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Message from the Chapters Council Chair



Dear Chapter Council Leaders,

The Annual Chapters Council meeting in Chicago promises to be action packed!

Officers and administrators from ACRL National will be attending to share information and news and to listen to your issues and concerns. We will be welcoming new Council leaders and holding a brief orientation session for them at the close of the regular meeting.

ACRL Chapters Council and ACRL National have been working very hard this year to improve communications and facilitate the flow of information. We will be continuing our discussion about the role of Chapters Council, including its mission and goals. As Chapter leaders, your input is vital. Please plan to attend – be ready to ask questions and voice your concerns.

Also, Chapters Council will be holding elections for a Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and a Secretary. Please see the candidate information in this issue.

Thanks and look forward to seeing you in Chicago.

Cordially,
Vibiana Bowman

Agenda for Chapters Council

**ALA Annual Chicago Sunday, June 26, 2005
Palmer House Hilton
8:30 to 11:00am**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introduction of Chapter Council Officers and Leaders
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes from Midwinter 2005
- IV. Introduction, Remarks, and Updates from ACRL National Officers and Administrators
- V. Election of Chapters Council Officers
- VI. Discussion of Goals, Mission, and Initiatives for Chapters Council
- VII. Announcements
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Old Business
- X. Adjournment

Candidates for Vice Chair/Chair Elect



Nora J. Quinlan

Head of Reference
Alvin Sherman
Library, Nova
Southeastern
University, Ft.
Lauderdale, FL

Nora J. Quinlan has been the Head of Reference at the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center at Nova Southeastern University since 2001. The Alvin Sherman Library is a joint use library with the Broward County Board of County Commissioners.

Nora has been active in ACRL since the early 1980s serving on a variety of committees in RBMS. She has chaired an ACRL Ad-Hoc Committee on conference planning. She recently became Vice-President/President-Elect of the Florida ACRL Chapter. She is also a 2003 alumna of the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Program.

"I realize that many academic librarians do not have the financial wherewithal to attend ALA and that many also have little opportunity or reason to participate in their state library associations. I have seen ACRL state chapters serve as a way for librarians to find a supportive group to network with while at the same time providing continuing education opportunities. The state chapter system is a way for the work of ACRL to funnel down to the "troops." I would be very pleased to serve as the Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of Chapters Council, and would help to continue to provide a way for ACRL and its chapters to communicate and work together."



Jon Hufford

Jon Hufford holds a Masters in History as well as Library Science and a DLS from Columbia University. He is the Information Services

Librarian for History at Texas Tech's University Library. Previous to this assignment he had been Assistant Head of Information Services for Information Literacy and Distance Learning. Some of the accomplishments that have given him the most personal satisfaction in recent years have been the creation of library research credit courses and the establishment of a package of services for distance students located throughout Texas and the region.

He has been active in ACRL since 1991, serving on numerous Instruction Section committees. He is a graduate of ACRL's Information Literacy Immersion program (2000).

"ACRL is presently focused on an important national agenda of programs and issues that include, among other things, Scholarly Communications, Information Literacy, Marketing@yourlibrary, and Recruiting to the Profession. The success of the programs depends, to a great extent, on coordination and leadership at the national and state levels. Members of the ACRL Chapters Council, both individually and as an organized body, have displayed proactive leadership in fulfilling its responsibilities over the years. I would like very much to be involved as a leader and facilitator in the Chapters Council as it undertakes its responsibilities of accomplishing the profession's work on both the national and state levels and of facilitating the successful accomplishment of ACRL's programs."

Candidates for Secretary



Robin Crumrin

Director of Digital Initiatives
IUPUI University Library

I have held the position of Director of Digital Initiatives at IUPUI University Library, Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis, since 2001. I am also the Acting Head of Acquisitions. I began my library career as an original cataloger at IUPUI in 1994 and later became team leader for one of the Library's technology groups, the Digital Libraries Team, in 1996.

My professional interests, reflected in my publications and presentations, include organizational change and the creation and management of digital resources.

I am currently the Indiana Academic Library Association Liaison (IALA) to ACRL and previously chaired IALA. I advocated for Indiana libraries in Washington, D.C. as a member of the Indiana Libraries delegation during National Library Legislative Day in 2004.

I am excited about the opportunity to contribute to furthering the goals of ACRL through the role of secretary on the Chapters Council.



Fran Kaufmann

Acting Assistant Director,
MacKay Library, Union
County College

Prior to accepting this position, she was Client Services Librarian at Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey. Ms. Kaufmann has held library positions at Montclair State University, the College of Saint Elizabeth, Columbia University and the University of Pennsylvania. She has a B.A. from Penn State University, an M.L.S. from Drexel University, and was awarded an M.A. in History from Rutgers University in May 2005.

My professional interests, publications and presentations have been in the areas of library services for distance education, academic integrity and interlibrary cooperation.

Currently I am President of the ACRL New Jersey Chapter and have been active in the chapter since 2001. Having attended Chapters Council meetings for several years, I am impressed by the wide range of innovative professional activities being provided by state chapters. These programs reach so many academic librarians in their home states, and keep them connected and informed both locally and nationally. I would be honored to serve as Chapters Council Secretary and to assist with advancing the important work and resources of ACRL National and its local chapters.

Candidates for Secretary Continued



Ann M. Watson

Denison
University

I am currently
serving Denison

University Libraries as Head of Instruction and Access Services. Prior to this, I held the positions of Instruction Coordinator and served as Head of Interlibrary Loans at Denison University, a small private liberal arts college located in Granville, Ohio.

I am very involved in Academic Libraries Association of Ohio (ALAO) which is the ACRL Chapter for Ohio. I have been the ACRL Chapter Representative for one year. This spring I elected Vice President/President Elect for ALAO (term begins June 2005) and have been heavily involved in legislative advocacy for academic libraries on the state and federal levels.

I am excited about the opportunity to serve ACRL Chapters Council officers and members as Secretary. I look forward to be able to actively contribute to ACRL on a national as well as state level.

Chapters Dine-Around in Chicago

For the past few years during each ALA conference, Chapters Council has planned a fun, informal and moderately priced dinner for Council representatives. I speak from personal experience when I say it is a great way to get to know ACRL colleagues from all over the country. This year, we will meet on Sunday, June 26, 2005, at 6:30 PM in a Szechwan Chinese style restaurant:

Lao Sze Chuan Restaurant
2172 S. Archer Ave.
Chicago, IL (312) 326-5040

The *Chicago Reader* says that Lao Sze Chuan has “possibly the most interesting menu in Chicago. They do a superb job on all selections, from the standard (kung pao chicken) to the unusual (grass carp, shredded pork with potherb).” They also offer extensive vegetarian choices. Lao Sze Chuan Restaurant is located in the Chinatown Square Mall in Chinatown and is just over a half-mile from the Convention Center. To get there, take Cermak Rd. due west and make a sharp right on Archer Ave. (on the ALA map of Chicago, Archer Ave. is the street that runs diagonally SW to NE).

At this point, I have reserved a table for 12 under the name ‘Emmons’, but I will be happy to increase the number if more people are interested. So even if you are just tentatively thinking about attending, let me know shortly after you read this so I can make any necessary changes. You can contact me: Mark Emmons, ACRL Chapters Council Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, at emmons@unm.edu

ACRL News

ACRL Membership Approves Dues Increase

ACRL members approved, by a nearly 2 to 1 margin, a dues increase, which will go into effect in fiscal year 2006. Annual dues for personal members will be \$45 for fiscal year 2006 and \$55 thereafter. Annual dues for full-time students or retirees will be \$35. ACRL dues have been unchanged since 1989 when the last dues increase was approved.

ACRL National Conference Draws Record-Breaking Attendance in Minneapolis

ACRL National Conference draws record-breaking attendance in Minneapolis. Nearly 4,000 individuals from every state and 15 countries joined the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) at our 12th National Conference, "Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change," in Minneapolis, April 7 -10, 2005. About 3,490 people attended the 2003 conference in Charlotte. Records also were set for the most first-time attendees (1,059) and the most conference scholarship recipients (94). More than 1,000 people logged onto the first-ever ACRL Virtual National Conference, which included live Webcasts of several programs, as well as discussion boards, blogs, speaker materials and more.

ACRL Scholarly Communications Toolkit Now Available

ACRL offers members a Web-based Scholarly Communications toolkit as a resource designed to support advocacy efforts that work toward changing the scholarly communication system and to provide

information on scholarly communication issues for librarians, faculty, academic administrators and other campus stakeholders.

The toolkit, which is available on the ACRL Scholarly Communication Web page, www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/scholarlycommunication/scholarlycommunication.htm, is designed with three pathways: one for academic administrators, one for faculty and one for librarians. Key issues chosen for inclusion are the effects of inflationary price increases and relatively stable information access budgets; new alternatives for disseminating scholarly information; aggregated or bundled electronic content; author control of intellectual property; and publisher mergers and acquisitions.

ACRL at the ALA Annual Conference

President's Program
Monday, June 27, 2005
1:30 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Time for a Reality Check: Academic Librarians in a TiVo®-lutionary Age

Enthusiasm for ever-changing personal technologies is one characteristic of many of today's students. The creators of the Beloit College Mindset List and the founder of the Resource Center for Cyberculture Studies will offer insights into other contemporary student realities. By better understanding these realities and the culture in which higher education exists, librarians will be able to offer more effective services to today's information seekers. Moderator: Frances Maloy, ACRL President and Division Leader of Access Services, Emory University. Speakers: Tom McBride, Professor of English

and Keefer Professor of the Humanities, Beloit College; Ron Nief, Public Affairs Director, Beloit College; David M. Silver, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, University of Washington.

