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Message from the Chapters Council Chair

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Next Chapter Topics Deadline: May 12, 2006

Hello to all Chapter Liaisons!

I hope that you will be able to join us in San Antonio. Chapters Council will be meeting on Sunday, January 22, 2006 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Westin Riverwalk Encino Room. Each chapter is allowed two representatives to Chapters Council. If for any reason you cannot attend, a substitute representative is welcome.

During the meeting, you will hear from ACRL officers and administrators and have an opportunity to share your ideas and concerns with them. ACRL President Camila Alire will speak on the grassroots advocacy campaign and the sister libraries program. ACRL President-Elect Pam Snelson will highlight her strategic directions. Candidates for ACRL President-Elect Cynthia Steinhoff and Julie Todaro will each briefly share their ideas, as will ACRL At-Large Candidates Carl Bengston, Mary Carr, Debbie Malone, and Marianne Rough. Larry Romans will give us a legislative update and Executive Director Mary Ellen Davis and Program Coordinator Megan Bielefeld will represent ACRL.

Since I came on board as Chair, shortly after Annual last year, I have been listening to your ideas and concerns. During the meeting, we will discuss issues that came out of our last meeting, including the ACRL strategic plan, the environmental scan, and use of the ACRL Logo by Chapters, as well as issues raised in subsequent e-mail conversations including ways of spending the Chapter allocation and the potential use of ACRL web server space. In addition, I will share a proposal from the University Libraries Section that could benefit Chapters.

In the past, we would occasionally ask Chapters to share some of their activities. With over 40 representatives, this would bog down proceedings, so we have left that type of communication to this excellent *Chapter Topics* newsletter. This year, I would like to try something slightly different – if you did something innovative during the past year that you feel would really be of interest to

other Chapters, please drop me a paragraph describing what you did. I will arrange ahead of time for two or three Chapter Liaisons to share towards the end of the meeting.

Immediately following the Chapters Council meeting is the Presidential Candidates Forum at the Menger Hotel in the Ballroom. We are ending our meeting at 11:00 a.m. so that you have an opportunity to meet the candidates for ACRL President, hear them answer questions, and partake of a free lunch. We'll only have a brief opportunity to meet the ACRL Presidential Candidates, Cynthia Steinhoff, Library Director for Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, MD and Julie Todaro, Dean of Library Services of the Austin Community College in Austin, TX, during our meeting so I encourage you and your chapter colleagues to attend. Many thanks to Jon Hufford and his committee for organizing the Presidential Candidates Forum.

Finally, I hope you can join us for the dine-around. Chapters Chair Elect Nora Quinlan has arranged for us to meet at one of her favorite Mexican restaurants on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. – for details, see her invitation in this newsletter. I can speak from personal experience to say it is delightful to spend the evening eating good food and getting to know other Chapter Liaisons.

For those of you who are new chapter representatives, we generally hold the formal welcome orientation during the Annual conference; during Midwinter I will be providing brochures that provide an overview of the purpose and benefits of Chapters Council.

Though our agenda is full, I encourage you to contact me with any additional items you would like to see Chapters Council address. If you have any questions, please drop me a line at emmons@unm.edu. I am looking forward to seeing you all in San Antonio.

Mark Emmons
Chair, Chapters Council

Agenda for Chapters Council

Preliminary Agenda for Chapters Council
ALA Midwinter – San Antonio
Sunday, January 22, 2006
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Westin Riverwalk – Encino

- I. Call to Order (Mark Emmons)
- II. Introductions of Chapters Council Officers and Members (Mark Emmons)
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes from Annual 2005 (Fran Kaufmann)
- IV. Welcome brochures for new Chapter officers (full orientation takes place during annual)
- V. Introduction and Remarks from Camila Aire, ACRL President
 - News & announcements
 - Grassroots advocacy
 - Sister libraries
 - Chapter visits
- VI. Introduction and Remarks from Pam Snelson, ACRL President-Elect
 - Strategic directions
 - Questions and concerns from Chapters
- VII. Introduction and Remarks from Candidates for ACRL President-Elect
 - Cynthia Steinhoff, Library Director for Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, MD
 - Julie Todaro, Dean of Library Services of the Austin Community College in Austin, TX,
- VIII. Introduction and Remarks from ACRL At-Large Candidates
 - Carl Bengston, Dean of Library Services, California State University, Stanislaus
 - Debbie Malone, Library Director, DeSales University
- IX. Introduction and Remarks from ACRL Administrators
 - Mary Carr, Dean, Instructional Services/Director, Coll. Dev., Spokane Community College
 - Marianne Rough, Professor/Librarian-Collection Development, Prince George's Community College
- X. Legislative Network update (Larry Romans)
- XI. Old Business
 - Opt out from e-mails – Chapters classified same as vendors
 - Strategic plan
 - Environmental Scan
 - ACRL Logo (for use on banners and such)
- XII. Announcements
 - ACRL Candidates Forum and Luncheon (Jon Hufford)
 - Nominations for Officers for Chapters Council (Nora Quinlan)
 - Dine-around (Nora Quinlan)
 - Listservs/roster updates and corrections and more (Linda Kopecky)
 - Chapter Topics (Doreen Kopycinski)
- XIII. New Business
 - Budget and finances (spending the Chapter allocation)
 - Web server space
 - University Libraries Section proposal
 - One really cool idea from select Chapters
- XIV. Adjournment

Chapters Council Dine-Around in San Antonio

Over the last several years during each ALA conference, Chapters Council has planned a fun, informal and moderately priced dinner for Council representatives. It is a great way to mingle and munch with some fellow librarians. I can still remember last summer's dinner at Lao Sze Chuan! So I would like to repeat the experience by inviting you to dinner.

Now, you *cannot* go to San Antonio and *not* eat Mexican food! So, for dinner at this year's midwinter meeting, I have selected **Mi Tierra Cafe and Bakery**. This is the quintessential Mexican restaurant in San Antonio, popular with locals and visitors. I never miss a trip to it when in San Antonio. We will meet on Sunday, January 22, at 6:00 pm.

The restaurant is located at 218 Produce Row (In Market Square) phone: (210) 225-1262. To get there, you can take the trolley or walk from the Convention Center. Directions and maps can be found at the restaurant's website at: www.mitierracafe.com.

