

# ACRL Chapter Topics

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## Message from the Chapters Council Chair

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**Next Chapter Topics Deadline: Dec. 8, 2006**

Hello to all Chapter Liaisons!

I hope that you will be able to join us in New Orleans. Chapters Council will be meeting on Sunday, June 25, 2006 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Jasperwood Room. The first half hour of the meeting will be a brief orientation session for new liaisons, followed by our regular meeting for everyone beginning at 8:30. 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 speak of her President's Program and the survey results. Director Mary Ellen Davis and Program Coordinator Megan Bielefeld will represent ACRL. Kara Malenfant and Larry Romans will give us governmental and legislative updates. And candidates for Chapters Council Chair and Secretary will each briefly share their ideas just prior to the election.

During our midwinter meeting, Chapter Liaisons raised the possibility of expanding the items on which ACRL funds could be spent. The Board approved our request, sending the following message to the Chapter listserv:

"The ACRL Board of Directors, at its January 24, 2006, meeting in San Antonio approved a policy allowing ACRL Chapters to spend budgeted resources on any items or activities that support the achievement of the ACRL strategic goals with the following two exceptions: 1) The allotted funds may not be used for payment of honoraria or travel to support librarians' presentations at ALA, ACRL, or ACRL chapter conferences and 2) The allotted funds may not be used to purchase goods

or services prohibited by ALA and ACRL policy."

We also asked if it would be possible for Chapters to receive funding in a lump sum. This led to unanticipated consequences. Camila Alire sent the following message in explanation:

At the Midwinter meeting the Chapters Council asked the Board to revisit its policies regarding chapter funding, in particular looking at whether ACRL could provide an allocation to the chapters as a lump sum. Currently ACRL provides reimbursement of expenses with original receipt, up to the amount budgeted based on the number of ACRL national members in your chapter.

ACRL staff consulted with ALA's attorney. Those of you at Midwinter may recall that Executive Director Mary Ellen Davis had responded to the inquiry she received about providing Web space for ACRL chapters. She consulted with ALA IT staff and ALA's attorney. She found that ALA had the space to provide chapters with web space but that whether or not ACRL could do it for free depended on the tax/incorporation status of the chapter.

ACRL/ALA is a 501 (c) 3 organization, which is founded for educational and charitable purposes. Most professional organizations are 501 (c) 6 organizations. Tax laws prevent 501 (c) 3 organizations from providing funding to 501 (c) 6 organizations for general operating purposes. The attorney told Mary Ellen that if ACRL were to provide Web space to organizations that were 501 (c) 6s ACRL would have to charge the chapters the going market rate.

During the inquiry about the allocation option, ALA's attorney said the same tax issues apply. ACRL cannot fund 501 (c) 6 operations. You may recall that ALA founded the APA (Allied Professional Association) – a 501 (c) 6 – so that it could work on salary, certification and other

professional issues, but that its funding is separate. ALA loaned the APA start up money but it must be repaid. ACRL can provide funding to the chapters for educational and charitable purposes...

...Please let me know if you have any questions. We really want to get this settled as the Board very much wants to be responsive to chapters, but must also honor legal limitations.

We will discuss the implications of this issue during our Annual meeting. Also, I will bring you up to date on the status of the University Libraries Section proposal developing advocacy toolkits and making available \$500 grants to Chapters.

In the past, we have asked 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 once again try something slightly different – if you did something innovative during the past year that you feel would really be of interest to other Chapters **OR** if you read something in Chapters Topics and would like to hear more about it from the Chapter Liaison, please drop me a line. I will arrange ahead of time for two or three Chapter Liaisons to share towards the end of the meeting.

Finally, I hope you can join us for the dine-around. Chapters Chair Elect Nora Quinlan has arranged for us to meet at Olivier's, an authentic Creole restaurant, on Sunday evening – for details, see her invitation in this newsletter. I speak from personal experience when I say it is delightful to spend the evening eating good food (Nora chose an excellent restaurant in San Antonio so I am really looking forward to this one) and getting to know other Chapter Liaisons.

Though our agenda is full, I strongly 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](mailto:emmons@unm.edu). I am looking forward to seeing you all in New Orleans.

Mark Emmons  
Chair, Chapters Council

# Agenda for Chapters Council

Preliminary Agenda for Chapters Council  
ALA Annual – New Orleans  
Sunday, June 25, 2006  
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside – Jasperwood

## **Orientation for new Chapter Liaisons**

8:00 – 8:30 AM

- Mission and Goals
- Initiatives
- Membership
- Funding

## **Annual Meeting**

8:30 – 11:00 AM

I. Call to Order (Mark Emmons)

II. Introductions of Chapters Council Officers and Members (Mark Emmons)

III. Reading and Approval of Minutes from Midwinter 2006 (Fran Kaufmann)

IV. Introduction and Remarks from Camila Alire, ACRL President

- News & announcements
- Non-profit status
- Grassroots advocacy
- Sister libraries

V. Introduction and Remarks from Pam Snelson, ACRL President-Elect

- President's Program and survey results
- Chapter visits

VI. Election of Chapters Council Officers

- Introduction and Remarks from each candidate
  - Chair Elect
  - Secretary
  - Election

VII. Introduction and Remarks from ACRL Administrators

- Mary Ellen Davis, Executive Director
- Megan Bielefeld, Program Coordinator

VIII. Information

- Chapters are classified the same as vendors for purposes of communications
- Environmental Scan is now annual

IX. Government & Legislative Updates

- Government Relations – Kara Malenfant
- Legislative Network – Larry Romans

X. Announcements

- Dine-around (Nora Quinlan)
- Listservs/roster updates and corrections and more (Linda Kopecky)
- Chapter Topics (Doreen Kopycinski)
- ACRL Membership Advisory Committee (Vibiana Bowman)

XI. Old Business

- University Libraries Section proposal – status
  - Advocacy toolkit
  - \$500 grants

XII. New Business

- Non-profit status – implications
  - Budget and finances (spending the Chapter allocation)
  - Web server space
- Survey help
- ACRL membership versus Chapter membership

XIII. Sharing ideas

XIV. Adjournment

# Candidates for Chapters Council Elections

## CANDIDATE FOR VICE-CHAIR/ CHAIR-ELECT



**Nancy George** has served as the Electronic Resources Librarian at Salem State College in Salem, Massachusetts since 1996. Prior to arriving at Salem State College,

Nancy worked in libraries at Cornell University and Indiana University-Bloomington. Active since 1996 in the ACRL/New England Chapter (ACRL/NEC), Nancy has served as chair of ACRL/NEC's New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG), chair and co-chair of the Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG), and this past year was President of ACRL/NEC. Nancy has been active within ALA, serving on committees and boards in NMRT, LITA, and RUSA. In addition, Nancy serves as President of the Northeast Massachusetts Regional Library System, President-Elect of the Northeast Consortium of Health Information and holds leadership positions within her faculty/librarian union, the Massachusetts State College Association.