Annual Conference Preconferences

Tuesday, June 21 – Friday, June 24, 2005
**46th RBMS Preconference –
Bridging the Gap: Education and Special Collections**

ACRL's 46th Annual RBMS Preconference, held in St. Louis, Missouri, will explore a crucially important issue in our profession: the rift between the growing variety of educational roles played by special collections librarians—as teachers, advocates, interpreters, impresarios—and the shrinking opportunities for formal training and continuing education available to prepare special collections librarians for these roles. Plenary speakers include voices from the United States and abroad, scholars and library professionals, teachers and students. Illustrating the major themes of the preconference, the seminars will cover such topics as “Preservation Education for Special Collections Librarians,” “Current Trends in Fellowships,” and “Redefining Rare, or, What’s So Special About that Collection.” A group of short paper sessions will present thought-pieces and case-studies on exhibitions, the use of primary source materials in a classroom setting, and library outreach initiatives. Please see library.wustl.edu/units/spec/rbms/ for program details as well as registration and housing information.

Friday, June 24, 2005

Instruction Section Preconference –

Instructional Design: Tools, Techniques, and Strategies

Changing student demographics and trends in

the delivery of higher education brings different demands for instruction and challenges librarians to keep instruction relevant and meaningful to students. This preconference promises to provide both new and more experienced instruction librarians with instructional design strategies and techniques that respond to today's student populations. Using the ADDIE Model of Instructional Design (Analysis, Design, Development, Implementation, and Evaluation), speakers experienced in instructional design will give you a model that can be transferred to your own instruction programs. The preconference has two tracks, a design track (A) and an implementation track (B), and two breakout sessions within each track. Participants can attend a session from track A in the morning and from track B in the afternoon or vice-versa. Registration is now open at www.acrl.org (click “Events and Conferences”). This session is limited to 100 individuals; register early to guarantee your spot. Speakers: Keynote speaker: Jim Russell, Center for Instructional Excellence at Purdue University; Breakout session speakers: Sarah Crest, Towson University; Nancy Dewald, Pennsylvania State University; Emily Okada, Indiana University, Bloomington; Scott Walter, University of Kansas.

Friday, June 24, 2005

ACRL/CNI

Learning Spaces: Collaborations and New Opportunities

During this half-day preconference explore new types of learning spaces, primarily information commons, multimedia studios, and informal spaces developed collaboratively by more than one campus unit, e.g., Library and IT or Instructional Technology. The preconference will include a virtual tour of existing facilities, a presentation on the relationship of learning

principles to learning spaces, and an overview of a practical planning process. Develop a vision for a learning space and begin to complete a planning template provided by the presenters. Registration is now open at www.acrl.org (click “Events and Conferences”). This session is limited to 60 individuals; register early to guarantee your spot. Speakers: Joan K. Lippincott, Associate Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information; Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries, University of Tennessee

Annual Conference Programs

CJCLS

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Six Sigma: A 3M Leadership Model for Libraries

3M is one of the library world’s premier corporate partners. Not only can librarians benefit from our partnership, but we can learn from 3M’s leadership model. This session will examine 3M’s leadership principles and use of Six Sigma, a methodology that provides 3M with tools to improve business processes. Use of Six Sigma leads to a vast improvement in profits, employee morale, and quality product. Six Sigma will be examined for its applicability to libraries. Speaker: David A. Pointon, 3M Security Systems Division.

Marketing Academic and Research Libraries Committee

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m

Is there Life after LibQUAL+? Learn How Strategic Marketing Can Focus and Energize the LibQUAL+ Experience

Attendees will learn how various academic and research libraries have used results from LibQUAL to support their marketing efforts.

LibQUAL is a Web-based survey that provides libraries with an assessment of users’ expectations and perceptions on a number of service-related factors. This session is a must for all academic and research libraries that plan to use LibQUAL as an assessment and strategic marketing tool. Speakers: Brad Dennis, Western Michigan University; Steve Hiller, University of Washington; Diane Hunter, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Jane Schillie, University of Miami.

Status of Academic Librarians Committee

Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tenure and Continuous Appointment: Is it Worth It?

This panel session will address issues of tenure and continuous appointment of librarians in academic libraries. From their varied perspectives, three speakers will lead the discussion with time allotted for attendees to offer their thoughts, observations, opinions, and questions. The speakers will address the nature of tenure/continuous appointment for academic librarians in their institution, the advantages and disadvantages of tenure/continuous appointment, and how tenure/continuous appointment might affect recruitment and retention efforts. Speakers: Margaret Mering, University of Nebraska; Dale B. Canelas, University of Florida; Bob Smith, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Arkansas. Moderator: Carolyn Henderson Allen, University of Arkansas.

DLS

Saturday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Distance Learning: We Know Where We’ve Been, But Where Are We Going?

In honor of the ACRL Distance Learning

Section's 15th anniversary, our program will explore some of the emerging hot topics in distance learning and librarianship including: how distance learning is being redefined, how diversity issues affect distance learning, and how we educate the distance learning librarians of the future. Speakers: Ashley Ellen Bonnette, Bibliographic Instruction and Distance Learning Librarian, University of Louisiana-Lafayette; Karen B. Brown, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Dominican University; Arthur Young, Dean of University Libraries, Northern Illinois University. Moderator: Frank Cervone, Assistant University Librarian for Information Technology, Northwestern University.

Cosponsored by the LITA Distance Learning Interest Group.

EBSS

Saturday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Empirical Desires, Realized Dreams: Impact of Quantitative and Qualitative Research on Libraries

Join the spirited debate over the quality of education in the United States and how students learn. Aimed at anyone concerned with current decision-making in education, four panelists discuss trends in qualitative and quantitative research in education, how these trends are impacting the field, and what librarians should know to be effective in the era of "No Child Left Behind." A brief presentation of the EBSS Distinguished Librarian Award begins the program. Speakers: Harrison Dekker, University of California- Berkeley; Aimee Howley, Ohio University; Craig B. Howley, Ohio University; Lisa Markman, Princeton University.

LES

Saturday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Old Texts Made New: EEBO, ECCO, and the Impact on Literary Scholarship

Something happens to a text when it goes online: it is virtually transformed. The past several years have seen the emergence of huge online collections. How are scholars using these texts in their teaching and research and how is this use affecting the nature and direction of literary scholarship more generally? Speakers: Jeffrey Garrett, Librarian, Northwestern University; Jesse Lander, English professor, University of Notre Dame; Helen Thompson, English professor, Northwestern University. Cosponsored by RBMS.

LPSS,

Saturday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Making Sense of Public Affairs Research

What makes information good enough to inform public policy? To be used in judging its successes—and failures? Policy analysts must plan research artfully, weigh incomplete and contradictory information, and represent conclusions, often without benefit of time. Speakers will contrast their applications of high-stakes information literacy. The program is partially underwritten by LexisNexis. Speakers: J. Robert Port, Senior Editor for Investigations, Albany Times Union; Joshua Farrelman, Assistant Director, Office of Government Relations, ALA Washington Office.

ULS,

Saturday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Pay to Play: Debating Models for Scholarly Publishing

The program will feature speakers addressing topics related to models of disseminating/publishing scholarship, including open access, commercial, society, and emerging models, as well as the leadership role of the university library in supporting and providing broad and sustainable access to scholarship. A diverse panel consisting of librarians and publishers will address and debate key issues, including cost, effectiveness, sustainability, acceptance, and format for disseminating our universities' current and future scholarship. Speakers: Daniel Greenstein, Office of the President, University of California; Marianne Gaunt, Rutgers University; Heather Joseph, BioOne. Cosponsored by the ACRL Scholarly Communication Committee.

ANSS,

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.,

Are Subject Librarians an Endangered Species?

In today's world of rapid technological change, many academic librarians are concerned about maintaining the traditional aspects of our profession. As subject librarians, we may ask ourselves, "What does the future hold for us in academic libraries?" Will our roles and responsibilities evolve beyond recognition or will our traditional activities continue to be important? Join subject librarians from around the country for a fascinating discussion about our current situation and the future of our field. Speakers: Jane McKeever, Bibliographer for Education, Psychology, and Library Science, University of Chicago Library; Darlene Nichols, Psychology and Sociology Librarian and Coordinator of Graduate Library Instruction, University of Michigan; Daniel C. Tsang, Asian American Studies, Economics and Political Science Bibliographer, University of California-Irvine; Kara M. Whatley, Life Sciences Librarian, New York University.

Moderator: Wade Kotter, Professor and Social Sciences Librarian, Weber State University. Cosponsored by ULS and CLS.

CLS

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Bits and Bytes: Using Technology to Train Academic Librarians as Coaches

How can technology be used to train academic librarians as coaches to enhance the performance of other academic librarians? Learn about two programs that use electronic learning components: Metropolitan Library System's Teach*Model*Coach and the Association of Research Libraries Coaching for Performance. Program instructors will describe key principles and techniques of effective coaching and their programs' use of technology. Academic librarians will share how this training has affected their professional development and that of their learners. Speakers: Sonia Bodi, Director of Brandel Library, North Park University; Kathryn J. Deiss, Director of Strategic Learning, Metropolitan Library System; Melanie Hawks, Staff Development Officer, University of Utah; Julianne Hinz, Assistant Director for Public Services, University of Utah. Moderator: Carolyn Sheehy, Director of Library Services, North Central College. Cosponsored by the ACRL Professional Development Committee, the ACRL Personnel Administrators and Staff Development Discussion Group, and LAMA's Human Resources Section.

