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## Message from the Chapters Council Chair



Dear Chapters Council Members, Mid-winter is just around the corner. I hope that we will be seeing you in

Boston! Please plan to attend the Chapters Council meeting on Sunday morning. It is great opportunity for you to meet with the ACRL president and the administrative staff and talk to them personally about your state chapters concerns. At this Mid-Winter Conference we will be meeting:

Sunday, January 16  
8:30 to 11AM Westin Copley Place,  
Essex Northeast

Unfortunately, our breakfast sponsor has decided to donate money to another activity within ACRL. We could not find another sponsor at this late date to step in, but hope to rectify the situation for our Annual meeting. We have a full agenda for this meeting, however and it will be an important one for you to attend. So bring your coffee and your takeout and come ready with your questions and your action items. Each chapter is allowed to send two representatives to the Chapters Council meeting and each chapter has one vote.

Immediately following the Chapters Council meeting is the Presidential

Candidates Forum. This is an opportunity for you to meet the candidates for ACRL President, ask them questions, and partake of a free lunch! Many, many thanks to Dawn Thistle and her committee for organizing the Presidential Candidates Forum.

Finally, Mark Emmons (Vice Chair/Chair Elect) has organized a **dine-around for Chapter Council attendees**. Please plan to meet on: Sunday, January 16, 2005 at 7:00 PM Ciao Bella, 240A Newberry Street Boston, MA 02116 617-536-2626 Ciao Bella <http://www.ciaobella.com/>

Mark writes that: "The menu is traditional upscale Italian with multiple vegetarian options. The colleague who recommended it to me described it as Italian food with a very nice atmosphere (not totally formal, but there are white linens on the tables) and a short walk from the conference center (located on trendy Newbury Street). Great, friendly service." Many thanks to Mark for planning this event.

So as you can see Sunday at Mid-Winter will be a busy day! If you have any questions, concerns or items that you would like on the agenda please email me ASAP at [bowman@camden.rutgers.edu](mailto:bowman@camden.rutgers.edu). I am looking forward to seeing you and to an interesting and productive Mid-Winter meeting.

Cordially,  
Vibiana Bowman  
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## Agenda for Chapters Council

**ALA Mid-Winter Boston  
Sunday, January 16 -8:30 to 11AM  
Westin Copley Place, Essex Northeast**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions of Chapters Council Officers and Members
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes from Annual 2004
- IV. Introduction and Remarks from ACRL President and Administrators
- V. Introduction and Remarks from ACRL Vice President/President Elect  
Candidates: Randy Burke Hensley and Pam Snelson
- VI. Overview of the Relationship between National and Chapters
- VII. Chapter Council Action Items for Annual
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. New Business
- X. Old Business
- XI. Adjournment

## New England Chapter to host an ALA Midwinter Dessert Social

Come celebrate the activities and benefits of Chapter involvement at Boston's fabulous Mary Baker Eddy Library! On Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. the New England Chapter will host a social gathering in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor reception room of this landmark library.

<http://www.marybakereddylibrary.org/>.

ACRL/NEC board and special interest group members will welcome current and potential members.

The event is free and open to all ACRL members; however, attendance is limited to 100 people. Please send your RSVP to Colleen Anderson, President, ACRL/NEC, at [canderso@bryant.edu](mailto:canderso@bryant.edu), or call her at 401.232.6299.

## Presidential Candidate's Forum and Luncheon Sunday, January 16, 2005 11:30am - 1:30pm

Hear Pamela Snelson and Randy Burke Hensley, the official candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect, speak at the ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum on Sunday, January 16, 2005, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., during the Midwinter Meeting in Boston.

Snelson is the college librarian at Franklin & Marshall College. Hensley is the public services division head at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

The forum, organized by the ACRL Chapters Council, will be followed by a light lunch, sponsored by EBSCO Information Services.

**ACRL @ Midwinter Meeting  
ACRL Workshops in Boston  
January 14, 2005**

Register online at [www.ala.org/midwinter](http://www.ala.org/midwinter).

- \* Assessment in higher education: applying the new ACRL standards
- \* Getting teacher/faculty attention for information literacy: new practical approaches (wait list only now)
- \* Reinventing libraries for the 21st century
- \* Statistics for librarians

**Midwinter Discussion Group  
Topics**

**Academic Library Outreach:** Sunday, January 16, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Topic: *Real-Life Outreach Programs*

**Alliances for New Directions in Teaching/Learning:** Sunday, January 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Topic: *Literature of Collaboration: The Wilder Collaboration Factors Inventory*

**Australian – Canadian – New Zealand Studies:** Sunday, Jan. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

**Consumer and Family Studies:** Sunday, January 16, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Topic: *How do the "Design and Applied Arts Index" and the "SAGE Full-Text Collections" apply to CAFS related research?*

**Electronic Reserves:** Sun., Jan. 16, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

**Electronic Text Centers:** Saturday, January 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Fee-Based Information Service Centers in Academic Libraries:** Saturday, January 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Topic: *The Future of Fee-Based Services in Libraries*

**Heads of Public Services:** Saturday, January 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Topic: *The Implementation, Assessment and Evaluation of In-person and Virtual Reference*

**Library and Information Science Collections:** Sunday, Jan. 16, 8:00-9:00 a.m.  
**Topic:** *The Feasibility of Exchanging Duplicate Journal Issues*