"The state and regional chapters of ACRL are the backbone of the organization. By providing members with fabulous professional development, continuing education, and networking opportunities, the chapters allow all academic librarians, not just those with travel money, to participate in ACRL. As a result of their work within the chapters, members acquire important leadership skills; these individuals are the future leaders of ACRL. I would be honored to serve as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of Chapters Council. In this position, I would help promote chapter needs to ACRL and encourage communication and cooperation between the chapters and ACRL."

## CANDIDATE FOR VICE-CHAIR/ CHAIR-ELECT



**Kathy A. Parsons** has held various administrative responsibilities within the access services functions at the Iowa State University Library since August 1999.

Currently she supervises the Stacks Unit including the remote storage building, Microforms Center and the Map Room. In addition she is responsible for developing the geography and map collection for the library and teaches a section of the required library literacy course for all ISU students. From 1985-June 2000, she served as a reference and government documents librarian at ISU. She has been quite active in the Iowa Chapter of ACRL, recently serving as Vice-President/President-Elect (2004), President (2005), and Past President (2006). She has served on three spring conference planning committees, the membership committee, and the awards committee for the state chapter. She has volunteered at the last three National ACRL Conferences and has thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

"I believe that one should give back to organizations that have assisted one in the development of their careers and/or service activities. ACRL has given me the confidence to change job tracks and to stretch my comfort zone in serving in leadership roles at the state level. I feel that I am ready to try a national leadership position and serving as Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of Chapters Council would be a good place to start. I am honored to stand for election for this position and would do my best in representing the interests of the state chapters to our larger leadership at ACRL."

# Candidates for Chapters Council Elections

## CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY



**Karen L. Hopkins** has been in her current position as Assistant to the Dean for Planning and Assessment at the University of Texas at Arlington Library since 2002. Prior to this assignment she held various cataloging

positions, also at UT Arlington. She holds both an M.A. in History and an M.L.S. from the University of North Texas.

"My professional interests and presentations have been in the areas of information retrieval, organizational development and professional responsibility. I am immediate past-chair of the Texas ACRL Chapter, the College and University Libraries Division of the Texas Library Association (TLA), and have enjoyed attending the Chapters Council meetings for the past two years. I have served on program committees for ACRL sections several years ago and am always interested to hear about issues and activities at other academic institutions and in other ACRL Chapters.

"I have been active in the Texas Chapter, including serving on the CULD (College & University Libraries Division) Legislative Committee and most recently representing Texas academics at the 2006 ALA Legislative Day. I have been very active in TLA, serving in various capacities on various committees and sections, including serving as Co-Chair or member of several TLA Conference Program Committees.

"I would welcome the opportunity to serve as Chapters Council Secretary to continue learning from my colleagues and to contribute to the successes of ACRL."

## CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY



**Kevin W. Merriman** has been the Head of Collection Management at the Frazar Memorial Library at McNeese University since 2003. As the current (and thus outgoing) President of the ACRL-Louisiana Chapter, Merriman

began his term devoted to rebuilding membership and relationships with the Louisiana Library Association and is ending the term devoted to hurricane impact presentation and relief grants research. He has chaired the statewide LALINC Research and Development committee and now serves on the newly formed LALINC Collections Committee. A member of both ALA and ACRL, Merriman also belongs to ASIST.

"Having only recently become involved with Chapters Council, I feel the position of Secretary will give me an opportunity to continue to observe and learn while contributing in a real and practical way. I'm sure that this will lead to a greater understanding of the workings of ACRL and insight into other areas I can serve in this division of ALA that addresses the unique needs of colleges and universities on a local level."



# Chapters Council Dine-Around in New Orleans!



When I travel I always make sure to bring along my Lonely Planet guidebook. They always have good info and I find myself relying on it's descriptions and recommendations. At last year's ALA I snapped up

the one for New Orleans at the Lonely Planet booth. Reading through it I noticed the following restaurant and decided that Olivier's would be a great choice for our dine around.

Olivier's is an authentic French Quarter Creole restaurant cooking dishes handed down through five generations. It is located in the French

Quarter at 204 Decatur Street, just a block over from Canal and near Canal Place. Easy walking from the Convention Center. Prices are reasonable and the choices are pure New Orleans cooking!

For more information about the restaurant see their website at: <http://66.29.117.191/index.shtml>

I have made a reservation for 6:00 pm on Sunday, June 25. Join the ACRL Chapters Council for a great meal.

Nora J. Quinlan  
Nova Southeastern University  
ACRL Chapters Council Vice Chair/Chair Elect

## ACRL News

### **ACRL PROGRAMS AT THE ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

#### **ACRL President's Program**

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*The Emperor Has No Clothes: Be It Resolved That Information Literacy Is a Fad and Waste of Librarians' Time and Talent*

Monday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Two teams will debate the relevance of information literacy as we know it. Is information literacy a concept created by academic librarians to make themselves more relevant to the curriculum or is it one of our more important roles? This debate will test our assumptions and beliefs about a core element of the academic librarians' role in the educational process.

*Speakers:* Gary P. Radford, Professor of Communication Studies, Fairleigh Dickinson University; Jeffrey Rutenbeck, Associate Professor and Director, Digital Media Studies, University of Denver; Stanley Wilder, Associate Dean, Library, University of Rochester; Julie Todaro, Dean, Library Services, Austin Community College; Moderator, Jim Neal, Vice President for Information Services & University Librarian, Columbia University

#### **ACRL Grassroots Library Advocacy Presidential Task Force**

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**The Power of Personal Persuasion: Advancing the Academic Library Agenda from the Frontlines**

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This program will enable participants to define their own personal power and develop strategies to become more persuasive with others in their circles of influence. Internationally recognized speaker Robert Cialdini, author of *The Power of Persuasion*, will define the issue. Participants will apply the training to their own situation during the second half of the program using an ACRL toolkit. Dr. Cialdini will speak from 8:30 – 10 a.m., followed by a facilitated workshop until noon.

*Speakers:* Dr. Robert Cialdini, Regents' Professor of Psychology, Arizona State University; Maureen Sullivan, Organization Development Consultant

## Preconferences

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### \*Pre-registration required

#### **Assessment and Beyond: Starting It Off, Pulling It All Together and Making Decisions**

Friday, June 23, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The management of library data, both qualitative and quantitative, is crucial to understanding our processes and the environment. Unfortunately, we often don't plan, develop, or execute data collection tools well enough to provide meaningful information. While the use of tools such as SurveyMonkey™ is a boon to mounting and collecting survey information, the questions are still devised by librarians and staff, often resulting in unusable data. In addition, interviews with customers often result in merely anecdotal information, or interviewees are asked for unnecessary follow-ups to clarify statements. With the correct information, methodologies and resources, you can be assured that you are taking correct first steps in assessment activities.