Racial and Ethnic Diversity Committee,
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Research into Diversity

Diversity...what does this mean and how does this relate to the area of research? This program hopes to address issues of research

within diversity as it relates to academic libraries. Issues expected to be addressed are: Has there been impact that justifies strong changes in academic libraries? What are the numbers of recruitment and employment trends within academic libraries? What topics of research within diversity are missing (i.e., administration, collections, training, recruitment)? Speakers: Lorie Roy, University of Texas-Austin; Haipeng Li, Oberlin College; Clara Chu, University of California –Los Angeles.

AFAS and Arts

Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m

Chicago Blues: From the Delta to the World

The ACRL African American Studies and Arts Sections will explore the Chicago Blues from its origin in the Delta to migration north to Chicago, musical evolution, preservation and publication of the genre, and influence on contemporary music. Scholarship on the history of the art form, its influence on life and culture, and the dissemination of research will be reviewed. Speakers: Sterling Plumm, Professor Emeritus of African American Studies and English, University of Illinois-Chicago; Fruteland Jackson, blues musician and teacher; Suzanne Flandreau, Librarian and Archivist, Center for Black Music Research, Columbia College-Chicago; Andrew Leach, Assistant Librarian and Archivist, Center for Black Music Research, Columbia College-Chicago.

Ethics Committee, Deciding What's Right: Academic Library Ethics Day-to-Day
Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a wide ranging presentation and discussion of ethical issues facing today's academic librarian. The featured speaker is James Neal, recipient of ACRL's Academic/Research Librarian of the Year

award in 1997. Joining him as responding panelists will be Barbara Jones, who wrote the book on intellectual freedom and academic libraries, and Nancy Courtney, a noted privacy advocate. Speakers: James Neal, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian, Columbia University; Barbara Jones, University Librarian, Wesleyan University; Nancy Courtney, Head of Information Services, Ohio State University.

IS

Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Teaching, Learning, and Leading: Key Roles for Librarians in the Academic Community

If we aspire to teach in ways that promote student learning, how should we teach? Maryellen Weimer, author of *Learner-Centered Teaching*, will lead an interactive session on how to apply what the research tells us about learning to our library teaching. In this nuts and bolts session she will share insights into the five aspects of current instructional practice where change is needed if we aim to promote more and better learning for students. Speakers: Maryellen Weimer, Berks Lehigh Valley College - Penn State. Moderator: Randy Burke Hensley, University of Hawaii-Manoa.

RBMS and AAMES,

Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Collecting World Cultures: African, Asian, Caribbean, and Native American Materials in Chicago Institutions

Cultural collections—treasure troves for scholars or cultural property of the groups they document? How do librarians balance these and other ethical and collection management challenges? Chicago institutions have amassed extensive collections of diverse

materials representing cultures from the New World (Native American, Caribbean), Asia, and Africa. Librarians and scholars will discuss challenges such as possible cultural appropriation, opportunities for multifaceted use by native communities, and difficulties presented by linguistic diversity. Speakers: Nancy Cirillo, Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, University of Illinois-Chicago; Brian Hosmer, Director of the D'Arcy McNickle Center for American Indian History, Newberry Library; James Nye, Bibliographer for Southern Asia, University of Chicago; Nancy R. John, Assistant University Librarian, University of Illinois at Chicago; David L. Easterbrook, George and Mary LeCron Foster Curator, Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies, Northwestern University. Cosponsored by LES and the American Indian Librarians Association.

STS

Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The New Crossroads: Science Librarians in the 21st Century

The development of the Web, emerging electronic media, and trends in scholarly communication are challenging science and technology librarians to be creative, proactive, and dynamic. We must assume new roles in offering services and establishing partnerships. The pace is escalating with federated searching and institutional repositories. Are we ready with the right skills and expertise? Will Darwin's "survival of the fittest" work for science librarians? A poster session and reception will follow the program. Speakers: Alison Ricker, Oberlin College; Michael R. Leach, Harvard University; Mel DeSart, University of Washington; Mary Case, University of Illinois-Chicago.

WS

Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Getting Published: From Practice to Print

This program provides an overview of the publishing process, offering practical advice to becoming a successful, published author. The program has two parts: first, two editors of major journals (Portal and Feminist Teacher) will speak about their experiences working with practitioner-researchers. Roundtable discussions follow, covering the range of practical issues important for librarians preparing to write for publication. Experienced authors, editors, and publishers will facilitate these small discussion groups. Speakers: Gloriana St. Clair, University Librarian, Carnegie Mellon University; Theresa D. Kemp, Feminist Teacher magazine; Monica Barron, Feminist Teacher magazine. Moderator: Phyllis Holman Weisbard, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Cosponsored by CLS, ULS, COSWL (Council on the Status of Women in Librarianship), and FTF (Feminist Task Force).

WESS and SEES,

Monday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Digitizing Medieval Manuscripts: East and West

A panel of distinguished speakers will discuss medieval digitization projects from varying perspectives. We will hear about a text encoding initiative of Slavic works, the ins and outs of the born-digital Roman de la Rose Project, and the recent addition of digitized images to the venerable "Index of Christian Art." Speakers will address issues of collaboration and scholarly use, among other topics. The program will be of broad interest to Europeanists, historians, and those exploring digitization. Speakers: David

Reynolds, Johns Hopkins University; Colum P. Hourihane, Princeton University; David J. Birnbaum, University of Pittsburgh.

Annual Conference Special Events/Tours

Friday, June 24, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
ACRL/Harvard Leadership Reunion
Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers,
Mayfair Room

Friday, June 24, 6:00–8:00 p.m.
Community and Junior College Libraries
Section

Pizza Party
Giordano's, 135 E. Lake Street
Contact Mary Carr (509-533-7045 or
mcarr@scc.spokane.edu)

Friday, June 24, 6:00–9:00 p.m.
Instruction Section
IS Dinner
Reza's Restaurant, 432 West Ontario
Contact Courtney Greene (773-325-7704 or
cgreene@depaul.edu)

Friday, June 24, 7:00–10:00 p.m.
College Libraries Section
Friday Night Feast
Maggiano's Little Italy, 516 North Clark St.
Contact Stephen K. Stoa (417-873-7282 or
sstoa@drury.edu)

Sunday, June 26, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
University Libraries Section
Membership Social
Intercontinental Chicago, Living Room

Sunday, June 26, 5:30–6:30 p.m.
Literatures in English Section
Social Hour
Contact Jennifer Stevens (703-993-2211 or
jsteven7@gmu.edu)

Sunday, June 26, 5:30–7:00 p.m.
Women's Studies Section
Social Hour

Contact Ruth Dickstein (520-621-4866 or
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Sunday, June 26, 6:30–9:30 p.m.
Western European Studies Section
WESS Cruise
Contact Candace Miller (540-568-6899 or
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Monday, June 27, 4:30–6:00 p.m.
**Academic/Research Librarian of the Year
Award Reception**
Chicago Hilton and Towers, Grand Ballroom

Tuesday, June 28, 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Science and Technology Section
Fermilab Tour
Contact Ronald Lacey (617-495-5352 or
rlacey@fas.harvard.edu)

ACRL Discussion Groups at Annual Conference

Academic Library Outreach: Sun., June 26,
11:30 am-12:30 pm

**Australian-Canadian-New Zealand
Studies:** Sun., June 26, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Topic: The Distribution of Australian & New
Zealand Publications in North America:
Implications on Collections and Collection
Development Librarians in U.S. & Canadian
Libraries

Consumer and Family Studies: Sun., June
26, 4:30-5:30 pm
Topic: Consumer Spending Trends

Electronic Reserves: Sun., June 26, 9:00 to
11:00 am

Electronic Text Centers: Sat., June 25, 2:00-
4:00 pm

Heads of Public Services: Sat, June 25, 4:30-
5:30 pm

Topic: How do you deal with technology? What are some ways to address troubleshooting database problems? What level of staff should be deployed to support technology? How do you manage the relationship with IT?