At this point, I don't have a reservation as they only take them for very large groups. 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: Nora Quinlan, ACRL Chapters Council Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, at nora@nova.edu.

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ACRL News

Presidential Candidate's Forum

Meet Todaro and Steinhoff - Candidates for ACRL President

Hear Julie Todaro and Cynthia Steinhoff, the official candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect, speak at the ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum on Sunday, January 22, 2006, 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., during the Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio.

Todaro is the dean of library services at Austin Community College. Steinhoff is the director of the library at Anne Arundel Community College.

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

Professional Development

Save the dates for these distinctive events. Complete details about all ACRL professional development events are available online at www.ala.org/acrl/events. Questions? Contact msutton@ala.org; 312-280-2522.

e-learning

Current Copyright Issues Facing Academic Librarians (February 6-28, 2006)

Carrie Russell from ALA's Office for Information Technology Policy will walk participants through the major copyright issues facing academic librarians today. Topics covered will include

electronic reserves, interlibrary loan, using media in courseware, and campus copyright policies. *Registration will open January 9.*

Virtual Conference: "Innovate and Motivate: Next Generation Libraries"

Proposals are being accepted now for the first-ever Virtual Conference offered jointly by ACRL,

the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) and EDUCAUSE. The ACRL/CNI/EDUCAUSE Virtual Conference, to be offered April 20 - 21, 2006, offers a forum for an energizing exchange of ideas focusing on technology and academic librarianship. The conference theme, "Innovate and Motivate: Next Generation Libraries," will explore how revolutions in technology impact academic librarianship and higher education. Submissions will be accepted through January 6, 2006. Full text of the Call for Participation and the online submission form are available at www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl/events/virtualconference.htm.

Submit a proposal for ACRL's 13th National Conference

The ACRL 13th National Conference offers a forum for an exciting and energizing exchange of ideas on research, practices, developments, and visions in the field of academic and research librarianship. The conference theme, "Sailing into the Future - Charting our Destiny," recognizes that the coming together of nearly 3,000 of our colleagues gives us a chance to discuss, think, and dream about the future for our libraries. The National Conference Executive Committee invites proposals for a variety of session formats including contributed papers, panel sessions, preconferences, workshops, poster sessions, and roundtable discussions. Descriptions of session formats are online at

ACRL @ ALA Annual Conference

ACRL is offering three preconferences in New Orleans on June 23, 2006. Register online at <http://www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2006a/registration.htm>:

- Assessment and Beyond: Starting It Off, Pulling It All Together and Making Decisions
- Federated Search: How Do We Teach It?
- Taking Your Library Liaison Program to the Next Level: Strategies for Outreach and Integration

ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute

The ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute will be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 6-11, 2006. Complete details about the institute, including registration materials, are online at www.ala.org/acrl/events (Click "ACRL/Harvard Institute"). The Institute is limited to those with significant administrative responsibility in an

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl/events/baltimore/program07/sessionformats.htm>.

Submitters are encouraged to investigate the issues and topics described as part of the conference tracks and themes and to think about both the future for our field and the practices and plans that will help us get there. Conference track and theme descriptions are available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl/events/baltimore/program07/trackdescriptions.htm>.

Deadlines for proposal submissions are as follows:

- May 10, 2006 - Contributed papers, panel sessions, preconferences, and workshops
- October 20, 2006 - Poster sessions
- January 10, 2007 - Roundtable discussions

Full text of the Call for Participation is available online at www.acrl.org/baltimore (Click "Proposals"). Questions about the Call for Presentation or Baltimore conference should be directed to Margot Conahan, msutton@ala.org, 312-280-2522; or Tory Ondrla, tondrla@ala.org, 312-280-2515. Complete details about the conference, which will be held in Baltimore, March 29 - April 1, 2007, are online at www.acrl.org/baltimore.

institution of higher education and who show high promise for making a significant contribution in the future. Registration from library directors, university librarians, and their associates and direct reports will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. We expect this Institute to fill quickly so register as soon as possible.

New Publication in Librarianship

Centers for Learning: Writing Centers and Academic Libraries in Collaboration Publications in Librarianship no. 58 by James K. Elmborg and Sheril Hook

Centers for Learning examines the potentials inherent in partnerships between libraries and writing centers. By focusing on shared concepts and practices, the editors suggest that such partnerships might respond more coherently to the needs of today's students. Case studies highlighting the possibilities of collaborations form the body of the book. A conclusion reflects on the implications of these case studies from a writing center perspective. See the 'Publications' link at www.ala.org/acrl.

News from ACRL's Legislative Network

ACRL Legislative Network

Larry Romans (Government Information Librarian at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN) has recently been appointed as the Legislative Network Representative on Chapters Council. Larry served in this capacity in the past and was a member of the ACRL Task Force on National Advocacy to improve ACRL's effectiveness in national legislative and policy advocacy. He currently chairs the ALA Committee on Legislation and has chosen grassroots advocacy as his focus this year.

The ACRL Legislative Network consists of a Legislative Coordinator from each state. If you have a new legislative/government relations committee chair/coordinator in your chapter, be sure to have that person contact ACRL Scholarly

Communications-Government Relations Specialist Kara Malenfant at kmalenfant@ala.org.

The legislative coordinators from each chapter have their own list, LEGNET, which is a closed list and requires Kara to subscribe individuals. Members can use the list to discuss how they conduct legislative activities at the chapter level, toss ideas around about effective ways to engage advocates or communicate with legislators, and let others know about state-level issues that are bubbling up in their chapters. Larry and Kara will use the list to send action alerts that ask for rapid response on specific issues as legislation arises. If your chapter is in a key state or district, Kara may call your legislative coordinator to enlist support and mobilize advocates in your area.

ACRL Legislative Update

After a hiatus, the ACRL Legislative Update is back up and running. ACRL provides updates on federal legislative issues of particular interest to academic and research libraries every few weeks as needed.

