tour of the beautiful new MTSU library.

Conference attendees were asked to identify the most pressing issues that librarians will have to face in the future. The following five

issues received the most votes: funding; how to identify, select, and catalog web resources; the library's role in distance education; how to do more with the same number of staff; information literacy.

Other issues were identified, but received fewer votes for top priority. Among those issues were serials inflation, staff training, and database licensing.

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Utah

The ACRL Roundtable of the Utah Library Association (ULA) co-sponsored three sessions at the ULA Annual Conference in Cedar City, UT, on May 13-14, 1999. An expert panel discussed bibliographic instruction for distance education students; Marydee Ojala, editor of *Database Magazine*, gave an excellent seminar on finding business information on the Internet; and Janet Swan Hill of the University of Colorado, Boulder, spoke eloquently on management issues for the new millenium. Plans for the 2000 ULA Annual Conference, to be held in Ogden, UT, on May 18-19, include a panel on cooperative collection development and a presentation on preparing for the digital library.

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Washington

The Washington and Oregon Chapters of ACRL held their twentieth anniversary joint fall conference at the University of Washington's Pack Forest Conference Center, at the base of Mt. Rainier. The theme of the conference was "Assessing Where We've Been and Where We're Going: Academic Librarianship at the Turn of the Century." The first day of the conference was devoted to overviews of where the profession has been and what we might anticipate occurring as we enter into the new century. The speakers included Dr. Larry Hardesty, National ACRL President and Dr. Michael Eisenberg, Director of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Washington. Betsy Wilson, National President-Elect of ACRL moderated the discussion. The second day of the conference was specifically

targeted to accreditation. Michael Herbison, Director of the Library at University of Nebraska at Kearny and Bonnie Allen, Associate University Librarian for Access, Collections, & Technical Services at Oregon State University gave presentations to the participants on issues relating to accreditation and assessment. The chapters also had party replete with music and pumpkin carving to celebrate their twenty years of meeting together.

The Washington Chapter is in the process of determining whether or not to incorporate or to become an Interest Group of the Washington Library Association. In the next month, the chapter will discuss the merits of either choice, and then vote in early 2000. A nominating committee was selected consisting of Carol Green (University of Washington) and Margaret Fast (Western Washington University). The chapter also selected a new newsletter editor Kathleen Forsythe (University of Washington at Seattle) and Brenda Phillip (University of Washington at Tacoma) as the web master.

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development of a "What is Chapters Council?" brochure. This process should also serve to help orient our new members to Chapters Council.

Please plan now to ensure that your chapter is represented at the Chapters Council meeting and the Candidates Forum. If your chapter officers cannot attend, another designated representative is welcome to join us.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio on January 16th.

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**Next Deadline for
Chapter Topics:
April 21st**