Library and Information Science

Collections: Sun., June 26, 8:00-9:00 am

Topic: Resource and idea sharing among LIS selectors: gathering data and best practices

Library Development: Sun., June 26, 8:30-11:00 am

Topic: Fund-raising and Alumni Relations

Media Resources: Sun., June 26, 9:30-11:30 am

Topic: Copyright and Free Speech Issues in Media: What the Internet has wrought

MLA Intl. Bibliography in Academic

Libraries: Sat., June 25, 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Topic: The Great Search Off: Followup on Platforms Old & New

Partnership Libraries: Sun., June 26, 9:30 to 11:00 am

Topic: The countless benefits and challenges faced in joint-use libraries

Personnel Administrators & Staff

Development Officers: Sat., June 25, and Sun., June 26, 9:30-11:00 am

Philosophical, Religious, and Theological

Studies: Sun., June 26, 4:30-5:30pm

Topic: The Varieties of Religious Publishing

Popular Cultures: Sun., June 26, 4:30-5:30pm

Topic: The Popular Culture Collection at Bowling Green State University

Regional Campus Libraries: Sun., June 26, 1:00-3:00 pm

Topic: Collection Development, Administration, Awareness, and more

Scholarly Communication: Sun., June 26, 3:00-5:00 pm

Sports and Recreation: Sat., June 25, 5-6pm

Topic: Issues related to the business of sport

Team-Based Organization: Sat., June 25, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Topic: Team and individual performance assessment in a team-based environment; problems & solutions encountered at participants' institutions

Undergraduate Libraries: Mon., June 27,

10:30 am – 12:30 pm **Topic:** Current topics affecting Undergraduate Libraries and the proposed Undergraduate Libraries Standards and Guidelines

New Chapter Topics Editor



With the Winter issue of Chapter Topics, **Doreen Kopycinski** will become the new editor for Chapter Topics. She is the Technical Services Librarian at Ursinus College in PA, and she is

active in the Delaware Valley Chapter where she has been chapter newsletter editor for a number of years. We produced this issue together, and I have enjoyed working with her.

I have been Chapter Topics editor for five years, and I have loved working with Chapter members all over the country as well as ACRL staff. Thank you all for giving me this interesting opportunity. I wish our new editor well!

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Tips for Chapters: New England Chapter Retreat for New Officer Transition

The New England Chapter Retreat: A Time for Learning and Improving

Colleen D. Anderson, Past-President ACRL/NEC

This spring ACRL/NEC will hold a one day retreat at Hampshire College to pass on to new Board members and Subject Interest Group Chairs the tasks and responsibilities associated with their jobs and to brainstorm ideas for making our group more effective.

The first part of the retreat will consist of one-on-one instruction and training by outgoing Board members and SIG Chairs to provide their successors with essential information. The decision provide this training at a retreat came about because of our perception that new Board and SIG Chairs differed in the amount of knowledge they possessed to help them perform effectively in their positions. We wanted to standardize the process to ensure that all new Board members and SIGS received information on (1) the goals and mission of ACRL/NEC, (2) its relationship with ACRL National, (3) the contents of the bylaws and constitution, and (4) the tasks and particulars associated with each position.

We also want to ensure that new members understand the budget and funds disbursement, including (1) the dollar amount allotted to each SIG, (2) the process for submitting a budget for a large program, and (3) the appropriate forms necessary to obtain reimbursement or requests for funds. Lastly, we want an opportunity to stress the importance of the responsibility associated with taking on a Board or SIG leadership

position in order to reduce absences from meetings.

The second half of the retreat will be a brainstorming session. We will encourage all attendees to offer suggestions on how to make ACRL/NEC a more effective and responsive group for its members.

Announcement of the retreat has been sent to our membership list, along with an email address where members can submit their ideas. Though the retreat is essential for new Board and SIG members, it is also open to any ACRL/NEC member who wants to partake in the brainstorming session.

The kinds of questions we will be considering include: (1) How can ACRL/NEC leadership encourage new members to run for office? (2) In what ways can we make serving in a leadership position for ACRL/NEC a rewarding professional experience and provide those who serve with tangible rewards at the end of their term? (3) How can we encourage attendance at our quarterly meetings and annual conference? (4) When should we consider joint programs with other professional groups and what should be the extent of our relationships with these groups? (5) How can we geographically distribute our meetings and conferences so that all members feel they have been given ample opportunity to attend?

I will share the ideas produced at our retreat with *Chapter Topics* and welcome any new and innovative ideas from other chapters! Please send to canderso@bryant.edu

Editor's Note: We would like to make "Tips for Chapters" a regular feature of the newsletter. Send your ideas for future articles to Doreen Kopycinski at dkopycinski@ursinus.edu

Chapter Reports

ALABAMA

The Alabama Chapter of ACRL held its annual meeting on April 20, 2005 at Mauby's Restaurant in Birmingham. Dr. Bill Nelson, Library Director at Augusta State University in Georgia, was the keynote speaker. His presentation topic was "**How Should Academic Libraries Address the Requirements of the SACS Principles of Accreditation?**" Approximately 50 people attended the annual meeting, and both the dinner and program received very positive reviews.

The Chapter also cosponsored several Best Practices programs during the Alabama Library Association Annual Convention in April 2005. Full session programs included "**Effective Library User Surveys,**" "**Motivating Today's Student Library Worker,**" and "**Time Management for the 21st Century Librarian.**" Mini session programs included "Assessing Journal Quality," "Customized Database Evaluation Forms," "Taking Print Pathfinders Digital," "Getting the Biggest Byte from Your Instruction Web Page," "Houston Cole Library's Interactive Tutorial on CD-ROM," "Improve Liaison Partnerships by Joining Professional Organizations." "Taking a Snapshot of Services," and "Using Screensavers and Desktops as Ad Space for Library Services." All programs received very positive reviews from the attendees.

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CALIFORNIA

California Academic & Research Libraries (CARL) began the year with a new slate of officers and an annual meeting in each region of the state, north and south. These annual meetings allow CARL/ACRL members to get together locally, meet with the current officers of their association, discuss issues of common concern, and work on plans for future meetings and programs. Topics discussed at this year's regional meetings included enhancing communication through e-mail and the CARL website, the role of the CARL Newsletter and various listservs, and the effectiveness of the CARL organizational structure and its standing committees.

Several CARL Interest Groups have offered regional programs for CARL/ACRL members this spring, including the following:

- . California Academic Reference Librarians Discussion Interest Group (CARLDIG)-North had a gathering to hear a panel of presenters and have a discussion on the topic of "Librarians as Authors: Getting Yourself Published."
- Science & Engineering Academic Librarians (SEAL)-South offered a walking tour of the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve in Murietta, followed by lunch in Temecula and wine tasting at the Thornton Winery.
- California State University Librarians (CSUL)-South presented a program entitled "**Demystifying Metalib,**" which focused on federated search interfaces and the ExLibris product called Metalib, as implemented system-wide within the CSU libraries

- Southern California Instruction Librarians (SCIL) provided participants at the annual spring meeting with a lively program entitled “**It’s NOT About Time: Making the Most of One-shots.**”

The following CARL members received special honors this spring:

- **Dr. Ilene F. Rockman**, who manages the Information Competence Initiative for the California State University system and is widely recognized for advancing the teaching role of librarians on campus, was named recipient of the 2005 Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award. This annual cash award of the ACRL Instruction Section will be presented to Ilene at this year’s ALA Annual Conference.
- Recent graduate of the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science and CARL student member **Melissa Beuoy**, was awarded this year’s \$1,000 CARL scholarship to attend the ACRL National Conference in Minneapolis.

Finally, planning is under way for the 11th (now Biennial) CARL Conference, which will take place in April of next year at the Asilomar Conference Center on the central California coast near Monterey. This will be the third CARL conference held at Asilomar, and a busy 3-day schedule of meetings, programs and events is being planned. Asilomar is a rustic venue (no in-room television, telephones or internet connections!) where conference attendees will be able to enjoy the ocean air, incomparable vistas and peaceful surroundings, as well as contemplate and learn more about the issues that confront those who work in California’s academic and research libraries.

Carl Bengston

COLORADO

The Colorado Academic Library Association (CoALA) held a joint spring workshop with the Technical Services and Automation Division (TSAD) on Wednesday, May 25, at the Pikes Peak Community College North Campus in Colorado Springs. The theme of the workshop was “**Closing the Distance: Learning Opportunities for Ourselves and Our Public.**” This was of interest those who provide services to distance learners as well as those who look to Distance Education as a means for professional development. Speakers included Deborah Grealey from the University of Denver, Annie Epperson from the University of Northern Colorado, and Michelle Wilde from Colorado State University. For further information, poster session information, please visit the CAL website at: www.cal-webs.org/index3.html

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DELAWARE VALLEY



ACRL/DVC Vice-President /President-Elect Lisa Stillwell (Franklin & Marshall College) and President Peggy Devlin

The Delaware Valley Chapter (PA) of ACRL co-hosted their spring program, *Dynamic Digitization: Local Ideas, Global Applications*, with ACLCP (Associated College Libraries of Central PA) this past March. The day began with a session of poster presentations by:

- **University of Delaware**—DSpace Institutional Repository
- **Penn State**—PA German Broadsides and Fraktur, Forestry Lantern Slides, student newspaper
- **Gettysburg College**—3-D Object Digitizing via CONTENTdm
- **Millersville University**—The use of digital library objects as teaching tools / learning objects
- **Bucknell University**—Collaborative projects between faculty and ISR (the merged IT and library organization)
- **Lehigh University**—Illuminated Manuscripts and other collections
- **Franklin & Marshall College, Millersville University, Lancaster County Historical Society**—Lancaster County Digitization Project: the Birth of a Digital Cooperative



from L to R: ACRL/DVC President Peggy Devlin (Kutztown University) welcomes Emily Dill and Kristi Palmer

Afterwards, Emily Dill and Kristi Palmer of Indiana University/Purdue University presented their ACRL Conference

program, *Institutional Digital Repository at Your Library?*, giving attendees a glimpse into the realities of implementing an institutional depository. Erika Linke of Carnegie Mellon University spoke on *Google*

Print™ and the Million Bk Project http://www.library.cmu.edu/Librarians/MBP_FAQ.html, comparing



ACLCP President Janet Hurlbert (Lycoming College) addresses ACLCP and ACRL/DVC members

the coverage, process, and institutional involvement of both projects.