The first update, November 7, gave background and current status on two issues. First, a recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruling extends The Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA) to broadband networks and would mean academic institutions, often Internet service providers, must comply. Two appeals filed in federal court, with lawsuits pending, argue against the cost/necessity of this unfunded mandate and the jurisdiction of the FCC in issuing the ruling. The second issue is

Broadcast Flag copyright protection rules, which would have the unintended consequence of harming distance education in the digital era by preventing fair use.

To join the list of academic and research librarians receiving the ACRL Legislative Update, subscribe today by sending an e-mail to listproc@ala.org with "subscribe LEGUPDATE your name" in the message.

ACRL wants the Legislative Update to be helpful to you. If you have questions, comments or suggestions, please contact ACRL Scholarly Communications-Government Relations Specialist Kara Malenfant at kmalenfant@ala.org.

Tips for Chapters: The Top Ten List: Ten Important Things Chapter Officers Should Know

EDITOR'S NOTE: Before Debbie Malone relinquished her position as *Chapter Topics* newsletter editor, she initiated this feature with which to allow an in depth look, beyond the Chapter Reports, at the on goings of our chapters (the first article highlighted the New England chapter's retreat for their officers (see page 14 at: <http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlchapters/chaptertopics/ctv26n1.pdf>). If you would like to write an article about your chapter, please contact the editor, Doreen Kopycinski, at dok205@lehigh.edu.

For this issue of *Chapter Topics*, we draw attention to important information each chapter should know. Debbie brought this to my attention before her departure from this position (thank you, Debbie!) noting that, with the constant change of chapter officers, the need to be informed of these points is ever new.

1. Each year, ACRL gives chapters \$1.00 for each registered ACRL national member within the chapter's service area (determined by zip code, in some cases).
2. To receive this money, chapters must submit receipts for expenses to ACRL by August 15 each year.
3. ACRL can supply chapters with lists (formatted for printing on mailing labels) of ACRL national members in their area.
4. ACRL offers chapters a Speakers Bureau, from which chapters can request a speaker from the ACRL leadership to present at their programs...and ACRL pays most or all of the costs! See <http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlchapters/officersspeakers.htm> for a list of available speakers (there are 6 visits per ALA fiscal year, and it's first-come, first-serve).
5. All chapter officers must be members of ACRL national.
6. Chapters should submit an annual report to ACRL (the form, which is accessible by using your ALA member number and password, can be found by visiting <http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlchapters/chapters.htm> and clicking on "Strategic Plan Implementation Form for ACRL Units."
7. Changes in a chapter's leadership should be reported to Megan Bielefeld at mbielefeld@ala.org.
8. Chapters should update their banners to include the new ACRL Chapter logo. Chapter members should be informed of the relationship chapters have with ACRL, that chapters are separate, incorporated bodies. It should be clear that chapter programs are not national ACRL programs.
9. Chapters should submit reports (and photos!) to *Chapter Topics* to keep the Chapter Council aware of each chapter's ongoing, as well as to inspire others with new ideas!
10. Chapters should submit names and email addresses of new chapter offices to Linda Kopecky at lkopecky@uwm.edu for the ACRLCHPTR (the Council's email discussion list). They should submit names of "retiring" officers so they can be removed from the list.

Chapter Reports

ALABAMA

The Alabama Chapter of ACRL held its fall workshop on Friday, October 7, 2005 in Montgomery. The theme of the workshop was **“Millennials in the Library: Today’s Student Library Worker.”** Presenters from various academic libraries within the state described the millennial generation and shared tips and techniques for recruiting, training, motivating, and retaining today’s student library workers. Approximately 45 people attended the fall

workshop and it received very positive reviews. The spring workshop will be held on Monday, February 13, 2006 and will feature Dr. Ray English, Director of Libraries at Oberlin College, speaking on the topic of scholarly communication.

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COLORADO

At our annual state conference in November, Colorado’s Academic Library Association (CoALA) introduced the following new officers: Bette Rathe, University of Northern Colorado (Chair); Krystyna Mrozek, Colorado College (Vice-chair/Chair-elect); Jack Maness, University of Colorado at Boulder (Member-at-large); and Sarah Naper, University of Northern Colorado (Secretary). The chapter also initiated plans for future workshops.

As a feature presentation, Keith Curry Lance (Library Research Service) and Don Dickerson (University of Denver) shared **“How Academic Libraries Help Faculty Teach & Students Learn: Undergraduate Student & Faculty Perceptions of Libraries at Nine Colorado Colleges & Universities.”** In association with the Colorado Academic Library Consortium, the State’s Library Research Service conducted this study in order to gain a greater understanding of how these facilities help students learn and to assess how libraries help instructors with their

teaching activities and objectives. Institutions included in this study include Adams State College, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Front Range Community College, Pikes Peak Community College, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center, University of Denver, Western State College. Preliminary results from this study are available at http://www.lrs.org/documents/academic/ALIS_prelim_post.pdf, with an accompanying PowerPoint presentation at http://www.lrs.org/documents/academic/impact_prelim.ppt. More extensive results will be posted on the Library Research Services webpage (<http://www.lrs.org>).

Contributed by
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Secretary for Colorado Association of Academic Libraries (CoALA)

DELAWARE VALLEY

In its 54th year, the ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter continues to thrive, with a hard working Board of Directors and active membership. This past year featured the Fall 2004 program **“Breaking the Google Addiction: the Promise and Reality of Federated Searching”** and the collaboration with the Associated College

Libraries of Central Pennsylvania (ACLCP) on the Spring 2005 program **“Dynamic Digitization: Local Ideas, Global Application.”** The Chapter anticipates future partnering with ACLCP.

Planning for this year’s fall program began with a review of comments and suggestions from past

program evaluations and resulted in the program “**Open Access Publishing: Trend or Transformation?**” which was postponed due to a snowstorm. The Board will now decide on the future of the Chapter’s Fall 2005 program and its Spring 2006 offering.

Continuing this fall is the Chapter’s Mentoring Program, through which current graduate students of library studies, interested in academic librarianship, are matched with practicing academic librarians. Kris Mudrick, Vice-president/President-Elect, is coordinating the program. The Board is also working on a comprehensive review and expansion of the Chapter’s web site (<http://www.acrl-dvc.org>), coordinated by Webmaster Nena Asquith.