**Library Development:** Sunday, January 16, 8:30-11:00 a.m.  
Topic: *Fund-raising and Alumni Relations*

**Media Resources:** Sunday, January 16, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Topic: *Here We Go Again: Adventures in Acquiring DVDs for our Patrons*

**MLA International Bibliography in Academic Libraries:** Saturday, January 15, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Topic: *MLA Interface Search-Off*

**Partnership Libraries:** Sunday, January 16, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Personnel Administrators & Staff Development Officers:** Sat., January 15, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Philosophical, Religious, and Theological Studies:** Sunday, January 16, 4:30- 5:30 p.m.  
Topic: *Collection Development in Bioethics*

**Popular Cultures:** Sunday, Jan. 16, 4:30-5:30 pm Topic: *Mining for Musical Gold: Popular Music Research on the Web*

**Regional Campus Libraries:** Sunday, January 16, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Topic: *Who? What? How? and Where do we go from here? A development plan for future increased awareness, collaboration, and possible research endeavors.*

**Scholarly Communication:** Sunday, January 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.  
Topic: *A discussion of the topics raised during the ACRL/SPARC Forum*

**Sports and Recreation:** Saturday, January 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Topic: *Collection Development Issues in Sport: Business and Management*

**Team-Based Organization:** Saturday, January 15, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Topic: *Team and Individual Performance Assessment in a Team-based Environment*

## Professional Development @ ACRL

Save the dates for these distinctive events.

Complete details are online at  
[www.ala.org/acrl/events](http://www.ala.org/acrl/events)

**e-learning:** All Users Are Local - Bringing the Library Next Door to the Campus Worldwide February 7-25, 2005

### Rare Books & Manuscripts Section Preconference

"Bridging the Gap: Education & Special Collections."  
Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, Missouri - June 21-24, 2005

**ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute**  
Harvard University, Cambridge,  
Massachusetts - August 7-12, 2005

## ACRL 12th National Conference "Currents & Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change" Minneapolis, Minnesota April 7-10, 2005

The conference will focus on the increased emphasis on interdisciplinary research and technology, which has librarians constantly "Navigating the Rivers of Change" to provide information access that connects people and resources in new ways. Early bird registration ends February 7, 2005. Group discounts are also available. Register today!

### ACRL is offering seven pre-conferences in Minneapolis on April 7, 2005.

- \* Assessment in Academic Libraries: Using ACRL Standards for Continuous Evaluation
- \* Born with a Chip: Making Libraries relevant to the Millennials!
- \* Copyright in the Library: Finally, a Reality Show for the Squeamish
- \* Information Literacy in the Disciplines: Librarian/Faculty Collaboration for 21st Century Research Skills
- \* Institutional Digital Repository @ Your Library?
- \* Sharon Hogan Management Symposium
- \* ARL Preconference - Outcome Assessment tools for the Library of the Future: measuring Service Quality (LibQUAL + (TM)) and the Impact of Networked Electronic Services (MINES)

**Additional details about these pre-conferences, including presenter information, learning outcomes and registration details and materials are available online at [www.acrl.org/minneapolis](http://www.acrl.org/minneapolis).**

## ACRL Board of Directors to Vote on Dues Increase

At the June 2004 Annual Meeting, the ACRL Board of Directors passed a resolution, at the recommendation of Budget and Finance Committee, to consider a dues increase for certain categories of ACRL membership.

A variety of factors contributed to the development of the resolution, including the following:

Although the “cost of doing business” has risen steadily over the past 15 years, ACRL has not raised member dues since 1991. Therefore, the dues revenue collected from each member has failed to keep pace with natural increases in operating expenses due to inflation.

Advertising revenue from ACRL publications has decreased over the past few years and is not projected to rebound in the foreseeable future. Advertising revenue helps subsidize many member services including programs at the ALA Annual Conference, section newsletters, and committee activities such as standards development, awards, as well as recent major initiatives in the areas of scholarly communication and information literacy. The dues increase will help offset the reduction in advertising revenue and ensure that important ACRL programs and services receive the funding they need.

Development of new programs and services that add value to membership will require funding. As outlined in our recently adopted strategic plan, in the coming years ACRL will be developing additional programs and

services that assist members in the areas of technology, delivery of services, standards development and implementation, issues papers, and local and national advocacy as requested in the recent member survey. The dues increase will provide necessary funding to make immediate progress on these important initiatives.

After reviewing several options, the Budget and Finance Committee determined that a dues increase would be the best funding mechanism to provide the necessary capital to sustain ACRL's quality publications, continuing education programs, awards, standards development, and advocacy initiatives.

The proposed dues increase for personal members of ACRL is \$20, bringing annual dues to \$55. Student and retiree members will experience no dues increase at present. The Board plans to vote on adopting the resolution at its Midwinter Meeting in January. If the motion passes, a ballot to approve the dues increase will be distributed to all members in the spring of 2005. One option the Board will consider is whether to phase in the increase over two years, i.e., the dues would increase to \$45 in year one and to \$55 in year two. The Board of Directors would like to hear from you as they consider this important decision. The first Board meeting at the Midwinter Meeting will include a 30-minute question and answer session in which we encourage you to participate. You may also contact individual board members (see the roster on the Web at <http://www.ala.org/acrl>, click on “About ACRL,” then “ACRL Board of Directors,” and “ACRL Board of Directors Roster”) at your convenience to share your comments, questions, and ideas. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued support of ACRL.