Between these two programs, the group broke for lunch and business meetings by both ACRL/DVC and ACLCP. During the DVC's meeting, board member changes and nomination results were announced, including Peggy Devlin to Past President and Lisa Stillwell to President, Kris Mudrick (Saint Joseph's University) elected as Vice-President/ President-Elect, Ann Upton (Haverford College) reelected to Secretary, and Scott Vine (Franklin & Marshall College) elected as Board Member-at-Large. The business meeting wrapped up with the announcement of the DVC's annual student stipend, awarded to Ann Cary, a student at Drexel University's School of Information Science and Technology.

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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, **Nora Quinlan**, Head of Reference at Nova Southeastern University. We also welcome our new At-Large Board Members, **Michelle Apps** (Broward Community College), **Mary Faulkner** (Edison College), **Thomas Gunn** (Jacksonville University), **Beatrice Nichols** (Eckerd College), and **Betsy Simpson** (University of Florida).

The spring workshop, “**Shared Memories: Special Collection Treasures Online in Florida Libraries**,” was held April 13, 2005 at the Florida Library Association Annual Conference in Jacksonville. In keeping with the Conference's theme of “**Common**

Threads: Libraries, Museums, Archives, Internet,” the workshop focused on the potpourri of digital and archival projects sponsored by academic libraries throughout Florida.

The program began with **Erick Kesse**, Director of the Digital Library at the University of Florida, who discussed the **Ephemeral Cities** project. Ephemeral Cities illustrates a new method of accessing special collections, tied to a keen sense of place. Mapping people, places and events, this project enables users to step back in time to 1884-1903 and tour three turn-of-the-century Florida cities: Gainesville, Key West, and Tampa. (Ephemeral Cities: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/digital/collections/EphemeralCities>)

“Central Florida Memory: A Library/Museum Partnership with Punch!” was presented by **Selma Jaskowski**, Head of Systems and Technology at the University of Central Florida. This project provides a door into the region’s past by bringing together 45,000 images of maps, photographs, postcards, letters, newspapers, and monographs covering 1890-1930. Contributors include the Orange County Library System, Orange County Regional History Center, the University of Central Florida Libraries, Olin Library at Rollins College, and the Museum of Seminole County History. (Central Florida Memory: <http://centralfloridamemory.lib.ucf.edu>)

Mark Flynn of the State Library of Florida closed the program with, **“Harvesting Florida/Florida Electronic Libraries.”** The Florida Electronic Library is a web site providing access to electronic magazines, newspapers, almanacs, encyclopedias, books, and documents as well as one-on-one online assistance from professional librarians. This

partnership project uses a protocol to harvest metadata that then allows Florida residents to have access to an array of library services that no single community in Florida could afford independently.

(Florida Electronic Library: <http://www.flelibrary.org>)

The Florida Chapter is planning a fall workshop on “E-Merging Technologies,” tentatively scheduled for October 28, 2005 in Orlando. For more information about the Florida Chapter, visit the FACRL web site at <http://facrl.fcla.edu>.

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INDIANA

In addition to sponsoring several sessions of interest to academic librarians at this year’s Indiana Library Federation Conference, the Indiana Academic Library Association welcomed featured keynote speaker, Dr. Carla Hayden at its annual luncheon on March 23rd in Indianapolis. Dr. Hayden is the Executive



Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Maryland. Prior to coming to Baltimore, Dr. Hayden was the First Deputy Commissioner and Chief Librarian of the Chicago Public Library, an Assistant Professor in the School of Library and Information Science of the University of Pittsburgh, and Library Services Coordinator at the Museum of Science and Industry. She is very active in the American Library Association and currently serves as the Immediate Past President of ALA.

In what is becoming an annual event, the Indiana Academic Library Association also hosted a wine and cheese reception to benefit the David C. Dickey Memorial Scholarship Fund during the Indiana Library Federation Annual Conference.

The late Mr. Dickey, a former director of the Zondervan Library at Taylor University, was a longtime Indiana Library Federation member and served in many capacities, including as chair of Indiana Academic Library Association. He played an active role in many of Indiana's cooperative library initiatives such as INCOLSA and PALNI.

The reception was sponsored by the Indiana Academic Library Association Executive Board and Program Committee, along with generous support from Heckman Bindery.

Submitted by Robin Crumrin, IALA Liaison to ACRL

IOWA

“Academic Libraries: Cornerstones for Community” is the title of the Iowa Library Association/Association of College and Research Libraries (ILA/ACRL) Spring Conference held on May 20, 2005 in Ames, Iowa. The keynote speech was entitled **“An Academic Library: Beyond an Academic Community”** and was given by Dr. David Carr, author of **“The Promise of Cultural Institutions”** and professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The list of presenters and topics for concurrent sessions is detailed below:

1. Amanda Swygart-Hobaugh and Jean Donham. **“What Are We Teaching Anyway? ”Mapping the Information Literacy Curriculum.”**

2. Laura Leavitt and Dave Martin. **“Extending Our Reach: Placing Business Research Instruction Online.”**

3. Laura Leavitt. **“Reaching the Millennials . . . o Shizzle!!”**

4. Dale Vande Haar. **“Information Literacy Skills for High School Seniors and First-Year College Students—A Chance to Create Standards for our State.”**

5. Karen Goodell. **“Immersion: My Baptism into Information Literacy Program Development.”**

6. Linda Loos Scarth. **“Building Blocks: Creating Profiles for Department/Division or Course Specific Periodical Searches.”**

7. Mary Iber and Elizabeth Lawler Schau. **“Let’s Work Together: Using Library Assignments to Foster Academic Community.”**

8. Diana D. Shonrock. **“Collection Development in the Kitchen: Iowa’s Local Heritage through a Cookbook Collection.”**

9. Andrea Dinkleman. **“Bioinformatics, Genomics, and Proteomics Resources for Librarians.”**

10. Andrea Dinkleman and Kris Stacy-Bates. **“Accessing E-Books through Academic Library Web Sites.”**

11. Mary Heinzman and Stella Herzig. **“A Revolutionary Encounter: How the Academic Library Works with National History Day to Build a Strong Foundation for Prospective Students.”**

The 2005 ILA/ACRL Executive Board



Back Row: Steve Ostrem, Ryan Gjerde, Michelle Holschuh Simmons, Ed Goedecken, Arron Wings, Betsy Gardner, Amy Paulus **Front Row:** Kathy Parsons, Rebecca Stuhr, Ellen Neuhaus, Becky Lutkenhaus **Not Pictured:** Susan Knippel, Jane Campagna, Kathy Magarrell, John Goodin, Kris Stacy-Bates

The ILA/ACRL Newsletter Committee

expanded the newsletter by adding a special section targeting Instruction in our academic libraries. Take a look at the March 2005 issue of the ILA/ACRL newsletter to see what libraries in Iowa are doing for instructional activities!
<http://www.iren.net/acrl/newsletter/0305.html>.

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KENTUCKY

The Academic Library Section of the Kentucky Library Association and ACRL Kentucky Chapter co-sponsored a preconference 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.

The spring conference, "**Visibility for Libraries : Communicating Our Vision,**" was held 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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MARYLAND

The Maryland Chapter of ACRL, also known as the Academic & Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Maryland Library Association, has had a busy year in 2004-2005.

The division began the academic year with a fall discussion entitled, "**Librarians as**

Activists” on September 30 in Hagerstown, MD. Presenters Patricia Wand, University Librarian, American University; Steve LaBash, Director of Langsdale Library, University of Baltimore; and Mary Baykan, Director of Washington Country Free Library and Legislative Officer for the Maryland Library Association addressed issues of library advocacy and offered suggestions for members to reach local, state and national officials on issues that concern libraries and librarians.

On November 8 the Chapter sponsored a day-long tour of four local special libraries in downtown Baltimore. The **“Library**



Treasures of Baltimore’s Mount Vernon” included meetings with directors/curators of the George Peabody Library, the Walters Art Museum, the Maryland Historical Society and the Maryland Department of the Enoch Pratt Free Library.



Participants viewed rarely shown books and materials from each of the four collections and received



a “behind-the-scenes” tour of the libraries’ operations.

Jeanette Pierce, Johns Hopkins University, pictured to the right, coordinated the tours of all the special libraries.



The Chapter also tried two initiatives to increase membership and program participation. In October, Chapter officers mailed program brochures to every member of ACRL living in Maryland – approximately 300 librarians – inviting them to attend any of our programs for the year. Officers also mailed personal letters with brochures to every academic library director/dean in the state, asking them to encourage their staffs to attend ARLD programs. The Chapter did see an increase in membership and healthy attendance at all its activities throughout the year.

In March the division held a half-day program on **“Keeping Up: Professional Development and Emerging Technologies.”** Steven Bell, Director of the Gutman Library at Philadelphia University and Dave Hillman, an information technology consultant for Text Solutions, discussed ways in which librarians can use technologies such as web logs, RSS feeds, and e-mail alerts to stay abreast of current issues in librarianship. More than 45 participants learned valuable lessons in professional development.

The Chapter finished its yearly programs with a half-day session, **“Scholarly Publishing in the 21st Century: Where we are and Where We’re going.”** Speakers Larry Wilt, Director of the Albin O. Kuhn Library at UMBC; Philip DeShong, Chemistry Professor at University of Maryland; and Julia Blixrud, Assistant Director for Public Programs at

SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) discussed the current state of affairs in scholarly communication and the future of open access, institutional repositories and rising journal costs.