*Speakers:* Dave Baca, University of Arizona; David Consiglio, Bryn Mawr; Fred Heath, University of Texas, Austin; Julie Miran, The Hill School; Adam Smith, Google

#### **Taking Your Library Liaison Program to the Next Level: Strategies for Outreach and Integration**

Friday, June 23, 2006, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

This full-day preconference will present an overview of library liaison programs and strategies for strengthening or revitalizing your own liaison programs. Learn about enhanced outreach and communication through collaborative technologies such as blogs and wikis. Discover methods of effective program development to ensure curricular integration of library services and resources. You will be engaged through a variety of exercises, including case studies of liaison roles involving discipline-based academic programs, interdisciplinary research, and such initiatives as learning communities, undergraduate research programs, and diversity and globalization initiatives. Find out how to transform the traditional collections-focused liaison role into one engaged with information literacy, teaching and learning initiatives, curricular reform, scholarly productivity, and institutional transformation.

*Speakers:* Jamie Coniglio, George Mason University; Craig Gibson, George Mason University

#### **Federated Search: How Do We Teach It?**

Friday, June 23, 2006, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

How will federated search engines change the way we teach? How do we present it in a way that makes sense to students? This half-day workshop will offer practical advice on how to integrate federated search into existing information literacy courses and curricula. Develop learning outcomes, a framework for introducing federated search and related information literacy concepts, and lesson plans and exercises for use in the classroom.

*Speaker:* Christopher Cox, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

## Special Events/Tours

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### **Friday, June 23**

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Instruction Section Soiree  
Pat O'Brien's, 718 St. Peter Street  
Contact Lisa Hinchliffe, [ljanicke@uiuc.edu](mailto:ljanicke@uiuc.edu)

7:00-10:00 p.m.

College Libraries Section  
Friday Night Feast  
Bourbon House, 140 Bourbon Street  
Contact Alice Bahr, [ahbahr@salisbury.edu](mailto:ahbahr@salisbury.edu)

### **Saturday, June 24**

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Law and Political Science Section  
Marta Lange/CQ Press Award Luncheon  
Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Eglinton Winton Room  
Contact Binh Le, [bpl1@psu.edu](mailto:bpl1@psu.edu)

3:30-4:30 p.m.

University Libraries Section  
Membership Social  
Morial Convention Center, Room 292  
Contact Sandra Yee, [sandra.yee@wayne.edu](mailto:sandra.yee@wayne.edu)

**Saturday, June 24**

6:00 –9:00 p.m.

Science and Technology Section

Dinner

Tujagues, 823 Decauter Street

Contact Julia Gelfand, [jgelfand@uci.edu](mailto:jgelfand@uci.edu)**Sunday, June 25**

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Literatures in English Section

Social Hour

Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Kabbys Sports

Edition

Contact Susanna VanSant, [svansant@umd.edu](mailto:svansant@umd.edu)

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Women's Studies Section

Social Hour

Contact Piper Martin, [piper.martin@wright.edu](mailto:piper.martin@wright.edu)**Sunday, June 25**

7:00-9:30 p.m.

Western European Studies Section

WESS Cruise

Contact David Lincove, [Lincove.1@osu.edu](mailto:Lincove.1@osu.edu)**Monday, June 26**

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award

Reception

New Orleans Marriott, Mardi Gras F-H

**Tuesday, June 27**

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Science and Technology Section

Bus Tour

Contact Julia Gelfand, [jgelfand@uci.edu](mailto:jgelfand@uci.edu)**ACRL Discussion Groups at Annual Conference****Australian-Canadian-New Zealand Studies:**

Sunday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** French Canadian Studies**Consumer and Family Studies:**

Sunday, June 25, 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Williams Research Center of the Historic New Orleans Collection, 410 Chartres Street, 504-598-7171

**Topic:** Tidbits of Taste and Time, the Culinary Holdings of the Historic New Orleans Collection**Electronic Reserves:**

Sunday, June 25, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

**Fee-Based Information Service Centers in Academic Libraries:**

Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** "Doing It for Money" featuring representatives from different types of fee-based services including document delivery and complete outsourced library services.**Heads of Public Services:**

Saturday, June 24, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Topic:** Serving students in their space. This discussion will look at using new technologies such as podcasting, RSS feeds, blogs, MySpace or Facebook, and wikis in delivering public services.**Information Commons:**

Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** The Commons - Libraries as Dynamic Learning Spaces**Library and Information Science Collections:**

Sunday, June 25, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

**Topic:** Current challenges in library support for LIS education, including serving off-campus students and teachers, reaching out to the profession at large, and collecting electronic grey literature.**Library Development:**

Saturday, June 24, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

**Topic:** Donor cultivation and stewardship; Effective promotion and marketing of library development programs; Library endowments**Media Resources:**

Sunday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** Walk the Line: Practicing the ACRL Guidelines for Media Resources in Academic Libraries**MLA Intl. Bibliography in Academic Libraries:**

Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Topic:** The use, promotion and instruction of the MLA database, along with updates from vendors and the editor of the MLA international bibliography



**Partnership Libraries:**

Sunday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Personnel Administrators & Staff Development****Officers:**

Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.;

Sunday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**Philosophical, Religious, and Theological Studies:**

Sunday, June 25, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Popular Cultures in Libraries:**

Sunday, June 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Topic:** Continued: Selection of Popular Culture Materials

**Regional Campus Libraries:**

Sunday, June 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Topic:** Tale of Two Bosses: Dual reporting at the Regional/Branch Campus Library

**Scholarly Communication:**

Sunday, June 25, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

**Sports and Recreation:**

Saturday, June 24, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Topic:** Working with Approval Plans in Sport and Recreation. The group will discuss issues in approval plan categories and profile creation focusing on the area of sports and recreation with representatives from Blackwell's and Yankee.

**Team-Based Organization:**

Saturday, June 24, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Topic:** Individual and team performance assessment in a team-based environment, and getting buy-in from staff and/or administration for team-based principles.

**Undergraduate Libraries:**

Monday, June 26, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## ***E-LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES***

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**Creating a Comprehensive Plan for Information Literacy**

(May 30 to June 17, 2006)

This online seminar will guide you through the process of developing a comprehensive plan for information literacy using worksheets developed by the presenter, participating in weekly on-line chats, and comparing examples of completed plans from a variety of institutions.

Please see <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/comprehensiveplan.htm> for more information.