## NEW PROGRAM: YOUR RESEARCH COACH

**The Research for College Librarianship Committee of the ACRL College Libraries Section** announces a new program to help academic librarians achieve success with publication and conference presentation opportunities. "Your Research Coach" matches an experienced author or presenter with a colleague who can benefit from a seasoned colleague's advice.

The Coach and the Research Partner will work together, most likely by email or telephone, although in-person meetings may also be possible, depending on location. It is possible that a Research Partner may obtain assistance from more than one coach on a single project. For example, one coach may help with statistical methods, while another could provide editing help. A goal of the program is to create a support system that enables Research Partners to get assistance from a network of experienced authors and presenters, and possibly from each other.

The scope of work that the Coaches and the Research Partners engage in may take various forms. Some may work through an entire research project from defining a topic to producing a published article. Other Research Partners may need only narrow, more limited assistance, such as assistance in proof-reading a manuscript or selecting a journal for submission of a manuscript. Further details and forms to become a research partner or coach can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/collegelibraries/collprogdisc/researchcoach.htm> For more information, contact Rick Hart at [rlh@psulias.psu.edu](mailto:rlh@psulias.psu.edu) or Rob Lenholt at [rlenholt@stetson.edu](mailto:rlenholt@stetson.edu).

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### COLORADO

**"Libraries - All that Jazz"**, the joint conference of Colorado Association of Libraries and Mountain Plains Library Association, was held in Denver on Oct. 21-24. The Colorado Academic Library Association (CoALA) was a joint sponsor of the day-long pre-conference **"Making Friends and Influencing People: Turning Library Connections into Library Supporters."** The featured speaker was Sally Reed, the Executive Director of Friends of Libraries U.S.A. (FOLUSA), a national membership organization of more than 2,000 Friends groups, libraries, and individuals representing hundreds of thousand of library supporters.

Other programs of interest included "Trends in Higher Education"; "Making Sure You are Still the Heart of the Campus"; "Information Literacy Instruction Online"; "Collection Analysis with Circulation Data"; "Evaluating and Assessing Library Instruction"; "Knowledge Management"; "Primary Sources Online"; "Academic Librarians and Non-traditional Research"; "Promoting Library Services in Distance Education"; and the "MPLA Academic Section Professional Forum" where colleagues from throughout the Mountain Plains region met to present findings from their own research and development activities. In addition, several of the Poster Sessions were presented by academic librarians.

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## Florida

The Florida ACRL Chapter is also the Academic Libraries Section of the Florida Library Association. The Florida Chapter welcomes our new Vice President/President Elect, **Andrew Pearson**, Director of the Roux Library at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, FL.

The fall workshop, **“Visions for Change!”** was held in Orlando on October 29, 2004. Sixty people participated, and the workshop received very positive reviews.

The program began with **ACRL President Frances Maloy**, Emory University, Atlanta. Ms. Maloy discussed **“Creativity as a Leadership Strategy in Changing Times,”** and pointed out that clear vision is the motivation for organizational design and change.

**Gail Oltmanns**, Associate Dean for Organizational Development at the Washington University Libraries, St. Louis, and **Jim Self**, Director of Management Information Services at the University of Virginia Library, Charlottesville, spoke on, **“Using the Balanced Scorecard as a Change Tool.”** This presentation focused on the Balanced Scorecard, a collection of carefully selected performance indicators.



Ms. Oltmanns and Mr. Self discussed the practical implications of using this tool to effect change and develop staff in an academic library.

**Dale Canelas**, Director of University Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, shared her thoughts on

**“Transitions in Florida Academic Libraries,”**



and what librarians can do to assist the process of change. Her examples were based on the substantial changes that the University of Florida Libraries have experienced during the past year, including closing the main library for renovation, relocating 81 staff members and more than 2 million volumes, and changing the library’s information and administrative systems.

The final presentation was an upbeat look at **“Myths and Tips for Successful Change,”** by **Tim May**, Organization Development Consultant, TPM



Enterprises, LLC. Change is not as mysterious as most people think, and Mr. May encouraged participants to explore how change can be used to our advantage.

The spring workshop will be held during the annual Florida Library Association Conference in Jacksonville, April 11-14, 2005. The conference theme is **“Common Threads: Preserving Our Cultural Heritage.”** For more information about the Florida Chapter, visit the FACRL web site at <http://facrl.fcla.edu>.

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## GEORGIA

The Academic Library Division of the Georgia Library Association/ Georgia ACRL Chapter met at the GLA annual conference, October 13-15, 2004. The conference was held in Athens, GA and was a joint one with the Georgia Council of Media Organizations. The conference theme was:  $L=A^4$   
***Libraries=Academics, Achievement, Access, Athens.***

### The Chapter sponsored the following program events at the conference:

1. "Georgia Academic and Research Library Building Project Round-Up."  
Presenters: Charles Forrest (Emory University), Ann Hamilton (Georgia Southern University), and Shawn Tonner (Reinhardt College)

Three academic librarians discussed new facilities in academic and research libraries, and introduced exciting new developments which are just down the road.