During Spring 2006, the Board will seek applicants for the annual Library School Student Stipend and the Chapter looks forward to reading the informative essays from the graduate student applicants. Ann Cary received last year’s stipend. ALA will host National Library Legislative Day on May 1-2, 2006 in Washington, D.C., for which the Delaware Valley Chapter will encourage member participation. The Chapter’s Nominating Committee has completed its work, selecting candidates for open Board positions: Vice-President/President-Elect, Treasurer, and Board Member-at-Large.

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FLORIDA

The Florida ACRL Chapter welcomes to its board **Maryellen Allen**, University of South Florida, and **Nancy Cook**, Florida Institute of Technology. The board would like to express its special appreciation to **Sue Ryan**, Stetson University, as she completes her term.

The Chapter held its fall workshop “**E-merging Technologies**” on October 28 in Orlando. Attendance numbers exceeded recent workshops, even in the wake of Hurricane Wilma. The program received great reviews for presentation, topics, and timeliness.

The program began with **Sarah Hammill** and **Inna Ilinskaya**, Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus. They provided an excellent presentation on web-usability studies and explored the challenges for assessing the effectiveness of a library’s web page.

Donna Goda, University of Central Florida, Orlando, followed with a presentation on streaming video. She demonstrated the process and ease of using Camtasia to make instructional videos.

Suzi Holler, Central Florida Library Cooperative, completed the workshop with an extended program on blogging and podcasts. Her

presentation included not only discussion of the many uses for these new technologies but also demonstrating the ease with which they may be put together.

The spring workshop will be held during the annual Florida Library Association Conference, April 18-21. The program is entitled “**Functional Shift: New Library Services in a Changing World.**” Carla J. Stoffle, Dean of Libraries and Center for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona in Tucson, will be the keynote speaker. This program will take place on Wednesday, April 19 at the Buena Vista Palace, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

The Chapter also serves as the Academic Library Section for the Florida Library Association and will be presenting a new initiative to launch a forum that will highlight selected research projects by Florida colleagues at the annual meeting. Details will be forthcoming. For more information about the Florida chapter, visit the FACRL web site at <http://facrl.fcla.edu>.

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INDIANA

The Indiana Academic Libraries Association (IALA) is gearing up for the next Indiana Library Federation Conference, **Indiana Libraries: 21st Century Literacy Partners**, scheduled for April 11-13, 2006 in Indianapolis. Steve Duecker, Information Services Librarian at Ball State University and Chair of the IALA Program Committee, reports that seven sessions have been accepted by the Committee for sponsorship by IALA at the Annual Conference. Preliminary summaries of the sessions follow.

Everything I Ever Needed to Know About Librarianship, I Learned from Bunny Watson

A presentation based on the character that Katharine Hepburn plays, opposite Spencer Tracy, in the movie *Desk Set*. The plot of the movie is that Bunny is the head reference librarian at a major news agency. Spencer Tracy plays the computer consultant who is brought in to install a new computer that the librarians think is designed to replace them. Throughout the story, Katherine Hepburn (Bunny) delivers a number of "one-liners" ("Never assume," for example) that can quite easily be applied as very useful mottoes for librarians. The presentation will use scenes from the movie, with copyrights secured, of course, to illustrate some of these points and will then elaborate on how they may be applied to specific situations in our profession.

SAILS--Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills/ICT Literacy Assessment

SAILS- (<http://sails.lms.kent.edu/index.php>) The test, developed at Kent State, is based on the ACRL Information Literacy Standards. It's a survey that is designed to measure information literacy that is standardized, easily administered, assesses at the institutional level, and contains items not specific to an institution or library. A representative from Kent is being invited to give a presentation along with a few participants from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College to talk about how they used the test, what groups they targeted the test to, what their outcomes were, and how they plan to use the information on their own campuses.

In addition to SAILS, there is the ICT Literacy Assessment, a comprehensive test of ICT proficiency specifically designed for the higher education environment. It uses scenario-based

assignments to assess all the ICT skills required of today's higher education students—not just knowledge of technology, but the ability to use critical-thinking skills to solve problems within a technological environment. Participants from Purdue will be invited to share their findings.

Digitization Pre-Conference Workshop

This will be a task-centered session where attendees will be provided with a more "hands-on" demonstration in the use of PCs, scanners, and associated equipment. Two repositories, OCLC's CONTENTdm and Madison's Digital Image Database (MDID), the second being freeware, will be discussed. The use of standards and higher-end technologies such as 3-D modeling will be presented. Attendees will walk away from the session with the basic framework necessary to begin a digitization project.

Education of Information Users

Three adjunct faculty for the Indiana University School of Library and Information Science will discuss a course they developed, Education of Information Users. It will be a guided exploration deep into the territory known variously as bibliographic instruction, library user education and, of course, information literacy and information fluency instruction. A discussion of age-old obstacles to creating the information literate individual and the support, both print and technological, for librarian, teacher, and "student" (the life-long learner). Emphasis will be given to real-life and real-time examples, themes of collaboration, competencies, assessment, a concentration on academic instruction and on increasing the emphasis on the teaching side looking towards library instruction as opposed to library instruction glancing towards teaching.

This Library is Virtually Yours: Reaching Out to Distance Learners

As the number of students choosing distance education classes continues to grow, librarians seek venues for orienting distance learners to library resources and services. Learn how IPFW librarians used multi-media technology, collaborated with other campus departments, and applied their skills and talents to introduce themselves and the library to distance learners. The presentation will provide the nuts and bolts of a project that can be scaled to meet the needs of any library. Join us in discussing the issue of

reaching out to distance learners and hear about the message and methods one library is using.

New Genres for Techies, Gamers, and Geeks

Many library directors have noted that as university libraries become more digital, college students don't feel as compelled to visit the physical building. While these technological advances are an improvement in access, we now find that students fail to realize there are still advantages to visiting the campus library. This new challenge has inspired us to rethink library space and collections. At the Indiana State University Library we have reinvented our image by creating a Browsing Collection and accompanying public space. This area welcomes students with creative mediums they know and, in a refreshing way, challenges our notions of what belongs in an academic library. In addition to popular fiction and nonfiction, this section now includes DVD's, music, audio books, graphic novels and video games.