The Division is also active in the Maryland Library Association's (MLA) annual conference, which was held May 4-6 in Ocean City Maryland. Identifying with the conference theme, "**Intellectual Refreshment: Fresh Ideas – New Dimensions,**" ARLD sponsored a four-workshop Information Literacy track throughout the conference and is also offering sessions on creating portfolios for promotion and tenure reviews and using campus courseware to push library information and resources to students.

MICHIGAN

The Academic and Research Libraries Division of the Michigan Library Association held its' annual Academic Library Day on May 9 at Central Michigan University. "**Lost and Found in Translation – Effective Ways to Handle Problem Situations and Cross-Cultural Miscommunication**" gave us the opportunity to hear from two nationally recognized speakers and five of our Michigan colleagues.

Stephen Thompson, Associate Professor at Central Michigan University spoke on "**Effective Ways to Handle Problem Situations: Dealing With Aggression in the Workplace.**"



Dr. Gary Evans, Professor at Eastern Michigan University (left) gave the last presentation

of the day titled "**Cross Cultural Miscommunications**".



Three of our colleagues, Zoreh Raein (pictured at left), Marygrove College (Iran), Aparna Zambare, Central Michigan University (India) and Wen-ying Lu, Michigan State University (Taiwan &

China) spoke about their biggest challenges and the surprises they have faced in our libraries and the cultural differences with their native lands. Two of our colleagues who had the opportunity to visit, work and research in foreign countries, Crystal Agnew, Marygrove College (Africa) and Lisa Klopfer (India), presented wonderful overviews of the culture of the areas they visited.

The Division is preparing for the Michigan Library Association Annual Conference, October 26-28, in Grand Rapids. Our programs will encompass the theme "**Growing the Next Generation of Library Leaders,**" and we are co-sponsoring with the Management and Administration Division of the Michigan Library Association. Our "**Buried Treasures**" program will present three "hidden" treasures/libraries in Michigan - the Gerald Ford Library & Museum, the Comic Book Collection at Michigan State University and the Cookbook Collection at Central Michigan University.

To complement our annual poster session we are also presenting a program on “**How to Do a Poster Session**”. (An idea from an ACRL meeting at mid-winter)

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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), was quite active in supporting the ACRL Annual Conference: *Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change*, in Minneapolis, MN, this April. ARLD organized hosted dinners, a chance for ARLD members to show ACRL members from out of town some of Minneapolis’s best restaurants, as well as providing for some great socialization and networking opportunities. Many ARLD members also worked to staff the Conference Hospitality Desk, giving information on local places of interest, eating establishments, parking and directions to ACRL members and guests.

The Chapter has been busy with additional projects over the past several months. A number of members participated in the *Strategic Marketing for Academic and Research Librarians*, an “@ Your Library” event hosted by Susan Mortin at St. Cloud State University, and sponsored by ARLD and MINITEX. A number of great ideas were shared by participants about effective methods of marketing academic library services. Ideas included Post-It ® notes with the libraries’ URL on them; posters with tear off contact information; trading cards highlighting staff members’ specialties; involvement with other university

departments and school-wide initiatives; a newsletter for the library and use of student ambassadors, among others. The workshop was successful and we are considering having another session in the fall.

This past year, ARLD began a new initiative to sponsor workshops (called ARLD Dialogues) at regional sites across Minnesota. The first ARLD Dialogue was hosted by Minnesota State University, Mankato at the Memorial Library on March 4, 2005. Dr. Debra Gohagan covered many new informational technologies in her presentation entitled *E-folios, LTA's, Open Source, RSSs, Weblogs, Wikis & Swikis AKA: Who put the Technology in my Alphabet Soup?* Twenty-one attendees enjoyed lunch, and a thoughtful discussion with Dr. Gohagan followed the presentation. Members found the session useful, and the chapter is planning to create a web seminar based on the Dialogue content.

ARLD is represented on a new statewide task force on information literacy. It is a joint effort of the Minnesota Educational Media Organization (MEMO), representing K-12 librarians and media specialists, and the Minnesota Library Association (MLA). The charge of this task force is to enhance communication and coordinate efforts in the state, and is discussing possible research projects.

Upcoming ARLD Events

MLA Annual Conference

The Depot Hotel and Conference Center,
Minneapolis, MN
September 21-23, 2005

ARLD Dialogues

More of these informal lunchtime gatherings will be held around the state focusing on topics of relevance to academic librarians.

ARLD will sponsor @ **Your Library** events to help increase awareness of and support for academic 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

The ACRL New England Chapter (NEC) has been very active since the beginning of the year. It all began with the Chapter welcoming ACRL National at the ALA Mid-Winter Conference in Boston. ACRL/NEC held a



dessert social at the Mary Baker Eddy Library on January 15th. 100 attendees toured the library and its research facilities while enjoying coffee and desserts in this very elegant building. The Chapter was very pleased to have in attendance at the social seven MLIS graduate students from the University of Rhode Island and Simmons College.

There were many Interest Group programs held throughout the beginning of 2005. Here are highlights from Special Interest Group activities:

The Collection Development Interest Group held a program on Wed., May 25th, at

Elms College in Chicopee, MA. The topic was *Resource Assessment*.

The Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG) held a program on Feb. 4th on



Federated Searching: Digital Promise: Digital Reality, pictured to the left, and a

program March 18th on *Institutional Repositories: Capturing and Preserving our Digital Collections*.

The Librarians on Online Course Information (LOCI) held a program on April 29th, on *Using Blackboard to Train and Manage Library Student Assistants*.

The New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) held a program on March 18th on *The "S" Word: Assessment, Statistics, Support, Success*. NELIG's annual meeting will be held on June 10th at the University of Southern Maine. The topic of the program is *Making Learning Meaningful: Getting to the Heart of the Student*. Ken Bain will be the featured speaker.

The **Serials Librarians' Interest Group** in cooperation with ITIG will be holding a program on June 2 at the Gutman Conference Center at Harvard University. The program topic is *Here Today; Here Tomorrow? Journal Archiving in the Electronic Environment*.

The Women's Studies Interest Group (WSIG) held a program on April 22nd at the Gutman Conference Center at Harvard University. The program had two

components: an overview of *Women Working, 1870-1930* Open Collections project and a tour of the newly renovated Schlesinger Library. The program speakers were Thomas J. Michalak, Director of the Opens Collection Program, Christine M. Madsen, Manager of the Open Collections Program, and Megan Hurst, Outreach and Evaluation Coordinator of the Open Collection Program. 57 librarians attended the WSIG Spring program.

The Continuing Education Committee, Chaired by Judith Pinnolis, has posted new *training tips* on the Continuing Education website at <http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/ce/>. Suzanne Wones, ACRL/NECs legislative representative has sent e-mail messages on legislative activities to the chapter listserv and posted legislative reports on the website. Suzanne attended the National Library Legislative Day from May 2nd to 4th in Washington, D.C.

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NEW JERSEY

The New Jersey Chapter of ACRL is also the College and University Section of the New Jersey Library Association. At NJLA Annual Spring Conference at the Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch, NJ this April, we sponsored a wide range of programs of interest to academic librarians. Program topics included qualitative analysis for librarians, wireless access and laptop lending, interactive dynamic learning in libraries and teaching intellectual honesty.

The Research Forum showcased ongoing and completed research conducted by New Jersey librarians, including the winner of the 2005

Research Award. The Technology Innovation award winner presented his project at the conference.

Our keynote speaker at the annual luncheon and awards ceremony at the conference was Elizabeth Kirk, Head of the Entrepreneurial Library Program at the Sheridan Libraries of Johns Hopkins University. The Distinguished Service Award went to Norma Blake, State Librarian. Martin Kesselman of Rutgers University was awarded the Research Award and Jim Robertson of the New Jersey Institute of Technology received the Technology Innovation Award.



Pictured above from the left: Fran Kaufmann (President ACRL/NJ), Martin Kesselman (Research Award), Norma Blake (Distinguished Service Award), Elizabeth Kirk (Keynote Speaker), Marc Meola (Vice-President, ACRL/NJ)

In addition, we sponsored Poster Sessions at the conference. Abstracts and pictures of all of the poster session presentations are on the NJLA website

<http://www.njla.org/njacrl/NJLA05Poster/NJLA05Posters.html> .

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NEW YORK

ACRL/NY will hold its annual symposium on December 2, 2005 at Baruch College, City University of New York. The conference title will be “**Connecting with the Net Generation: Access and Environment.**”

The theme of the symposium will be meeting the changing needs of library users in the new information environment. The symposium will consider the particular characteristics of the “net generation” and the implications of these characteristics for the way contemporary students search for information and do research. We will look at innovative ways of designing the physical setting of the library in order to accommodate new ways of doing research, as well as at the ways we can offer services to best assist people who are accessing the library remotely. Google and its current and future relationship to libraries will also be examined. The format of the symposium will be a keynote address, followed by three additional speakers, and end with a panel discussion, during which the audience will be invited to address questions to the speakers.

We encourage as many of our colleagues to attend as possible. Symposium information will be posted soon at our website, www.acrlny.org. We are looking forward to another stimulating annual symposium!