2. Academic Library Division Luncheon. Frances Maloy, ACRL President, was the luncheon speaker.

Frances Maloy spoke on the topic, **"Creativity as a Leadership Strategy in**

**Times of Change."** She enumerated the many pressures to change the libraries and higher education institutions in which we serve. She suggested several ways to deal with these pressures such as: being open to new ideas and the data all around us; assessing the level of interest of the administration and the resources available; being realistic to use the resources we now



have and identifying the new resources we will need; and starting over—building service from scratch by envisioning an ideal outcome that will generate energy and cause others to join with us.

Finally she challenged academic librarians to listen carefully, watch closely, ask open-ended questions, and to think about what is possible. She recommended that we ask the question, "What can be?" rather than "What should to be?"

Best paper awards were presented to:



Rick Stoddart and Adrienne Lee for, **"Paradoxical Views of 'Librarian' in the Rhetoric of Library Science Literature: A Fantasy Theme Analysis."** (Cash award presented by Blackwell's Book Services)

Charles Forrest for, **"Segmenting the Library Market: Reaching Out to the User Community by Reaching across the Organization."** (Cash award presented by EBSCO Information Services)



3. "New Multi-Type Academic Library Standards." Presenters: William N. (Bill) Nelson (Augusta State University) and Robert W. Fernekes (Georgia Southern University)

The program explained the provisions of the 2004 ACRL *Standards for Libraries in Higher Education*, recommended methods of compliance with the outcomes assessment requirements, discussed the implication for GA academic libraries, and discussed the



relationship of the ACRL standards to Southern Association and other standards.

#### 4. "Special Needs of Library Users."

Presenter: Ravonne Green (Valdosta State University)

The program focused on the common needs, problems, and challenges of special needs users with disabilities.

5. Presented Papers. Catherine Lee (chair of the selection committee), facilitator.

a. "Just Getting a Degree," Susan C. Curtis (University of Georgia)

b. "Segmenting the Library Market: Reaching Out to the User Community by Reaching across the Organization," Charles Forrest (Emory University)

c. "One Library's Response to and Recovery from Being Cut from The First Year Experience," Jennifer R. Inglis (Piedmont College)

d. "Paradoxical Views of 'Librarian' in the Rhetoric of Library Science Literature: A Fantasy Theme Analysis," Rick Stoddart (Georgia Southwestern State University) and Adrienne Lee (University of Southern Mississippi)

e. "Institutional Repository Planning and Development at the Georgia Institute of Technology," Tyler O. Walters (Georgia Institute of Technology)

6. "Measuring What Counts for Promotion and Tenure." Presenters: Fred Smith, Jocelyn Poole, and Bob Fernekes (Georgia Southern University)

This session provided academic librarians a chance to compare their views with that of their colleagues concerning how much value they place on various service and scholarship activities for promotion and tenure.

7. "The Advent of the Information/ Learning Commons: A Report on Georgia Tech Library's Two-year Experience." Presenter: Crit Stuart (Georgia Tech)

Stuart gave a behind-the-scenes assessment of Georgia Tech Library's on-going experiment, in partnership with other campus units, to evolve and sustain an information / learning commons.

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## INDIANA

The Indiana Academic Library Association's Continuing Education/Program Committee has been busy preparing for the Indiana Library Federation's Annual Conference "**Beyond Survival: Meeting the Challenge of the Future Today**" to be held in Indianapolis, March 22-24, 2005. The Committee, chaired by Scott Opasik, Indiana University, South Bend, submitted the following sessions for the conference:

**Institutional Digital Repositories: Organizing, Disseminating, and Preserving your Institution's Collective Research /** Kristi Palmer, Indiana University Purdue University and Emily Dill, Indiana University Purdue University Columbus

This program will dissect IUPUI University Library's experiences in implementing DSPACE, an open-source institutional digital repository software product.

**National Security Policy--Resources and Issues** / Bert Chapman, Purdue University; Lou Malcomb, Indiana University-Bloomington

This presentation will demonstrate how to access resources from agencies such as the Defense Department, Department of Homeland Security, intelligence agencies, congressional oversight committees, and congressional support agencies such as the General Accounting Office.

**Using International Government Information Web Sites for Reference Services in Academic Libraries** / Andrea Morrison, Indiana University Bloomington

The speaker will highlight free, frequently used Web sites and resources for a virtual reference shelf.

**Professional Development: Off the Beaten Path** / Carole Gall, Indiana University School of Medicine Libraries; Jill Lichtsinn, Manchester College Library; Dr. Philip H. Young, University of Indianapolis

The speakers for this session have taken professional development to the next step. One studied fund raising during a sabbatical and put together a gift development plan. Another wrote a book, and the third has completed a second master's in instructional systems technology. Come hear them talk about how these experiences affected them and why it is important to venture off the beaten path.

**Project Counter - a coordinated solution to statistical reporting** / James Mouw, University of Chicago Library  
The COUNTER standards call for a simple set of core statistics, with the participating publishers being audited for compliance. James Mouw, a member of the COUNTER International Advisory Board, will present the

standard, discuss the present status of publisher compliance, and talk about plans for the future.