For many academic librarians who are more comfortable operating within the realm of books and journals, new collections such as these can propose a number of unexpected problems. This presentation will explore many phases of managing such an endeavor. We will discuss ways to navigate the inevitable generational clash, create a multi-tiered collection development

model, and promote these new materials to students and faculty.

Evaluating Library Services to Students and Faculty in an Academic Library

This presentation involves a number of studies that IUPUI University Library has undertaken to assess its services to students and faculty. One interview survey has been done for a number of years and identifies for what purpose individuals are using the library. Another study evaluates if the research needs of faculty, based on their publications for a given year, could have been met by the University Library or IU system holdings. The results were divided by discipline and type of materials cited in their works. A third study compares usage information by Liberal Arts disciplines of library materials, both print and electronic, as well as use of interlibrary loan and reserves. The University Library is interested in using a number of methodologies for understanding and assessing our value to the campus and learning. In addition, an Indiana University School of Library and Information faculty member will include evaluation studies she has conducted at a smaller academic institution.

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IOWA

The Iowa Library Association/Association of College and Research Libraries (ILA/ACRL) held their Spring Conference in Ames, Iowa on May 20th, 2005. The conference was entitled "**Academic Libraries: Cornerstones for Community.**" Dr. David Carr, author of *The Promise of Cultural Institutions* and professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was the keynote speaker. His presentation was titled "An Academic Library beyond an Academic Community." The text of his speech can be found online at:

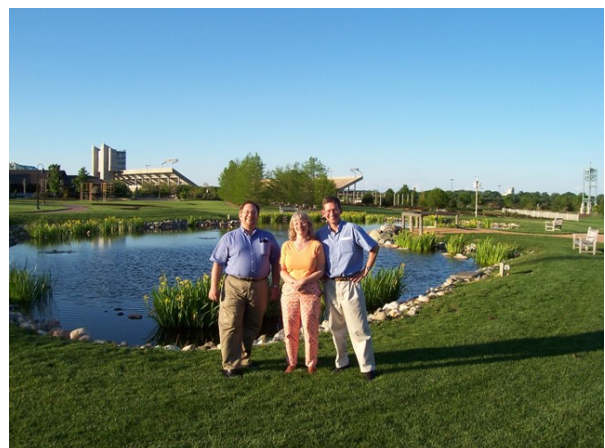
<http://www.iren.net/acrl/conference/2005/carr.doc>.

Concurrent sessions were well attended, educational, and entertaining – the schedule can be located at:

<http://www.iren.net/acrl/conference/2005/sp2005pogram.pdf> and a highlight of the content of the concurrent sessions along with pictures can be located in the July issue of the ILA/ACRL

Newsletter:

<http://www.iren.net/acrl/newsletter/July2005/index.html>. The Pre-Conference Dinner held at the Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa was well attended with beautiful weather! Kathy Parsons, President of ILA/ACRL is pictured below with colleagues Jeff Kushkowski and Chris Neuhaus.



Below, ILA/ACRL conference attendees relax in the shade.



ILA/ACRL also sponsored one pre-conference and three concurrent sessions held at the Iowa Library Association Annual Conference in Dubuque on October 19th-21st. Jill Koelling from the Collaborative Digitization Project at the Bibliographic Center for Research presented on the topic "Introduction to Digital Imaging" for the pre-conference session. David Tyckoson from California State University, Fresno, presented in two concurrent sessions: "Reference Success, Reference Failure" and "Reference Desk Live!"



David is pictured with several Iowa librarians in the entertaining session "Reference Desk Live!" which included short and humorous skits about how the reference desk could look. "Assessing Services in Academic Libraries" was the third concurrent session sponsored by ILA/ACRL and it featured a panel of librarians, including David Gregory from Iowa State University, Mary Heinzman from St. Ambrose University, and Lisa Stock from Des Moines Area Community College. They spoke on different methods of assessing services and user needs.

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KANSAS

The College and University Section (CULS) of the Kansas Library Association held their annual fall conference October 20-21 at Manhattan, Kansas with 103 registrants in attendance. This year's theme was "**ABC: Advocates Building Connections.**"

A pre-conference entitled "Preservation (on what seems like) Pennies a Day" was presented by Brian Baird, Director of Preservation Services at Heckman Bindery.



Keynote speaker Camila Alire, President of ACRL, presented a dynamic talk on grass-roots advocacy for academic libraries.



CULS members and collaborators presented sixteen different breakout sessions and six posters, covering a wide variety of topics. A few example titles are:



- Blogging our way to Building Connections
- Budget Woes: Acq and Cat Collaboration to Spend Monies
- Outside the Academic Library Box: Collaborative Programming with the Public Library
- Online Tutorials: a Student Perspective
- Advice for Working with Teaching Faculty to Promote Library Use
- Model for Interlibrary Acquisitions
- With a Little Help from our Friends: Preparing for Peer Observation

Five different roundtables and sections held meetings during the conference. The closing luncheon and business meeting were attended by sixty people who were treated to an inspiring talk entitled “A Scholar without a Librarian is...” by anthropologist and writer Bunny McBride.

The Chapter awarded continuing education grants to members Mohan Ramaswamy and Gloria Creed-Dikeogu that assisted with expenses for the 2005 ACRL Conference and is now seeking nominations for awards to be made in various categories. The Chapter will sponsor breakout sessions and hold a luncheon/business meeting in conjunction with the Kansas Tri-Conference to be held in April 2006.

For more information about the Kansas Chapter, please visit <http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/divisions/culs/>.

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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), played a large part in this fall’s Minnesota Library Association Conference. The MLA Conference was held in Minneapolis, at the Depot Conference Center. The Depot (<http://www.thedepotminneapolis.com/home.htm>) is the renovated Milwaukee Road Depot. The ARLD Board spent much of the summer and early fall planning and organizing for the event.

ARLD sponsored 18 programs, either presented by ARLD members or co-sponsored with other MLA Divisions. In addition, for the first time this year, ARLD sponsored 15 Poster Sessions. Topics ranged from information literacy, to various aspects of cataloging and access, to a variety of technology in libraries issues. The sessions were well attended, in spite of the fact that a major thunderstorm on Wednesday evening interrupted internet access for a number of technology based programs.