**All Users Are Local: Bringing the Library Next Door to the Campus Worldwide**

(July 17 to August 5, 2006)

In this three-week seminar, participants will learn how to design a plan for library support of distance education at their institutions. By the end of the seminar, participants will be able to complete an institutional self-assessment on current involvement and future plans for distant education. **Registration will open June 19.**

Please see <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/alluserslocal.htm> for more information.

**Current Copyright Issues Facing Academic Librarians**

(July 24 to August 12, 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 June 26.**

Please see <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/copyrightcourse.htm> for more information.

## ***NATIONAL CONFERENCE***

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**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

[http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl\\_events/baltimore/program07/sessionformats.htm](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](http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrl_events/baltimore/program07/trackdescriptions.htm)

Deadlines for proposal submissions are as follows:

October 20, 2006 - Poster sessions

January 10, 2007 - Roundtable discussions

Full text of the Call for Participation is available online at <http://www.acrl.org/baltimore> (click "Proposals").

Questions about the Call for Presentation or Baltimore conference should be directed to Margot Conahan, [msutton@ala.org](mailto:msutton@ala.org), 312-280-2522; or Tory Ondrla, [tondrla@ala.org](mailto: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](http://www.acrl.org/baltimore)

# Chapter Reports

## ALABAMA

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The Alabama ACRL Chapter sponsored a scholarly communications workshop on February 13, 2006, at Samford University in Birmingham. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Ray English, Library Director at Oberlin College. Dr. English was recently named ACRL's 2006 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year for his work in scholarly communications. The first part of the workshop focused on issues and dysfunctions in the scholarly communications system including the high cost of scholarly journals, the effect of costs on library budgets, electronic journal licenses, and economic problems of university presses.



*Ray English relaxes before delivering his address to the Alabama ACRL Chapter*

The second part of the workshop focused on various strategies for fostering reform in the scholarly communications system, including creating competitive journals, editorial board control, collective buying, open access journals, author control of copyright, and author self-archiving. The last part of the workshop focused on addressing specific actions that librarians and faculty can take to foster change in the scholarly communications system. A total of 26 librarians from throughout the state attended the workshop.



*Ray English talks with meeting attendees about scholarly communications*

*Contributed by*  
Robert H. Schrimsher  
Samford University  
AACRL President

## CALIFORNIA

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The 11<sup>th</sup> statewide conference of the California Academic & Research Libraries Association (CARL) was held this year at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove, California, April 20-23. Those of you who have had the opportunity to visit Asilomar know that there is probably no more beautiful setting on earth for a 4-day conference and pre-conference, and I am sure that the more than 250 academic and research librarians and library workers who attended would agree. Planning for this CARL Conference, which is now a biennial event, has

been underway for the last two years, and the planning committees did a wonderful job of packing the four days with excellent programs, breakout sessions, plenary sessions, and social events. The theme of this year's conference was ***Beyond the Ivory Tower: Creative Strategies for Learning & Leading.***

For pre-conference attendees, there were six half-day and one full-day pre-conference sessions capped with a scrumptious dinner surrounded by views of the Pacific Ocean. Topics of the pre-



conference sessions ranged from fair use and copyright to information competency teaching strategies to regional accreditation standards. The main conference began Friday

evening with an all-conference reception and dinner, which was followed by the opening plenary session and keynote address delivered by Ruth Kifer, dean of the San José State University Library.

The conference opener also included a ceremony for recipients of CARL's annual awards. This year's honorees included Dr. Ilene F. Rockman, who was posthumously named CARL Member of the Year. To further acknowledge Dr. Rockman's important work and distinguished career, the annual CARL/ACRL Scholarship Award was renamed in her honor. This award, which provides funds annually for current library school students to attend either the CARL state-wide conference or ACRL national conference, brought Lydia

Collins (San Jose State University) and G. Salim Mohammed (University of Wisconsin – Madison) to our Asilomar conference this year (next year's awardees will get to attend ACRL National in Baltimore!).

Saturday's events included a poster session with some 20 posters, the presentation of two contributed papers, several breakout sessions, and another plenary session featuring an address by Clifford Lynch. The day concluded with the ever popular ***Saturday Night Live at the Reference Desk***, written, produced and directed by newly elected RUSA president, Dave Tyckoson, with performances by many of our talented CARL members. The conference came to a close on Sunday with more breakout sessions and a closing plenary session that included a lively panel discussion on the topic of "catalysts of change for an inclusive multicultural campus." Preliminary conference evaluations indicate that this was another successful CARL conference and that conference planners, who worked so hard for so long, succeeded in putting together the kinds of programs and events that add significant value to membership in CARL and in ACRL.

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## COLORADO

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Colorado's Academic Library Association (CoALA) partnered with the state's Technical Services and Automation Division (TSAD) in presenting a spring workshop on March 24 at the Auraria campus. The workshop opened with a keynote address by Carson Block (Technology Coordinator/Senior Network Specialist, Fort Collins Public Library) entitled "Control? What Control? A Look at Current Web Communications Technologies and How They're Being 'Remixed' in Imaginative Ways."

The keynote was followed by two concurrent sessions including:

- "Current Trends in Cataloging – FRBR and Your Library" presented by Tami Morse McGill, Catalog Librarian - Database Management Specialist, Colorado State University and Nancy Chaffin, Metadata Librarian, Colorado State University

- "Research Roundup" featured three presentations highlighting research at various libraries:
  - "Survey for Evidence" presented by Win Shih, Head of Systems and Databases, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
  - "Finding Skilled Academic Librarians" presented by Stephanie Wiegand, Health Sciences Librarian, University of Northern Colorado and Sarah Naper, Business Reference Librarian, University of Northern Colorado
  - "Music! Music! Music!" presented by Gretchen Redfield, Technical Services Librarian, Colorado Christian University

The afternoon's concurrent sessions included:

- “Cataloging in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Public Library Perspective” presented by Tommy Powell, Douglas County Libraries
- “How to Get Published” was a panel discussion featuring
  - Peggy Jobe, Faculty Director for the Engineering Library, University of Colorado, Boulder
  - Charlene Kellsey, Interim Faculty Director for Acquisitions, University of Colorado, Boulder
  - Gary Pitkin, Dean, University of Northern Colorado and Editor, **Technical Services Quarterly**
  - James Agee, Technical Services Manager – Acquisitions & Serials,

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CoALA’s next activity will be at the statewide Colorado Association of Libraries conference, November 9-12, 2006 in Denver.

A business meeting followed the presentations.