**Beyond Door No 1: Offering Multiple Opportunities for Library Instruction** / Susan Metcalf, University of Southern Indiana; Philip Orr, University of Southern Indiana; Dr. Kevin Valadares, Nursing and University of Southern Indiana  
This multimedia presentation demonstrates the results of collaborative efforts between USI librarians, faculty and administrative staff to develop and promote online library instruction. Several pilot projects, attempting to address multiple issues (content, pedagogy, access, technology, audience, and assessment), will be discussed.

**As Seen On TV: Marketing the Information Services of an Academic Library** / Tiff Adkins, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

Getting the word out about information services can be a daunting task. Discover how one academic library used a less-traditional method and created a short video advertising their information services on cable television.

**Creating a New Generation of Online Information Literacy Tutorials: Strategies for Non-Techies** / Julie Moline, Butler University

This presentation shares the customization journey by an individual who began adapting without any technical experience. IUPUI's "Inflite," adapts portions of TILT and Western Michigan's Searchpath. Other advice and strategies for future customizers will be shared.

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## IOWA

The Iowa Library Association Annual Conference entitled **“From River to River: Libraries Build Community”** was held on October 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 in Sioux City, Iowa. Katherine de la Pena McCook,



Distinguished University Professor from the University of South Florida, gave a keynote address as well as a session on **“Community Building through Cultural Heritage.”** The second keynote address **“Building Community one Hello at a Time”** by Pat Wagner of Pattern Research, Denver, Colorado, was another program centered on community building.

ILA/ACRL co-sponsored two concurrent sessions: **“All Hands on Deck: Community and the First-Year Experience”** with Mary Stuart Hunter, Director of the National Resource Center for the First-Year-Experience and Students in Transition, University of South Carolina. Mary Stuart Hunter is pictured to the left with the vice-president/  
president-elect of ILA/ACRL, Kathy Parsons.

**“It Takes a Village: Iowa Libraries Build Community”** was the second concurrent session co-sponsored by ILA/ACRL and this program provided a chance to respond to issues raised by Mary Stuart Hunter’s session. Andi Beckendorf, Luther College, Decorah, Jane Campagna, Scott Community College, Bettendorf, and Mary Heinzman, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, led the panel discussion.

ILA/ACRL’s Spring Conference will be held May 20<sup>th</sup>, in Ames, Iowa and has a title of

**“Academic Libraries: Cornerstones for Communities.”** More information will be added to the site:

<http://www.iren.net/acrl/conference/2005/index.html> as the date approaches.

The Iowa ACRL Chapter Annual Report can be located at <http://www.iren.net/acrl/reports/annualrpt0304.html> - please take a look to see what else the Iowa chapter has accomplished this past year!

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## KENTUCKY

The Academic Library Section of the Kentucky Library Association and ACRL Kentucky Chapter co-sponsored a pre-conference with the KLA Library Instruction Roundtable at KLA Annual Conference, September 15-18, 2004. Dr. Patricia Senn Breivik, Dean of the University Library of San José State University, presented the preconference, **“Library Instruction: We're All In It Together.”** She shared her expertise on information literacy history and future directions, and lead stimulating discussions on ways libraries across the state can work together to achieve common goals in library instruction. The Chapter also sponsored her all conference session, **“Strategies for Developing Collaboration and Partnerships Between Academic Librarians and Teaching Faculty.”** Dr. Breivik challenged attendees to return to their campuses and find ways to engage in cooperative efforts with teaching faculty who are concerned with the outcomes of student learning.

Plans are underway for the spring conference, **“Visibility for Libraries : Communicating Our Vision,”** April 13-15, 2005, at Lake Barkley State Resort Park, jointly planned

with the KLA Special Libraries Section and the Special Libraries, Kentucky Chapter.

Carolyn Tassie, Transylvania University, was recognized at the KLA Annual Conference as the Outstanding Academic Library for 2003-04.

The 2004-05 slate of officers are: Chair-Elect/Vice-Chair: Mary Margaret Lowe, Georgetown College; Secretary: Shelley Burgett, Somerset Community College; and Treasurer: Peggy Flaherty, Eastern Kentucky University.

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## MICHIGAN

The Academic and Research Libraries Division of the Michigan Library Association continue to remain very active within Michigan's academic Community. At the Annual Conference of the Association we offered four very successful programs: **“Jobs Not Taught in Library School”**; **“Chaos in Scholarly Communication”**;

(Pictured on the left are panelists Karen Liston,



Wayne State University; Dr. Michael Seadle, Michigan State University; Linda Shirato, Eastern Michigan University)

**“Structuring Outside of the Box”**; and **“Collaborating to Improve Library Services for Online Learners”**.

We featured Marshall Keyes at our Annual Academic Lunch who spoke on the topic of **“Challenging Changes for Academic Libraries:**



**economics, technologies, ‘n’ more”**. The Division continued to sponsor the conference poster session.

The Division has scheduled the annual Academic Librarians Day for May 9, 2005 at Central Michigan University. Our theme **“Lost and Found in Translation”** will feature programs on ways to handle problem situations with staff and patrons and a program on cross cultural communication. We also plan to feature Michigan librarians who have recently traveled to foreign countries to talk about their experiences and also Michigan librarians from foreign countries who will talk about the cultural differences they have experienced.

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## MINNESOTA

The Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Minnesota Library Association (MLA), which is also the Minnesota Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), held its spring conference on **“Academic Library Values”** on April 30, 2004 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum.