In addition this fall, ARLD and MINITEX sponsored a Strategic Marketing Workshop hosted by Northwestern Health Sciences University in Bloomington, MN. The Strategic Marketing workshop is a repeat of a popular pre-conference training session first offered at the ACRL 11th National Conference in 2003, in Charlotte, North Carolina. During the workshop, participants exchange ideas with colleagues and learn about marketing strategies used at other institutions. Participants leave the workshop with ideas and strategies that they can employ right away.

Upcoming ARLD Events

This academic year, ARLD will again be sponsoring a one-day Academic and Research Libraries Day. ARLD Day will be held on April 28th at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in

Chaska, MN. The theme of the conference will be gaming and libraries: the effect of gamers on libraries and education. Keynote speakers will be Constance Steinkuehler and Kurt Squire from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

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

The College and University section sponsored five programs at the Nebraska Library Association annual conference in September. The programs were:

- Using Plain Poetry in Libraries and Media Centers (co-sponsored with the Public Library Section);
- Community Coalitions for Consumer Health Information
- Learning Outcomes Assessment in School/Academic Libraries
- Fundamentals of Library Supervision in College and University Libraries
- Gamers and Gaming, and
- Care and Feeding of Gamers From the Point of View of the Library (co-sponsored with the Library Systems).

All programs were well attended with the two programs on gamers, presented by Constance Steinkuehler (University of Wisconsin), generating a lot of favorable comments and interest.

C&U approved sending \$500.00 to the Louisiana Library Association Disaster Relief Fund.

Dana Boden of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln was presented with the 2005 Distinguished Service Award.

The Spring Meeting will be held May 12, 2006 at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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NEW ENGLAND

The ACRL New England Chapter (ACRL/NEC) has been very active in providing professional development and continuing education opportunities for New England academic librarians. On May 20, 2005 our Annual Conference was held at Rivier College in Nashua, New Hampshire. Attracting 225 attendees, the all day conference was titled ***The Future of***

Academic Libraries and featured morning speakers Brinley Franklin, Vice Provost for University Libraries, University of Connecticut; Frances Maloy, President, ACRL National; and Roy Tennant, User Services Architect, California Digital Library, University of California. In the afternoon, the following breakout sessions were presented:

- *Teaching in the Information Commons*, sponsored by the New England Library Instruction Group;
- *Interactive Tutorials and Streaming Videos: Developing a Web Tutorial on Database Searching*, sponsored by the Information Technology Interest Group; and
- *Hot Jobs for Librarians in the Future*, sponsored by the Continuing Education Committee.



Nancy George (President) and Kendra St. Aubin (Secretary) enjoying the conference

Mary White, Library Director at Marlboro College, was recognized as the **ACRL/NEC Librarian of the Year** at the ACRL/NEC annual conference on May 20th at Rivier College. The purpose of the Librarian of the Year award is to recognize an outstanding member of the Association and a librarian who furthers the goals, values and objectives of ACRL/NEC. Mary White exemplifies the essence of outstanding librarianship through a commitment to service, professionalism, and accomplishment in the areas of service, leadership, or innovation. The award consists of a plaque of recognition and a \$500 gift.



Outgoing President Colleen Anderson presents the Librarian of the Year Award for 2005 to Mary White, Library Director at Marlboro College

The Access Services Interest Group held their fall program, **Customer Service As If Your Library Depended on It**, on November 1, 2005, at The College of the Holy Cross. The program featured a full-day workshop conducted by Pat Wagner, nationally recognized author, trainer, and speaker. Pat Wagner led the 100 participants in a participatory and entertaining discussion about the many frontline issues that affect Access Services staff and helped them define the role and importance of Access Services in the larger academic library.

On October 28, 2005, **The Information Technology Interest Group** held a fall program at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Titled **RFID: Radio Frequency Identification - Implementation and Issues**, the program featured three presentations:

- Mark Shughart, 3M Security Systems Division, *RFID - The Vision, The Reality, The Roadmap*;
- Patrick Dillon, University of Massachusetts, Boston, *Privacy Implications of RFID Technology*; and
- Jim Salisbury, Providence College, *RFID Tag Implementation at Providence College*.

The Information Technology Interest Group is holding its winter program, **Communication and Collaboration: Blogs, Wikis, RSS Feeds**, at Bryant University on December 9, 2005. Three topics will be covered:

- *New Technologies in Libraries*, Megan Fox, Simmons College;
- *Weblogs and Knowledge Management*, Garrett Eastman and Jessica Baumgart, Harvard University; and
- *Blogging for Academic Libraries*, Susan Herzog, Eastern Connecticut State University.

The fall meeting of the **Librarians on Online Course Information** was held on November 4, 2005, at Tufts University. ***Creating Quizzes in Blackboard and WebCT*** was the focus of the meeting and featured speakers Christine Drew, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Jim Kinnie, University of Rhode Island.

The **New England Library Instruction Group** met on August 26, 2005, at Eastern Connecticut State University. The focus of the meeting was ***Active Learning: Involving Your Students in the Learning Process***. Four librarians made presentations at the meeting:

- Sandra Rothenberg, Framingham State College, *The Name That Source Game*;
- Nick Tomaiuolo, Central Connecticut State University, *Active Learning: Involving Your Students in the Learning Process*;
- Laura Robinson, Nichols College, *Active Learning during Library Week*; and
- Susan Herzog, Eastern Connecticut State University, *First Year Program @ Eastern*.

On December 2, 2005, the New England Library Instruction Group held its winter meeting at Franklin Pierce College. The focus of the meeting was ***The 50 Minute, "One Shot" Library Instruction Session: What to do?*** Christine Drew, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Sara Marks, Fitchburg State College, both presented on this subject. After the presentations, attendees had lively discussions on library instruction topics and began work on their annual meeting, which will be held June 9, 2006.

The **Preservation and Conservation Interest Group** held its Fall 2005 meeting at Dartmouth College on October 14, 2005. The featured events were the Book Arts Workshop Open House and a presentation by Barb Sagraves, Preservation Librarian at Dartmouth College. Her presentation was titled, *Field of Dreams: An Alumni Relations and Preservation Partnership*.