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## DELAWARE VALLEY

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The Delaware Valley Chapter (PA) of ACRL hosted its Spring Program, **Open Access Publishing: Trend or Transformation?** on March 24th at the American College in Bryn Mawr, PA. The featured speaker was Dr. Ray English, Director of Libraries at Oberlin College, Chair of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition’s (SPARC) steering committee, and 2006 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. The lively afternoon panel consisted of Tracey DePellegrin Connelly, Managing Editor of *Genetics*, Dr. William Walters, Collection Development Librarian at Millersville University, and Dr. Steven H. Weintraub, Professor and Chair of the Department of Mathematics at Lehigh University. The highly informative and entertaining program provoked much discussion among the 70 or so people in attendance.

In other news, the Delaware Valley Chapter Board recently reviewed applications and essays submitted for this year’s \$1,000 Student Stipend award and decided to grant it to Drexel University student Kristin Brumbach. Kristin is currently employed at Albright College’s F. Wilbur Gingrich Library. She received her award and was warmly congratulated at the March 24th Spring Program.

The Chapter’s Mentoring program continues with positive reviews from both mentors and mentees. It has developed into a great opportunity for academic library school graduate students to meet and learn from practicing academic librarians in the student’s area of interest. The program also serves the mentors, as they learn what is featured in today’s library school curricula and how future librarians are socialized into the profession.

Finally, Chapter Vice-President/President Elect Kristine Mudrick and Treasurer Bobbi Jacquet attended *Rush at Rush* at the Drexel University Library and Information Science’s Rush Building, a Special Libraries Association sponsored event designed to introduce library students to area professional organizations. Kristine and Bobbi offered handouts explaining ACRL/DVC, talked up the Chapter and profession, and distributed several membership forms. They consider the event a success, and hope to attend next year.

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## EASTERN NEW YORK

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Eastern New York Chapter held its Spring Conference: ***Data is the Answer. What is the Question?***, on Monday, May 15, 2006 at Hamilton College, Clinton, NY.



This conference provided a forum for addressing and managing data collection and analysis of library

programs, collections, staffing and more. Our keynote speaker was Scott Nicholson, Assistant Professor at the School of Information Studies, Syracuse University. Bibliomining (aka datamining) in libraries is the ongoing focus of Professor Nicholson's research. His keynote address was titled "Balancing Evidence-Based Librarianship and Protecting Patron Privacy through the Bibliomining Process."

Following the keynote address, there were four discussion groups:

- LibQUAL,
- Circulation & ILL statistics,
- Web statistics, and
- Reference Statistics.

The afternoon sessions featured Bob Freeman, Executive Director of New York State's Committee on Open Government and Nancy Turner, Head of Digital & Electronic Resource Management Services, Syracuse University.

The newly elected board members for 2006/2007 (and continuing through 2007/2008) are Francine Apollo, SUNY Cobleskill, as Vice President/Program Chair/President-Elect; Suzanne Preate, Syracuse University, as Membership Chair; and Liz Strickland, SUNY New Paltz, as Treasurer. Leading the board will be

Deborah Bernard, University of Albany, as President. Lorraine Melita, SUNY Cortland, will continue her term as Secretary, as will Gretchen Lieb, Vassar College, as Chair of Government Relations and Pat Hults, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Communications Chair.

### **Janice Graham Newkirk Scholarship 2006**

Ms Christina Connor is a student in the combined Masters in Information Studies and American History program at the University at Albany. Christina is planning a career as a Bibliographer.

Charlotte Widomski is a graduate student in U Albany's Department of Information Studies. She is active in the student chapter of ALA at Albany and works in the online access area in the University Library.

Susan Yoo is a student in the School of Information Studies at Syracuse University. She holds a Graduate Assistantship at Syracuse and is an IT Leadership. Susan is also co-president of the student chapter of SLA at Syracuse.

Each was awarded a \$3000 scholarship.

### **Librarian of the Year**

This year's award was presented to Susan Zappen, Associate College Librarian for Collections at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, NY. Ms. Zappen has been an active member of ENY-ACRL for many years, and served as Treasurer during the long process of the Chapter's recent incorporation. She has written prolifically in the areas of collection development and technical services and processes.

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## FLORIDA

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The Florida ACRL Chapter welcomes its new officers, President **Nora Quinlan** (Nova Southeastern University), Vice President/President Elect **Betsy Simpson** (University of Florida), Secretary **Beatrice Nichols** (Eckerd College), and Treasurer **Mary Faulkner** (Edison College). The Chapter also welcomes new board member **Elizabeth Killingsworth** (University of Central Florida). The board would like to express its special appreciation to **Jamie Gill** (Eckerd College), **Elaine Henjum** (Florida Center for Library Automation), and **Cynthia Kisby** (University of Central Florida) as they complete their terms of service.



*Past President Andrew Pearson  
and President Nora Quinlan*

Two FACRL programs were held on April 19, 2006 at the Florida Library Association Annual Conference in Orlando. The first, "**Research in Academe**," highlighted selected research projects by Florida librarians. Speakers included **Michelle Crump** and **Colleen Seale** from the University of Florida, and **Jane Bradford** and **Susan Ryan** from Stetson University.

In the second program, "**Functional Shift: New Library Services in a Changing World**," speaker **Carla J. Stoffle**, Dean of Libraries and the Center

for Creative Photography at the University of Arizona in Tuscon, focused on how libraries are experiencing a seismic shift in how they are used. The academic community demands 24/7 access to information and other library services, and Ms. Stoffle discussed how libraries are changing to meet this demand.

The Florida ACRL Chapter also serves as the Academic Libraries Section for the Florida Library Association. A fall workshop is being planned for early November, 2006. For more information about the Florida Chapter, visit the FACRL web site at: <http://facrl.fcla.edu>.



*Carla J. Stoffle discusses the functional  
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## GREATER NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

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The 2005 Annual Symposium of The Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter of ACRL (ACRL/NY), "**Connecting with the Net Generation: Access and Environment**," was held on December 5, 2005 with a full capacity audience of 170 attendees and was a great success. Joan Lippincott, Associate Executive

Director of the Coalition for Networked Information, gave the keynote address, "Net Gen Learners." In her talk, Dr. Lippincott presented characteristics and learning styles of students aged 18 to 22 years and discussed the ways in which libraries can innovatively connect to this new generation of college student. Dr. James



Benson, Vice Provost of Graduate Studies and Research, Dean of Information Resources and Libraries, St. John's

University Libraries, discussed "Reallocating Paper Space to People Space," in which he covered the information commons concept. "Beyond Technology: Library Services and Resources for Distance Learning," was presented by Cheryl Stewart, librarian at Coastline Community College in California, an institution unique in having a "virtual only" library. Steven Bell, Director, Paul J. Gutman Library, Philadelphia University, tackled "Googlization and Google Migration: What Does it Mean and How Does it Affect You?" He discussed projects that provide a middle ground between the ease of Google and the sophistication of current library databases. A lively panel discussion followed with Bruce Heterick, Director of Library Relations, JSTOR, as moderator.