The day kicked off with a keynote presentation by Ken Frazier of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, speaking on the topic of academic library values and scholarly communication. Participants had an opportunity to view seven poster sessions on a variety of topics. The four afternoon sessions provided the record 150+ attendees from private and public, 2 and 4-year institutions from around the state an opportunity to focus on an area of interest:

**Has Your Reference Collection Gone Virtual? Collecting and Promoting Your Reference Collection in 2004**

*Angi Faiks, Macalester College; Kathryn Fuller, University of Minnesota Duluth; Jim Kapoun, Minnesota State University, Mankato*

**We Can Play Well Together: Collection Development & Collaboration Between Librarians, Faculty, and Students**

*Marcia Pankake, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities; Anna Hulseberg, Gustavus Adolphus College*

**Collaboration & Collection Development in Print & Electronic Environments**

*Terri Fishel, Macalester College; Kris MacPherson, St. Olaf College; Kathy Tezla, Carleton College; Yunshan Ye, St. Olaf College*

**The Googlization of Library Values**

*James Caufield, St. Cloud State University; Robin Ewing, St. Cloud State University; Jim Newsome, College of St. Catherine; Heather Tompkins, Carleton College*

Attendees also had the opportunity to tour the Arboretum's Andersen Horticultural Library and stroll through the grounds of the Arboretum.

The ARLD was pleased to sponsor a variety of sessions at the Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference from October 6-8, 2004, on the shores of beautiful Lake Superior in Duluth. ARLD sessions included the following:

**Creating A Welcoming Learning Environment**

*Charlotte Knoche and Geruth Buetow, Concordia University, St. Paul*

**FRBR and the Online Catalog: Examples From the RedLightGreen Project**

*Stephen Hearn, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities; Jody L. Gray, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*

**Students as Information Consumers: What They "Buy" and Why**

*Michelle Twait, Gustavus Adolphus College*

**USA Patriot Act and Your Library**

*Sue Gray and Lynn Lucking, College of St. Catherine, MLIS students*

**Can Public and Academic Librarians Share the Same Tent and Still be Happy Campers?**

*Joanna Brookes, St. Paul Public Library; Gina LaForce, St. Paul Public Library; David Barton, Metropolitan State University*

**Discipline-Based Information Literacy: Experiences, Themes, and Recommendations**

*Carolyn Sanford and Mary Savina, Carleton College*

**Why Do Emailers Surf and Blog? Collaborating with Faculty to Teach Information Literacy to Students Who Speak a Different Language**

*Erika Rux and Molly Flaspohler, Concordia College, Moorhead*

**Balancing Civil Liberties with the Need for Effective Investigation**

*Colleen Rowley, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigations; Teresa Nelson, Minnesota Civil Liberties Union*

**Spanish-Language Resources in ELM**

*Beth Staats, Reference Services, MINITEX Library Information Network*

## **The Library's Role in the Changing University**

*Dr. Christine Clements, Dr. Carol Anderson, and Russ Dennison, Winona State University; Jennifer Bruce, University Center Rochester; Samuel Demas, Carleton College*

## **Approval Plans: Program Evolution in the Digital Revolution**

*Victoria Peters, Minnesota State University-Mankato; Laura Dale Bischof, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*

## **Plagiarism: What Should Librarians Do?**

*Belinda E. Lawrence, College of St. Catherine; Jim Newsome, College of St. Catherine; Ruth Zietlow, Metropolitan State University*

At our Annual Business Meeting at MLA, Minnesota State Librarian Suzanne Miller joined us for a lively discussion, and ARLD members discussed upcoming events and initiatives.

## **Upcoming ARLD Events**

### **ACRL National Conference in the Twin Cities, April 7-10, 2005**

The Twin Cities will host ACRL's 12<sup>th</sup> National Conference, "Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change." Look for Minnesota ARLD members at the Local arrangement Hospitality Desk, and as we host the Dinner with Colleagues on April 8.

### **ARLD Dialogues**

During 2005, these informal lunchtime gatherings around the state will focus on issues relevant to librarians interested in instruction and other topics.

ARLD will sponsor @ **Your Library** sessions to help increase awareness and support for libraries.

For further details on these and other ARLD events, go to

<http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/ARLD%20Home2.htm>.

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## **NEW ENGLAND**

### **2005 Spring Conference Program – The Future of Academic Libraries**

ACRL President Frances Maloy of Emory University, Brinley Franklin, library statistics authority and Director of University Libraries at the University of Connecticut, and User Services Architect for the California Digital Library and digital library guru Roy Tennant will be the keynote speakers at the 2005 ACRL/NEC Annual Conference. The Conference will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire. For more details and registration information, see <http://www.acrlnec.org/events.html>.