The **Women's Studies Interest Group** held a two-day retreat on July 21-22, 2005 at Colby College Special Collections, Waterville and the Margaret Chase Smith Library, Skowhegan, Maine. At Colby College, attendees discovered published and unpublished works by Sarah Orne Jewett, Lilla Cabot Perry, Vernon Lee (Violet Paget), Lady Gregory, Lily and Elizabeth Yeats, and had an opportunity to hear speakers present on various aspects of the library's rich collections. On the second day of the retreat, a morning program was held at the Margaret Chase Smith Library, which is an archive, museum, educational facility, and public policy center devoted to preserving the legacy of the thirty-two year congressional career of former United States Senator Margaret Chase Smith.

The ACRL New England Chapter co-sponsored with the Massachusetts Library Association (MLA) a day of programs at MLA's annual meeting, **Fall 2005 21st Century Literacies Conference**, held in Lowell, Massachusetts on November 17 and 18, 2005. The ACRL New England Chapter sessions included:

- *Handheld and Mobile: Libraries on the Go*, Megan Fox, Simmons College;
- *Blogging at Your Library*, Susan Herzog, Eastern Connecticut State University;
- *IRIS @ Northeastern University*, Ed Warro, Northeastern University, and Sandy Hurd, Innovative Interfaces, Inc.; and
- *Making Movies out of Screen Shot Technology*, Kari Nyren Mofford, Wentworth Institute of Technology and Heidi McCann, Mt. Wachusett Community College.

The **Continuing Education Committee**, under the leadership of Judith Pinnolis, Brandeis University, is working closely with the ACRL New England Chapter Board in developing a needs assessment survey. This survey will be used as an instrument to define the professional development and continuing education needs of academic librarians in western Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

ACRL New England Chapter's legislative representative, Suzanne Wones, Harvard University, continues to inform the membership of legislative activities through the chapter listserv and legislative reports on the chapter website.



Incoming ACRL/NEC Board Members Nancy George (President), Janet DiPaolo (Member-at-Large), and Christine Turner (Vice-President/President-Elect) extend each other a round of applause

In addition to our many professional development and continuing education programs and meetings

for New England academic librarians, the ACRL New England Chapter Board has been hard at work. At our June 6, 2005 retreat held at Hampshire College, the Board identified a variety of areas in need of growth and development. Consequently, this year the Board has been discussing and addressing issues relating to board development; awards and scholarships; outreach to New England academic librarians in western Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont; collaboration with other regional library organizations; and strengthening of regional legislative communications.

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OHIO

Academic Library Association of Ohio's (ALAO) 2005 and 31st annual conference, **Setting the Stage: New Roles in the Library** was held November 4th in Columbus Ohio. Our opening session was simply mad...*Mad Magazine* that is! Joe Raiola, senior editor at *Mad Magazine*, presented *The Joy of Censorship* (see <http://www.alaoweb.org/05conf/keynote.html>). We were also fortunate to have Dr. Camila Alire, ACRL President, as our lunchtime speaker. She talked about ACRL initiatives and after lunch, she joined a panel to speak on library advocacy.

Our conference included poster sessions such as *The Marquee is the Show!* presented by Alice Crosetto, University of Toledo and Polly Wickenfield from Ursaline College (following photo, on the right) and *Global Library outreach to Montserrat, West Indies* presented by Elizabeth A. Salt, Otterbein College (following photo, on the left).



Presentations such *Speaking With Our Own Voices: Digital Storytelling and Libraries* by Anne Fields and Karen Diaz (photo below), The Ohio State University, were offered throughout the day-long conference. These presenters created a 3-minute movie to talk about Ohio State University's upcoming major renovation project. In their presentation, attendees learned about the elements needed to make such movies, and participated in a discussion about the possibilities for campus collaborations and educational and marketing applications.



Another conference highlight was our awards presentations to those who have contributed in an exemplary way to our organization during the preceding year. Shown at left is John Burke, ALAO Past President from Miami University Middletown campus, presenting our prestigious *Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award* to Ella Copeland, Library Director at The Ohio State University's Agricultural Technical Institute.



During the business meeting portion of the conference, our membership agreed, by applause, to support ALA's Katrina Relief Effort. Following an executive board vote in our November meeting, I am proud to announce that our chapter contributed \$3000.00 to the ALA fund.

As one conference concludes, planning for another begins. ALAO will hold its 32nd annual conference on November 3, 2006. The theme of the 2006 conference is: ***Recipes for Library Success- Ingredients, Process and Products.*** The conference will be held in Akron, Ohio at the unique Crowne Plaza Quaker Square. The hotel, which is the former factory for Quaker Oats, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The silos are a soaring 120 feet tall and 24 feet in diameter. Because of the shape of the silos, each room in the Crowne Plaza Quaker Square is totally round. Check the conference website at <http://www.alaoweb.org/06conf/> for updated information. We are always interested in hearing from librarians in other chapters so, if you have a presentation to share or you'd like to attend, fellow chapter members are always welcome.

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OKLAHOMA

The Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL held its annual conference on November 18, 2005 at Rose State College in Midwest City, Oklahoma. The theme of the program was "**Make a Name for Yourself: How to Get Published in LIS Journals.**" Dr. David F. Kohl, Dean and University Librarian Emeritus, University of Cincinnati, presented an all-day workshop on publishing for librarians. Dr. Kohl presently serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, which allowed him to bring a unique perspective to this event. The day was broken into four sessions:

- Overview and Topic Selection
- Research Design and Manuscript Preparation
- Journal Selection and Manuscript Submission, and
- Understanding the Editors Perspective.

This year's conference was primarily attended by academic librarians interested in writing for publication for the first time. Participation was encouraged and the audience benefited from the

time allowed after each session to ask questions about a subject that at times can seem overwhelming for those new to the process. Dr. Kohl's informative and interactive presentation was able to clear up some of the mystery that often surrounds this subject.

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TENNESSEE

On Friday, October 14th, 2005, the TLA College & University Library Section (CULS) hosted its annual fall conference at Middle Tennessee State University. The theme of the conference was "**Marketing the Academic Library.**"

Approximately 55 librarians attended. Attendees found the program beneficial and had a good time as well.