Seven poster sessions were available for participants to browse during breaks and lunch. Topics included:

- *Designing a Library Environment that Promotes Learning and Creativity*
- *Queensborough Community College Students' Use of Print and Online Materials in Light of Google's Influence on Information*
- *Google Scholar and Academic Libraries*
- *Informing the Library of the Future through Usability Studies*
- *Meeting Them on Their Own Terms: Strategies for Engaging Net Gen Students*
- *Not for the Faint of Heart: Designing a Student-Friendly Library Presence with the Cooperation of Students and*
- *Study Late, Study Hard... Study Quad.*

Evaluations completed by attendees rated the speakers as excellent, the topic timely, the format suitable, and the overall evaluation as excellent. The PowerPoint presentations of the speakers are available at the ACRL/NY Symposium Web site: <http://www.acrlny.org/symp2005/program.html>.

ACRL/NY is now busy planning for the **2006 Annual Symposium**, which will focus on the business model as it applies to academia and academic libraries. The projected date is December 1, 2006 and the working title is "No Librarian Left Behind." Updated information on this event will be posted at our website [www.acrlny.org](http://www.acrlny.org).

**The New York City and Westchester Sections of ACRL/NY** held a joint program on September 9, 2005 on "**Building Digital Partnerships at Columbia University.**" David Millman of Columbia University, an innovator in the area of electronic publishing and digital libraries for many years, was the guest speaker.

**The Long Island Section of ACRL/NY** held a highly informative and practical workshop on statistics on September 23, 2005 at Hofstra University. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Academic and Special Libraries Division of the Nassau County Library Association and the Long Island Library Resources Council. The workshop was of great interest, filled the computer lab to capacity, and even had a waiting list.

On April 28, 2005, the **Electronic Resources Discussion Group** and the **Technical Services Discussion Group** held a joint meeting. Rochelle Ballard, Digital Resources Coordinator, Princeton University discussed Electronic Resource Managements Systems (ERMS).

Planning for a fall 2006 workshop to be sponsored by the **Long Island Section of ACRL/NY** is underway. This workshop will present a framework for conducting research including various methodologies and standardized instruments which can be used to conduct valid and reliable research, as well as the manner in which to investigate other credible methods and tools. Details will be forthcoming on the events page of the ACRL/NY web site: <http://www.acrlny.org/event.htm>.

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## INDIANA

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Academic librarians attended lively and informative sessions sponsored by IALA at this year's Indiana Library Federation Conference held in April at Indianapolis. The annual IALA luncheon featured Dr. Patricia Senn Breivik, former Dean of the University Library at San Jose State University and chair of the National Forum on Information Literacy, who spoke on "Information Literacy: Planning for Tomorrow." She is also a past president of ACRL.

New officers were elected during the Association's business meeting after the luncheon.

Officers for 2006/2007 include:

- Scott Opasik, Chair  
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- Jeff Beck, Chair/Chair-Elect  
Wabash College
- Rachel Applegate, Secretary/Treasurer  
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- Renee Reed, Member-At-Large  
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In other news, IALA is planning a fall 2007 Conference, tentatively entitled "The Value of Libraries as Place and Place as Library."

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## IOWA

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*Dr. David T. Conley delivers his keynote address*

The Iowa Library Association/Association of College and Research Libraries (ILA/ACRL) held their Spring Conference in Iowa City, Iowa on April 21<sup>st</sup>. "**High School to Higher Ed: Helping Learners Make the Leap**" was the title and the Iowa Association of School Librarians co-sponsored the event with ILA/ACRL. This conference was well-attended by both college librarians and teacher librarians and David T. Conley from the University of Oregon provided a thought-provoking keynote speech that connected the two groups, entitled "College Knowledge: Designing High Schools for Student Success and

the Librarians Role." Concurrent sessions included the following:

1. "Napoleon Dynamite Goes to College: Alternative Routes to the Library for First-Year Students" Elizabeth Schau and Amanda Swygart-Hobaugh
2. "Subjects Matter: Content Reading in the High School" Kristin Steingreaber
3. "What Beginning College Students Say About High School Library Research Experiences" Karla Krueger
4. "Who's Watching: USA PATRIOT Act in the Iowa Academic Libraries" Amy Paulus, Kate Hess, Ryan Gjerde, and Michelle Holschuh Simmons
5. "First-Year Students: Are They Ready for Research?" Karen Lehmann, Kathy Magarrell, Amanda Swygart-Hobaugh and Mary Jo Langhorne
6. "Information Literacy and the First-Year Student Experience: Campus Collaborations" Kate Rattenborg
7. "Gone Fishin': Using the FISH Business Model to Prepare Student Workers for 'Real-World' Jobs" Mary Heinzman
8. "Beyond Google Tips and Tricks: Teaching Web Search Strategies to the Digital Natives" William H. Weare, Jr.

9. "Access, Evaluate, and Use: Information Literacy in High School" Denise Rehmke, Jim Walden, Beth Belding, Jenni Olson
10. "No Longer the Accidental Profession: Undergraduate Internships in Librarianship" Jean Donham and Mary Iber
11. "Beyond Scanning: Digital Collections as Community Resources" Bart Schmidt
12. Reflections on 'Library Research in Context': Implications for One-Shot

Sessions for First-Year Students" Ericka Raber

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## KANSAS



Results of elections were announced at the College and University Library Section

(CULS) business meeting held at the Annual Kansas Tri-Conference in April. Congratulations to new President-Elect Rita Severt and new Chapter Council Representative Gloria Creed-Dikeogu. Current President-Elect Jayne Germer will move into the President's position. There were opportunities for members to attend and present a wide selection of conference topics geared to all types of librarians in the state, and several smaller groups within CULS held their business meetings. CULS also sponsored the session entitled ***Building a Kansas Digital Library***.

We awarded one continuing education grant this year to help defray expenses for a member to

attend the *Computers in Libraries* Conference in Washington DC. We are also planning a Summer Institute for July: ***Rules and Tools for Cataloging Internet Resources***, a workshop developed by SCCTP, ALCTS, and LC, to provide attendees with a solid foundation in the principles and practices of online resource cataloging using current descriptive cataloging standards and practices.

Plans are underway for the fall Conference, October 5-6, in Salina, with the theme of ***Campus Connections: Making an Impact through Libraries***.