### **2004 New England Academic Librarian Salary Survey**

The biennial salary survey of librarians in New England four year academic libraries has been conducted for ACRL/NEC by Herb Carson, Associate Professor at the University of Rhode Island's Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The average salary for full-time four-year academic librarians is \$54,963, compared to \$52,049 in the 2002 survey. This is an increase of 5.60% over the two-year period. The median salary of full-time four-year academic librarians is \$51,299. The average number of years of experience for full-time librarians increased from 16.14 in 2002, to 16.93 (S.D.=10.28). The median number of years of experience has increased from 16.00 in 2002 to 18.00 in this survey. Complete survey results are available at <http://www.acrlnec.org/salary>. NEC Chapter Librarian of the Year Award

At the 2004 Annual Conference the first recipient of our Chapter's Librarian of the Year Award was presented to Trini Magi, Reference Librarian from the Bailey/Howe Library at the University of Vermont. Trina was lauded for her activism against Section 215 of the Patriot Act, which allows the FBI to get an order, with minimal justification, to search a library or bookstore for "any tangible things." Trina's letters and public appearances about the Act's assault on privacy prompted Vermont Representative Bernie Sanders to introduce H.R. 1157, a measure that would exempt libraries and bookstores from Section 215. The Librarian of the Year Award selection committee cited "Trina's support of the librarian's code of ethics and her respect of all library users and their right to free inquiry."

The Librarian of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding member of the Association of College and Research Libraries New England Chapter who exemplifies "the essence of outstanding librarianship through a commitment to service, professionalism, and accomplishment in the areas of service, leadership, or innovation. They will have exhibited a dedication to fulfilling the ACRL/NEC mission by furthering the goals, values, and objectives of the organization." Nominations for the 2005 award will be accepted through April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005. For more information see

<http://www.acrlnec.org/lotyaward.html>.

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## NEBRASKA

At the Nebraska Library association/Nebraska Education Media Association 2004 Fall Conference held in Grand Island (October 6-8, 2004), the College & University Section sponsored three programs, and also co-sponsored a program with the Technical Services Round Table:

*Ponca History & Heritage: Ownership of Cultural Information* - Phil Wendzillo, Cultural Director, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska (sponsored by the Humanities Council of Nebraska)

*Outcome Based Evaluation* - Melissa Cast, Reference Librarian, University of Nebraska -Omaha

*National Issues Forum: Involve Your Library*  
Tom Cook, Professor of Criminal Justice and Chuck Power, Associate Professor of Business & Finance, Wayne State College

*Tending Our Fields: Weeding Collections to Make Them Stronger* - Nancy Busch, Associate Dean, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Mary Griffin, Deputy Director, Omaha Public Library; Mary Helms, Associate Director, University of Nebraska Medical Center

A. James Bothmer, Director of Creighton University's Health Sciences Library, received the Section's annual Distinguished Service Award.

Linda Parker (University of Nebraska-Omaha) was awarded a \$500 Research Grant from the Section for her "Douglas County Nebraska Native American Studies" project.

Greg Goessman (University of Nebraska-Omaha) received the Section's first-ever Professional Development Grant (\$250) to support attendance at his first ALA Association Annual Conference.

Our annual spring meeting will be held at Doane College, Crete, NE tentatively scheduled for May 27, 2005.

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## NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Chapter is an active co-sponsor of programs with other library organizations in the state.

The Chapter's User Education Committee with the Educational Media Association of New Jersey, the professional association of school library media specialists in the state, presented a program **Crossing Borders/Making Transitions in Primary, Secondary and Higher Education**. It was held July 12 at Brookdale Community College and had more than 60 participants. The program offered four professional development credits for school librarians. The committee is exploring ways to continue the dialog from this program.

We partnered with VALE, a consortium of 52 academic libraries in New Jersey, for the third year to co-sponsor the Annual VALE Users' Conference on January 6, 2005. The conference theme was "*Issues in Scholarly Information: From Creator to Producer to User.*" Our Keynoter, Robert S. Boynton, Director of the Magazine Journalism Program at New York University <http://www.robertboynton.com> addressed the theme in his talk,

**"The Anarchist in the Library: the Survival of the Copyleft in a Copyright World."** A reaction panel followed and attendees had the opportunity to interact with him in a breakout session.

A new initiative in the planning stages is co-sponsorship with the NJLA Technical Services Section of Poster Sessions at the New Jersey Library Association Annual Conference in April 2005. A Poster Session Workshop was held at Monmouth County Library on November 1.

A web site was created that includes the PowerPoint presentations, photos, and a list of useful print and web resources <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/PosterResources.html>

The Chapter's web site <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/> includes news, committee websites and other information about the chapter's activities

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## OHIO



For ALAO (Academic Library Association of Ohio), each fall the big event is our annual conference. **ALAO at 30: Positioning Our Libraries, Positioning Ourselves** was held November 12, 2004 at the David H. Ponitz Sinclair Center on the campus of Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. Sarah Pritchard, University Librarian, University of California, Santa Barbara, gave the keynote address which was entitled, **Positioning our Future: Being Agile on a Foggy Path.**



This year's conference events included 28 excellent sessions, which ranged in topics from diversity to student supervision to the Patriot Act to several technology issues. The ALAO Annual Conference also offered 18 poster sessions. Since this was the 30<sup>th</sup> conference for ALAO, 30 flash keys were given away in honor of the anniversary. ALAO Secretary Jacky Johnson also exhibited a special ALAO history table. Shown to the left,

**Re-Positioning Our Collections** by Sheryl Pustay and Ann Watson, Denison University, highlights an extremely effective shifting solution developed by Sheryl Pustay.



Learning and networking are a large part of the annual conference. Celebrating our achievements is also a major focus of our yearly gathering.