Pamela Snelson, the Vice President/President Elect of ACRL, gave the keynote address. Dr. Snelson is the College Librarian at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.



Snelson emphasized the power of using her institution's standards of measure (graduation rates, publication statistics, etc) to quantify the value of the library when advocating the library's position in budget meetings. She also underscored the importance of demonstrating a unified message at all levels of the library as well as grassroots advocacy of the academic library. Dr. Snelson encouraged all librarians to participate actively in campus decision-making processes.

Chris Matz, the Collection Management Librarian from the University of Memphis, gave an inspiring

presentation about librarian and faculty communications by comparing the challenges of academic libraries to those of the Oakland Athletic team as described in *Moneyball* by Michael Lewis.

Erika Clark, the Development Officer at the Hodges Library (University of Tennessee), convinced us that "development is not a dirty word" by explaining the once mysterious process that her office uses to turn philanthropic good intentions into sizeable cash donations.

Jane Davis, Team Leader of Cataloging at Middle Tennessee State University, translated her customer service experience at a large call center operation into methods for making academic library experience a friendly and welcoming one for patrons.

Ginny Vesper, Coordinator of Collection Management at Middle Tennessee State University, introduced the audience to many unusual and innovative cataloging technologies that have been employed to enhance the patron's understanding of the library's materials and services.

Diana Holden, Librarian at Pendergrass Agricultural & Veterinary Medicine Library at the University of Tennessee, spoke about outreach to faculty. She illustrated that it takes multiple methods over time to reach individual faculty in a way that will be meaningful to them. She also noted the power of the word-of-mouth phenomenon amongst the faculty as they seek library services.

The Electronic Resources Round Table hosted a table talk during lunch.

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VIRGINIA

The Virginia Chapter of ACRL (VLACRL) sponsored three well-attended sessions at the Virginia Library Association Conference in October:

- a workshop on statistics by Elana Broch at Princeton;
- a discussion of ways high school, community college, and university libraries can work together, headed by Jennifer Nutefall at George Washington University; and
- a talk about copyright and reserves by Carrie Russell, Copyright Specialist from the ALA Washington office.

We also organized a dinner for academic librarians and had a very productive business meeting. For 2006, Candice Benjes-Small, Radford University, will be Chair; Elizabeth Kocevar-Weidinger, Longwood University, will be Co-chair; and Gene Hyde, Radford University, will be Secretary/Treasurer.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA/WEST VIRGINIA

Leadership is the Theme of the Year, and the Fall Program of the Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter of ACRL

President Bella Gerlich (Carnegie Mellon University Libraries) of the WPWVC called the fall meeting to order at approximately 1:15pm on December 2, 2005. Following a successful business meeting and informal conversation among attendees, the keynote speaker arrived for a 2:00 p.m. address. The Dean of Libraries at WVU, Frances O'Brien, introduced the speaker, David C. Hardesty, President of West Virginia University, who spoke to approximately 43 librarians gathered from around the region in the Downtown Campus Library of the WVU library system. Libraries represented many institutions from the western Pennsylvania/West Virginia area, including the University of Pittsburgh, Bethany College, West Virginia University, Carnegie Mellon University, and Waynesburg College, among others.

Hardesty's address was entitled "**Ten Characteristics of a Highly Successful Organization.**" The ten characteristics he addressed are:

1. commitment to a clearly stated mission
2. a powerful and motivating vision
3. adherence to shared values throughout the organization
4. cohesive and balanced teams of leaders

5. clear and measurable goals and objectives
6. high standards of excellence
7. continuous learning across the organization
8. customer centeredness
9. competent planning and decisions processes and
10. periodic celebrations of the nobility of the organization's work.

Following a response to questions and then discussion, attendees walked to the historic Milano Reading Room where the WVU library houses its noted Appalachian Collection. Here, the WVU Libraries hosted a reception and tours of its West Virginia and Regional History Collection, including the Manuscripts and Rare Books collections. Mike Bolam of the University of Pittsburgh Libraries and chair of the Program Committee, worked with Hilary Fredette and Carroll Wilkinson of WVU Libraries to create and implement the program. Plans are underway for an Executive Board meeting in the New Year and a spring meeting in May 2006 in collaboration with the regional chapter of the Special Libraries Association. The WPWV chapter president Bella Gerlich, in cooperation with the membership chair Ruth Walter, expect to announce the results of the chapter's membership drive early in 2006.

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WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) is looking forward to its March 28-31, 2006 conference, "**Academic Libraries: Pointing Toward New Directions**," in Stevens Point, WI. Michael Gorman will be the keynote speaker. Some of the programs include:

- Information Literacy
- collaboration with faculty
- assessment
- collection development
- off-site storage
- the use of Barschall methodology to evaluate journal value
- RSS feeds and alert services
- Wiki and Blog technology
- federated searching
- helping students succeed
- the library as place
- diversity
- marketing
- understanding change
- nature writing
- outreach to the non-university community
- revitalizing reference services
- metadata
- information architecture

One popular session will be: "Buffy, Faith, and the Meaning of Life." Ten poster sessions will be presented on a wide range of similar topics. More information will be posted at <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal/conferences/2006/>.

Three WAAL members were selected for four positions in the Wisconsin Library Association's (WLA) "We Lead" program. The program is meant to identify emerging library leaders and provide them with mentors early in their careers. During the three-year program, the participants will receive a one-year WLA membership, stipends to attend the WLA annual conference for three years, a stipend to attend one section conference during the three-year initiative, an appointment to a WLA committee, special leadership programming opportunities, and opportunities to network with their mentor.

New WAAL executive committee members in 2006 will be Valerie Malzacher (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect) and Julie Kamikawa (Secretary).



Mentor Patti Clayton Becker, Coordinator of Reference, UW-Stevens Point and Protégé Pamela O'Donnell, Associate Academic Librarian, College Library, UW-Madison.



Jennifer Snoek-Brown, Reference Librarian, Karmann Library, UW-Platteville and Mentor Gretchen Revie, Reference Librarian, Lawrence University (not pictured).



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