For more information, the CULS website can be found at:  
<http://skyways.lib.ks.us/KLA/divisions/culs/>

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## MARYLAND



The Maryland Chapter of ACRL (also known as the Academic and Research Libraries

Division (ARLD) of the Maryland Library Association) had an active year in 2005-2006. The Chapter began its year with a program entitled "***Innovations in Reference Service:***

***Expanding Our Grasp and Reach with New Technologies.***" The program took place on October 7 in Frederick, Maryland. Presenters Liz Rafferty, Baltimore County Public Library; Joe Thompson, Baltimore County Public Library; and Jill Lagerstrom, Goddard Library, addressed many new and current technologies used for enhancing reference services, including Short Messaging Service (SMS), Instant Messaging (IM), blogs, and Wikis.

On November 17 the Chapter sponsored a "behind the scenes" tour of selected libraries at



the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, DC. The “**Smithsonian Libraries Tour**” included a general overview of the Smithsonian and its libraries and specific tours of general and special collections within the American History and Natural History Museums.

In March the Chapter held a half-day program entitled “**Dive into Blogging: How to Start Blogging and Why.**” The program was held at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. Speakers Steven Bell, Director of the Paul J. Gutman Library, Philadelphia; and Michael Shochet, Systems/Reference Librarian at Langsdale Library, University of Baltimore, provided an overview of blogging tools, tips on how to push content to users, and suggestions for getting indexed in search engines.

The final yearly program for the Chapter was an all-day workshop specifically designed for librarians not directly involved with rare books entitled “**Rare Books for Dummies.**” The workshop was held on April 3 at the Garrett Library, Everygreen House, Johns Hopkins University. Speakers were John Buchtel, Curator of Rare Books, Special Collections, Johns Hopkins University and Sue Waterman, Resource

Services Librarian for German and Romance Languages and Literature, Johns Hopkins University.

The Chapter was also active at the Maryland Library Association’s annual conference, which was held May 3-5 in Ocean City, Maryland. The Chapter sponsored a broad range of programs. ARLD-sponsored session topics included:

- avoiding library jargon when interacting with patrons,
- implementing assessment of an information literacy program,
- extending library instruction through course management systems, and
- providing academic library services within an academic community.

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## MONTANA

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During 2005-2006, The Montana Chapter of ACRL held programs in October 2005 and May 2006.

In October, a joint retreat with the MLA Public Library Division took place at Chico Hot Springs Resort. Retreat programs included sessions on Internet time and print management software, Reference Interview Skills tune-up, an analysis of Richard Florida’s books on the Rise of the Creative Class as they relate to libraries, and an Intellectual Freedom program by MLA, *The Not Ready for Prime Time Freedom Fighters*. The annual Hot Tub Book Club discussed *The Eyre Affair*.

The Montana Library Association held its Centennial Conference May 3-6 in Missoula, home of the first ever MLA conference in 1906.

Programs sponsored and/or presented by Montana ACRL members included the following preconferences:

- **Funny Bones for Customer Service** by Jan Fandrich (MSU-Billings)
- **Montana Memory Project -- What’s in it for You? What’s in it for Our Patrons?** Jennie Stapp (State Library), Steve McCann (UM Missoula), Jason Clark (MSU Bozeman)
- **Library Instruction as Outreach**, Sue Samson, Samantha Hines, Jennie Burroughs (all at UM Missoula)
- **The Secret of the Syndicated Sleuth: Nancy Drew, Readers, and Libraries**, Jan Zauha (MSU Bozeman) & Linda Karrell (MSU)
- **ACRL Information Literacy Standards and Composition Papers: How Are We Doing?**, Kellian Clink (Minnesota State University)
- **Finger on the Pulse: Measuring Your Library’s Services for Quality**, Brent Roberts (MSU Billings)

- **DIY Website Usability on a Shoestring Budget**, Steve McCann (UM Missoula)
- **Significant Tidings, organized by Sue Samson** (UM Missoula),

Presentations included:

- **AskAMontana Librarian : Adventures in Reference**, Sheila Bonnard (MSU Great Falls) & Betsy Garlish (UM Tech, Butte)
- **Collaborating with Our Users through Wiki Guides**, Samantha Hines (UM Missoula)
- **Getting Maximum Results from Minimal Processing at the K. Ross Toole Archives**, Donna McCrea (UM Missoula)
- **Implementing an Informatics Student Project in the Solo Library**, Heidi Sue Adams (Kalispell Regional Medical Center)
- **How Diverse Is Your Library?: the Experience of Mansfield Library's Diversity Efforts**, Elaine Higgins & Linder Schlang (both UM Missoula)
- **Developing Native American Collections and Indian Education for All Resources: Best Practices for Sources, Titles, and**

**Ideas**, Carlene Engstrom (Salish Kootenai College) & others

- **Transitional Librarians: Generation X in the Library**, Eileen Wright (MSU Billings) & Kirsten Clark
- **The Montana NACO Funnel and What It Can Do for You**, Coby Johnson (UM Missoula) & others
- **Is This What the Future Holds? Librarians in Science Fiction**, Christy Donaldson (MSU Bozeman)
- **Public Patrons in University/College Libraries: Issues and Some Answers**, Rich Wojtowicz (MSU Bozeman)
- **Best Impressions: Favorite Books from the 2005 MT Book Award Committee**, Jan Zauha (MSU Bozeman) & others.

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## NEBRASKA



The College and University section held its spring meeting on May 12, 2006, at the University of

Nebraska-Lincoln. The program ***Millennials: The New Generation of Students*** featured two keynotes. The first was "Today and Tomorrow: Changing Experiences, Changing Expectations, Changing Brains," presented by Dr. Neal Topp and Dr. Neal Grandgenett from the College of

Education at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The second keynote "As the World Turns—Today's Teens and Their School Libraries," was presented by high school media specialists Roxann Sattler and Jane Holt. Breakout sessions on Technology, Learning Styles and Diversity followed the keynotes with a reporting session held at the end of the meeting.

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## NEW ENGLAND

The New England Chapter Board, its committees and interest groups continued a high level of activity through the spring of 2006. The Chapter membership voted in new officers and approved proposed changes to the organization's bylaws. The annual conference involved librarians, administrators, vendors and faculty from the region. Seven interest groups had programs

scheduled and committees pursued goals of the Board. Details follow:

**2006 Annual Conference, Leveraging Our Strengths: Alliances, Interdependencies and Developing Services**

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, ACRL/New England Chapter held its annual conference at the University of



Massachusetts Amherst. On a beautiful spring day, 200 attendees convened for a variety of programming and networking. In morning keynote presentations, Mary Lee Kennedy, Executive Director of the Baker Library at Harvard Business School; Donald Beagle, Director of Library Services at Belmont Abbey College, Nancy Foster, Lead Anthropologist, Digital Initiatives Unit, and Susan Gibbons, Assistant Dean for Public Services & Collection Development at the University of Rochester all offered their thoughts on collaborative opportunities for library staff and their partners in academia. Following lunch and a business meeting, conference participants either viewed any of the 15 poster sessions and discussed their content with presenters; attended a presentation on resource sharing; or participated in a dialogue with a panel of experts on collection development and acquisitions in consortia. The schedule for the day concluded with tours of the new Learning Commons at the University of Massachusetts Amherst <http://www.umass.edu/learningcommons/>

Conference program descriptions and presentation materials are available at <http://www.acrlnec.org/springconf06/details.shtml>.