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EASTERN NEW YORK

On May 16, 2005 at The College of Saint Rose, Albany, NY, the chapter held its spring conference titled, “**Who Are Our Students?**” Mary Grondahl, VP for Enrollment Management, The College of St. Rose, spoke on “**The Class of 2005: What Matters to Them?**” The second keynote address was delivered by Judy Luther, President & Founder of Informed Strategies in Ardmore, PA. Ms. Luther co-authored “Born with the Chip” in the May 1, 2004 issue of *Library Journal*.

A panel discussion, “**Paving the Way: Instructional Programs and the High School to College Transition,**” featured two sets of academic and high school librarians speaking about joint programs for their students. Barbara Norelli, Skidmore College and Sandy Berger, Schuylerville Jr/Sr High School and Wendy Bousfield, Syracuse University and Matt Phillips, Jamesville/Dewitt High School were the panelists. The panel was moderated by Abby Kasowitz-Scheer of Syracuse University.

From the University at Albany Trudi Jacobson, the library's coordinator of instruction, and Prof. Michele Forte, an instructor in the freshman year living learning program, “**Project Renaissance,**” described the role of information literacy instruction in this program. They explored characteristics of today's students and the impact these characteristics have on their approaches to teaching them.

Conference Planning Handbook

The Chapter's local arrangements handbook is in drastic need of revision. Conference planners on the Program Committee need a much more comprehensive, detailed planning handbook outlining such matters as reimbursement policies for participants, a month by month planning timeline, and other nuts and bolts procedures. We will be looking for other chapters' who have created such a guide and we will share ours when we are done. Contact for this project is Inga H. Barnello, barnello@lemoyne.edu

Annually at its spring conference, the ENY Chapter raffles off a free registration to an ALA conference to be used at either the annual, midwinter, or ACRL conference within 15 months from the raffle. All chapter members in attendance qualify for a raffle ticket in their registration packets. The

drawing is held at lunch at the conclusion of the business meeting.

Why Join Campaign

Membership Chair, John Thomas, Jefferson County Community College, launched a membership campaign to build membership in both the Chapter and ACRL. His “**Why Join?**” message is on the web site at <http://enyacrl.org/join.htm>

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WESTERN NEW YORK/ONTARIO

The Chapter had a very successful conference on May 6, 2005 titled :**The Evolving Librarian: The Changing Roles of Librarianship**. It was held at the Fallview Casino and Hotel in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Over 85 people, from both Canada and the United States, attended the one-day event. Everything seemed to be in place; good location, good weather, good food, and, above all, good topics and presenters.

The morning started with a panel discussion on the evolving roles of librarians. Our panel included Christine Dehoff: Department Chair at Erie Community College, Buffalo City Campus, Dave Nuzzo; Head of Acquisitions at the University of Buffalo, and Jonathan Younker; Electronic Services Librarian at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario. By the way, we all felt that Dave Nuzzo should hire out for parties. The guy is hilarious as well as being an expert in his field.

Coming from various aspects of academic librarianship, the panelists were able to present their take on the situation we all find ourselves in, a constantly changing, environment. Needless to say, technology

played the biggest part in each presentation and, subsequent, discussion.

Systems Librarian, Nancy Warren, from D’Youville College in Buffalo, presented an excellent program on “**Time Management Through Tracking and Reporting**”. She emphasized the concept that, by documenting what you do and the length of time needed to do it, you provide yourself, and your administration with a picture of your effectiveness, worth, and work/time needs assessment. In simpler terms, the woman knows what she’s doing and where she’s going and can prove it to the powers that be. Needless to say, the audience had a lot of questions. It should be noted that Nancy has a template that she’s willing to share on the internet. Please note that the proceedings of the conference are on the Western New York/Ontario ACRL website: <http://www.niagara.edu/library/acrl/>

One of the ways libraries have adapted to the changes in the profession is by developing an “Information Commons”. Our panelists on this topic were Vivian Lewis; Associate University Librarian for Services at McMaster University in Ontario, Canada, Janet Kaufmann, Head, Information Services and Co-Director of the Learning Commons at the University of Guelph Library and Alice Harrington, Reference/Instruction Librarian at Monroe Community College in Rochester, New York.

The positives and negatives of this unique concept were explored, with each campus librarian on the panel presenting a variation on the basic theme of the student “one stop knowledge shop”. Again, for further information on the presentation, please go to our website.

The Poster presentations were well developed and right on the money (excuse the pun, given

the location of the conference). Titles included:

1. **“Blogosphere Pioneers: Librarian Blogs and the Advancement of the Information Commons”**, presented by Darren Chase,
2. **“Technology: Revolving the Evolving Librarian”**, presented by Marianne Foley, Buffalo State College,
3. **“From the Trenches of War to the Frontlines of the Technology Revolution: The Librarian as a Champion for Intellectual Freedom”**, presented by Diane Garcia, M.L.S. Candidate, University at Buffalo
4. **“Mobile Computing in Healthcare Fair: An educational, Promotional and Social Opportunity for Libraries and Their Users”**, presented by Dean Hendrix and Michelle Zafron, University at Buffalo,
5. **“The Changing Role of Reference” presented** by Jamie Ligas, M.L.S. Candidate, University at Buffalo and librarian, Keith Magee
6. **“The Evolving Technical Services Librarian”**, presented by Marianne Muha, Buffalo State College,
7. **The Changing Roles of Regional Accreditation: How Middle States Library Requirements Have Evolved”**, presented by Ann Tenglund, St. Bonaventure University,
8. **“The Techie Librarian”** presented by Keri Thomas, M.L.S. Candidate, University at Buffalo, and, finally
9. **“A Bridge Over Troubled Water”** presented by Patricia Viele, Cornell University.

Finally, a special thanks to Program Chair Nicki Lerczak and assistant Michelle Zafron. These professionals did a fine job, as always.

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OHIO

ALAO (Academic Library Association of Ohio) is pleased to announce that ACRL’s President Camila Alire, will be our featured luncheon speaker at this year’s upcoming ALAO annual conference to be held November 4 in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Alire will serve as a panelist discussing issues related to library advocacy.



Joe Raiola

Joe Raiola will be the keynote speaker. Raiola will perform *The Joy Of Censorship*, his critically acclaimed program on the first amendment. *Setting the Stage: New Roles for in the Library* is the theme for the conference.



(Photo – l to r -Ann Watson, Paul Burnam, Susan Scott)
Paul Burnam (Ohio Wesleyan University) was selected as the 2005

National Legislative Day Travel Award winner. Paul presented Ohio’s academic libraries during ALA’s Legislative Day in Washington DC and the ACRL Legislative Luncheon, along with Ann Watson and Susan Scott.

Ohio was in the limelight during the final reception on Capitol Hill where Friends of Libraries USA presented its annual Public Service Award to Rep. Ralph Regula (R-Ohio), recognizing his distinguished support of libraries and education.

Linda S. Dobb Executive Vice President of Bowling Green State University, was awarded the 2005 award for Outstanding Supporter of Support Staff, given by [Library Mosaics](#) and the [Council on Library/Media Technicians](#). Dobb was selected for her dedicated work on behalf of support staff at both local and national levels. An ALAO member, Dobb was recognized by the ALAO Support Staff Interest Group as the 2004 Ohio Library Outstanding Supporter of Support Staff for her efforts on behalf of SSIG workshops and initiatives around the state, including the Ohio Library Support Staff Institute. ALAO congratulates her on achieving this national honor!

The following ALAO Interest Groups held spring workshops for academic libraries.

- TSIG (Technical Services Interest Group) – *Technical Services Librarianship: Working Today – Preparing for Tomorrow* was held March 4 at the School of Library and Information Sciences - Kent State University.
- CMCIG (Curriculum Materials Center Interest Group) held their spring workshop on April 29 at the Instructional Resource Center at Kent State University.
- SIG (Support Staff Interest Group) – May 13 was the date of the spring workshop which featured Ed Kee, as featured speaker. *Enlighten, Enhance, Invigorate; A Day of Discovery* was the theme of the day long workshop held at Ashland University.
- DLIIG (Distance Learning Interest Group) – *Going the Distance: Meeting the Needs of Distance*

Learners is the theme of this spring workshop held on May 25 at Ashland University. Dr. Mary K. Biagoni, Associate Dean, Associate Professor, University of Pittsburgh, SIS, Dr. Susan Alman, Director of Distance Learning and Outreach Program at the University of Pittsburgh, SIS and Dr. Jason Holmes, Kent State University SLIS were the featured speakers.

- CMIG (Collection Management Interest Group) – *Rethinking Collections Policy in an Electronic Age* Spring Workshop was held May 26 at Denison University.

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OREGON

On October 28-29, 2004, the Oregon and Washington ACRL chapters met jointly for a two-day conference and membership meetings at the Menucha Conference Center in Corbett Oregon along the beautiful Columbia Gorge. The conference was called "@evolution! Scholarly Communication at a X-Roads" and was well attended and well received. Over ninety people enjoyed excellent presentations and spirited discussions on this important topic. For the first time, the ACRL-OR Chapter offered two scholarships to the conference. Recipients were Emily Wheeler of Portland and Hannah Gascho Rempel of Corvallis. Emily and Hannah are students enrolled in the MLIS distance education program at University of Washington.