Shown here is presenter Lois Szudy, past chapter President honoring Ximena Chrisagis, Wright State University, with the Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award. Ximena was honored for her dedication as a long standing and active ALAO member and for her role as membership liaison to her campus. Chrisagis hosts ALAO election parties to encourage colleagues to vote and renew their memberships.



Right is Joyce Laurence, Ohio Wesleyan University, who received the 2004 Ohio Library Outstanding Support Staff Award.



ALAO proudly offers a Minority Student Scholarship Award each year to help support a minority student enrolled in the Kent State University – School of Library and Information Science. The 2004 recipient of the \$1500 scholarship was Hairong Zhu, pictured above.



Shown here is Cindy Kristof, Kent State University, member of the Government Relations Team, encouraging attendees to become a Library Advocate.

Annual conference is also a time when committees share their activities visually with our membership and recruit new members.

Right is Joseph Salem, Kent State University, recipient of the Legislative Travel Award. Linda Dobb, (not pictured) BowlingGreen State University, received the Ohio Library Outstanding Supporter of Support Staff Award.



(Photographs courtesy of Betsy Blankenship, The Ohio State University, Marion/Marion Technical College.)

The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual ALAO Conference will be held next year on November 4, 2005 in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of the conference will be "Setting the Stage: New Roles in the Library." Please visit <http://www.alaoweb.org/05conf/> for more information.

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## OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL along with our co-sponsor, the Oklahoma Chapter of SLA, held a joint Fall conference on November 19, 2004 at Thurman J. White Forum Building and Conference Center at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. The conference theme was “**Being a Successful Librarian in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: How to Address Professional Development Issues in Today’s Job Market**,” and the day’s activities were divided into career planning and career development with two keynote speakers and four breakout sessions.

[Sarah Johnson](#) started the day with the presentation “**Getting the Job You Want: Tips for Job Seekers (With Hints for Employers)**.” As webmaster for *Library Job Postings on the Internet* [www.libraryjobpostings.org](http://www.libraryjobpostings.org), she discussed the current trends in job titles and duties especially those jobs that required specialization and multitasking, status of the current job market, and career planning tips for job hunters.

To compliment career planning, our second keynote speaker [Priscilla Shontz](#), continued with a presentation on “**Keeping Your Career on Track**.” As webmaster for [LISCareer.com](http://LISCareer.com), she discussed several topics that were important for librarians to be successful in their career such as, networking, mentoring, interpersonal skills, leadership skills, and publishing.

In the afternoon, each speaker followed up their presentations with a breakout session. Sarah Johnson discussed “**Marketing Yourself Online!**” and Priscilla Shontz discussed the topic “**Being a Proactive Mentor**.” After our guest speakers, two more breakout sessions were given by Oklahoma professionals. A session on “**Recruitment**

**and Continuing Education**” was co-presented by Sharon Saulmon, Director of the Learning Resource Center at Rose State College; and Rhonda Taylor, Associate Professor at the School of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma. A session on “**Alternative Career Paths**” was co-presented by Brad Robison, Library Director for the National Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism; and Tom Rink, Librarian for the Training Division of the Tulsa Police Department.

This year’s conference appealed to a wide variety of librarians, para-professionals and graduate students enrolled in the Library and Information Studies program at the University of Oklahoma. Our organization was pleased to see so many new faces and to provide the next generation of librarians a glance into their careers. Also, our organization was honored by the attendance of the 2003-04 recipient of the ACRL Spectrum Scholarship, Mary Kirk.

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## WESTERN NEW YORK/ONATRIO

There is something very energizing and enlightening when working across international borders. So it is with the ACRL Ontario/Western New York librarians. We quickly learn that we share common practices and problems and that it is important to develop in such a way that we can freely share information with one another. It also points out that ours is a truly "universal" profession.

On October 15th, 2004, the Western New York/Ontario ACRL presented a program entitled, "**The Evolving Library: Expressing Ourselves with Technology**". It was held at the White Oaks conference resort

and spa, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. Although it was a very rainy day, the setting, as always, was beautiful and the program well attended.

The morning session led off with Robert Simon from SUNY Geneseo. His topic, "**The World Wide Web and the Searching Skills of Users**", couldn't have been more timely. I was particularly interested in the second session on "Virtual Reference" since my library was involved with the program. This was a panel discussion led by Jane Burpee, University of Guelph, and Sheryl Knab, Assistant Director of the Western New York Library Resources Council. Virtual reference is a relatively new library service not without its pleasures and pitfalls, so well pointed out by panelists and audience alike.

Nora Dimmock and Terry Martin, both from the University of Rochester, rounded out the conference with a presentation on "**Accessible Web Page Design**". All our programs were well received and addressed some important issues in our profession.

Whereas our Fall conference concerned itself with the "Evolving Library", our Spring conference, tentatively named the "**Evolving Librarian**", will present a panel discussion on the ways in which we, as librarians, have had to adapt, learn and constantly evolve. We will also be presenting the topic of time management, so important when dealing with change. Our afternoon session will center around the concept of the "Information Commons", another evolutionary step in our profession.

The Western New York/Ontario ACRL chapter is energetic and progressive and, like the national ACRL itself, much needed when considering the trying times libraries and librarians are facing. Keeping libraries open and information free and flowing is of

paramount importance in a democratic society. The conferences, exchange of information and ideas, and the programs presented by all our ACRL chapters help to ensure the right of intellectual freedom in our society.

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