The conference's keynote speaker was Betsy Wilson, Director of University Libraries, University of Washington. Betsy's presentation, entitled "**The Canary in the**

Coal Mine: Scholarly Communication and Libraries," got the conference off to a great start by providing an historical overview of scholarly publishing as well as introducing emerging trends. Andy Gass, Policy Analyst, Public Library of Science, gave the audience a fascinating glimpse into Open Access publishing. Isabel Stirling, Associate University Librarian and Director, Public Services, University of California, discussed institutional repositories and the California Digital Library eScholarship Depository in particular. The first day concluded with a good meal, Chapter Board meetings and Chapter meetings, followed by an evening of games, pumpkin carving, and lively conversation.

The next day started with Camila Gabaldon, Coordinator of Collection Development, and Charles Anderson, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Western Oregon University discussing their repository project. Carol Green, University of Washington (UW), filled in for Mel DeSart, UW and presented his talk on educating the faculty at UW about scholarly communication. Carol Hixson, Head of Metadata and Digital Library Services, University of Oregon (UO), enlightened the group with her discussion of UO's Scholars Bank project. Short breakout discussions and a wrap up session finished off a very successful conference.

The Oregon Library Association held their annual conference in Portland April 6-8, 2005. Despite the fact that the OLA Conference overlapped with the ACRL National Conference in Minneapolis and many Oregon academic librarians were in Minneapolis, ACRL-OR sponsored or co-sponsored several well-received sessions.

Jerry Parpart and Bryan Miyagishima from Western Oregon University presented "**Art Connections: Considerations in Using the**

Creative Arts to Connect Patrons with Artists, Artifact and Ideas."

Elaine Gass Hirsch from Lewis and Clark College offered a timely presentation on "**Exploring Lewis and Clark Through Children's Literature."**

A panel discussion consisting of Kathleen Casey and Michele Burke, Western Oregon University, Heidi Senior, University of Portland, Connie Anderson, Southern Oregon University, and Valery King, Oregon State University, addressed "**Using Undergraduate Student Workers as Reference Desk Staff."**

Karen Munro and Annie Zeidman-Karpinski from University of Oregon presented "**The Earth Is What We All Have in Common: Teaching Library Research Across Disciplines and Temperaments."**

Gail Kouame, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Pacific NW Region, spoke about "**Libraries and Community Partners: Working Together to Provide Health Information."**

ACRL-OR rounded out its offerings with "**Making Connections: Pioneering the Information Landscape"** presented by Robin Ashford, George Fox University and Lewis And Clark College, and Sherry Buchanan and Cyril Oberlander, Portland State University.

For more information about the Oregon Chapter and its activities, please see our Web site at <http://www.olaweb.org/acrl/>.

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TEXAS

The College & University Libraries Division of the Texas Library Association, which also serves as the Texas Chapter of ACRL, offered the following programming at the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in Austin, Texas, April 5-8, 2005.

“GIS-Geographical Information Systems: It’s for Libraries, Too!” The presenters were Eva Garza, GIS Librarian from Rice University and Joshua Been, GIS Librarian from the University of Texas at Arlington.

“RFID: The New Technology Wave” The presenters were Margaret Hazel, principal librarian from Eugene Public Library, Eugene, Oregon and Sidney Watson, Science/Engineering Librarian, Lied Library, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

“Technology Trifecta: Students, Faculty, and Librarians “ Kreg Walvoord, Assistant Head of Reference Services, University of Texas at Dallas, discussed what can happen when librarians are set loose on campus with laptops. Frances May, Coordinator of User Education & Outreach, University of North Texas, explored ways of stimulating use of library resources through WebCT. Joshua Been, GIS Librarian, University of Texas at Arlington explored ways of convincing faculty to include GIS assignments in their curriculum.

“New SACS Directions” Mark Hanna, College Librarian from Amarillo College, Gilda Baeza Ortego, Library Director, Texas A&M - Kingsville, and Cary Sowell, Head Librarian and Director of SACS Self Study, Northridge Campus Library, Austin Community College discussed the major changes in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Principles of

Accreditation and how they differ from the old Criteria.

“Lunch SACS Discussion” Academic librarians were encouraged to bring their lunch along with questions from the earlier program on the SACS Principles for an open discussion.

“Technology Impact on Academic Libraries” Daniel Chudnov, from Yale Center for Medical Informatics, Yale University School of Medicine, and 2005 recipient of the LITA/Brett Butler Entrepreneurship Award, shared his vision of technology trends that may affect the academic enterprise. Most of this room overflowing audience remained for the Chapter Business meeting which followed.

Since 2003 the Texas Chapter annually has granted a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduate student in a Texas ALA-accredited library education program to help with expenses in an effort to promote academic librarianship. This year the recipient is Gavin DeCuir, a student at the University of North Texas, with an interest in digital image management. The Chapter successfully drafted a position statement on Academic Librarian Credentials, addressing vague wording in the new SACS Principles of Accreditation for “qualified staff.” The statement affirms that “the minimum educational credential for any position as librarian or library director is a master’s degree from a program accredited by the American Library Association.” The position statement was accepted by the TLA Council, at Conference, as an official position of the Texas Library Association.

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VIRGINIA

On April 1, 2005, the Virginia Libraries Academic Section/Virginia Chapter of ACRL held its spring workshop, "**Teaching is the Subject: Library is just a Keyword.**"

Elizabeth Kocovar-Weidinger, Interim Head of Reference, Longwood University and Susan Cooperstein, Education Librarian, Loyola Notre Dame led the participants in identifying constructivist principles, exploring ways to apply these principles to library instruction, and creating lessons in which students discover the concepts rather than having concepts presented to them.

On April 28, 2005, the Chapter held an organizational meeting to create a structure for the group, discuss membership issues, and decide upon programming needs for the coming year. More than 30 librarians from around the state were able to attend this planning and brainstorming meeting, and we look forward to implementing our ideas.

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WASHINGTON

The Washington Chapter of ACRL has been involved in a number of recent activities primarily focused on planning the annual joint meeting with the Oregon chapter and a program at the recent Washington Library Association Conference.

The Washington Chapter will host the annual joint Washington/Oregon conference in 2005. We are still in the planning stages and will be working on the schedule at our annual spring board meeting on May 13. This year's conference is scheduled in October at the UW's Pack Forest, the beautiful and rustic conference center nestled among 4,300 acres of Douglas-fir in Eatonville, Washington. To encourage participation in the conference and promote active involvement by those new to

academic librarianship, the Chapter will again be awarding scholarships to both a UW iSchool student and to a librarian new to the profession.

Beth Lindsay, Vice President/President-Elect for 2005-2006, spearheaded the effort to develop a pre-conference to the 2005 Washington Library Association Conference titled, "**One Size Doesn't Fit All: Working with Diverse Patrons.**" The pre-conference, held April 20, featured academic and public librarians, as well as university professors, who work with diverse populations. The pre-conference provided insights into the impact of diversity on research along with specific tools to use with adult learners, ESL patrons, and young adult or "Generation Y" students. Panelists included Jonathan Betz-Zall, City University; James Gregson, University of Idaho; Sayumi Irely, Bellevue Community College; Karen Munro, University of Oregon; Lisa Oldoski, Puyallup Public Library; Martha Savage, Gonzaga University; and Scott Walter, University of Kansas.

For more information about the Washington Chapter and its activities, please see our website at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/acrl-wa>.

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WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) enjoyed their annual conference, "**Our Capital Convergence**" on the scenic isthmus of Madison, Wisconsin on April 20-22. More than 200 participants from private, technical and public institutions gathered for the first time at the new Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center. Designed originally by Frank Lloyd Wright, the Convention Center was 69 years in the making.

A keynote by new University of Wisconsin System President Kevin Reilly gave the (mostly) UW staff a chance to ask questions about the financing of the state's educational system...including its libraries. Other topics covered included distance learning, resource sharing, the future of library web pages, working abroad, web-based public service statistics, ubiquitous computing, the archiving and licensing of databases, improving technical services, the use of personal power in the workplace, and the library as place.

The WAAL Information Literacy Award was presented to Abigail Loomis. In a change of focus, next year's award will be given to a program or class, rather than a person. Poster sessions on information literacy best practices allowed staff to take home ideas for their own instruction programs.



To the left:
Axel Schmetzke
explaining his display in
front of scenic Lake
Monona during the poster
session.

One of the more unusual poster presentations was "Murder in the Stacks." Renee Sengele & Marissa Finkey shared information about how they planned a murder mystery in the stacks of Polk Library, creating interest in the library and painlessly teaching a few library tips for students along the way.

For a "let's discuss something other than libraries" luncheon, historian Jack Holzhueter

asked the question, "How many of you think that Frank Lloyd Wright was the most influential architect of the 20th century?" The results led to a fascinating hour of insights into the man and his homes. In case you were wondering, Wright **was** the most influential! Holzhueter also described his foray into ebay trading for some valuable photos of Taliesin, Wright's Wisconsin studio (see New York Times, February 13, 2005, Section 2, page 7).

A well-received special post conference workshop, "**Bridging Communications Differences: Using Perceptual Thinking Patterns (PTP™) in the Workplace and Classroom,**" was conducted by counselor and trainer Vida Groman and educational consultant Denise Jess.

WAAL's Professional Development Committee awarded scholarships for attending the conference to undergraduate students working in libraries, library school graduate students, and library paraprofessionals. Each winner was assigned a mentor from the WAAL community to shepherd them through the conference events.

Links to post-conference presentation info are available from <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal/conferences/2005/>

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