### **Results of Election for New Board Members and Bylaw Changes**

A Nominating Committee chaired by Past-President Colleen Anderson of Bryant University recruited a ballot of nominees for Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary and Member at Large. The election was held online in March and Chapter membership voted for new Board members:

- Vice President/President-Elect – Judith Pinnolis, Brandeis University
- Secretary – Sandra Rothenberg, Framingham State College
- Member at Large – Mary Pioran, University of Massachusetts Medical School

New officers were announced at the Annual Conference and the leadership transition will take place between the public announcement at the conference and the Board Retreat.

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee, chaired by Louise Buckley of the University of New Hampshire, worked on modifications to the bylaws. After review and a recommendation from the Board, Chapter membership ratified proposed amendments. The first amendment extends voting privileges to chairs of standing committees and special interest groups (SIGs). The second

amendment allows the Board to meet via electronic means, and the third amendment permits the Board to dissolve SIGs which have become inactive or unnecessary. Additional amendments updated or clarified language.

### **2006 Board Retreat**

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, officers, standing committee chairs and interest group chairs, past and future, will gather at Gordon College for the annual Board Retreat. New members will meet returning members and receive an orientation to the expectations and practices associated with their responsibilities. The Continuing Education Committee Chair will report on preliminary results from the Chapter membership survey, and the Legislative Representative will discuss the work of an ad hoc committee convened to explore advocacy to the state legislatures. An Awards and Scholarships Committee has been loosely established to devise programs to recognize achievements and encourage professional development. A Communications Committee will address web site re-design and technology supports for our Chapter programs. Board members will explore, formulate and more fully articulate goals for its work and that of these committees in the upcoming year.

### **Spring 2006 Interest Group Programs**

Of the seven SIGs within ACRL/NEC, six had programs scheduled for the spring semester:

- **Access Services** – March 31<sup>st</sup>, *Roundtable Discussion*  
<http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/asig/programs.html>
- **Collection Development** – June 7<sup>th</sup>, *“Just in Time” Resource Delivery*  
<http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/cdig/>
- **Information Technology** (with Library Instruction Group) – March 17<sup>th</sup>, *Using Google Technologies for Information Sharing and Library Instruction*  
<http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/itig/>
- **Librarians on Online Course Information** - February 24<sup>th</sup>, *Blackboard and WebCt: What's the Merger All About?*  
<http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/lociig/lociig.html>
- **New England Library Instruction Group** – June 9<sup>th</sup>, *Information Literacy Beyond Diploma.*  
<http://www.wesleyan.edu/libr/nelig/2006/index.html>
- **Preservation/Conservation** – May 5<sup>th</sup>, *Selection & Conservation for Digitization*  
<http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/pcig/index.shtml>

- **Women's Studies** – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, *Naval War College and Newport Historical Society*  
<http://people.bu.edu/jchris/newport.html>

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## NEW JERSEY

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*Pam Snelson Speaks at  
NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ Chapter*

ACRL Vice-President/ President Elect Pam Snelson spoke at the NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ Chapter's Annual Luncheon on April 26 in Long Branch, New Jersey. After bringing the chapter up-to-date on recent ACRL initiatives, Pam spoke about her presidential focus: research on what provosts and academic vice-presidents value

about libraries. Pam stressed that librarians must first find out what is valuable to their institutions. Is student retention valued, for example, or is faculty recruitment more important? Librarians then need to quantify and document how the library contributes to this goal.

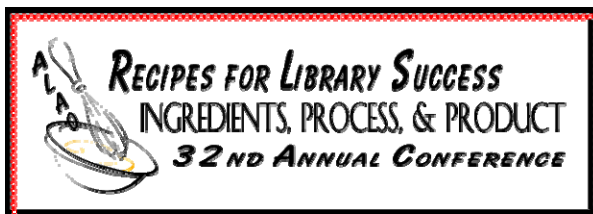
Among some of the findings that Pam revealed were that provosts want their library directors to come and ask for resources, and that some provosts report encountering challenges from their Board of Trustees who wonder why a library is needed when there is Google. Pam will be continuing her research on how academic libraries add value throughout her year as president. For the pdf of her talk, see <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/NJLAConf2006.html>

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## OHIO

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It seems as though planning for an annual conference begins even before the previous year's conference begins. Actually it doesn't just **seem** so, it **is** so. True to usual form, the 2006 Conference Planning Committee, led by Vice-President Ann M. Watson, is working hard, planning the 2006 event to be held at the Crowne Plaza Quaker Square Hotel, which is a former factory for Quaker Oats and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Thus, the very appropriate conference theme:



ALAO just held its annual election. We are proud to congratulate Doug Morrison, reference librarian at the Agricultural Technical Institute, an Ohio State University campus at Wooster, Ohio, as the new Vice-President/President elect of ALAO. Also elected were:

- Lori Fielding, University of Akron, Membership Chair;
- Colleen Boff, Bowling Green State University, Secretary and Board-Member-At-Large,
- Mike Tosko, University of Akron;
- Kathy Dobda, Cleveland State University;
- Al Zavar, Cuyahoga Community College;
- Amanda Wilson, The Ohio State University and
- Brian Hickam, University of Toledo.

Our chapter continues to be active in legislative advocacy, each year choosing a *Legislative Travel Award* winner to travel to Washington for

Legislative Day. This year's winner is Mark Gooch, Government Information Librarian at The College of Wooster. Mark joined Joseph Salem, Kent State University, a member of the ALAO Government Relations Team and Susan D. Scott, ALAO President and Ann M. Watson, ALAO Vice-President.



*The Ohio contingency at National Legislative Day, May 2, 2006, following an early breakfast at the Capitol Building where we did final planning for our visits on the hill.*



*The Ohio contingency meets with Lindsay Morris, one of Senator Mike DeWine's legislative aides who works with education issues.*

The group later met with Senator DeWine. See Senator DeWine's website, linked below, for an

additional photo of the group with Senator DeWine.

[http://dewine.senate.gov/recent\\_happenings\\_5\\_1\\_06.htm](http://dewine.senate.gov/recent_happenings_5_1_06.htm)



*L to R: Ann M. Watson, 2006 ALAO Vice-President, Mark Gooch, ALAO Legislative Award winner, 2006, Joseph Salem, member of the ALAO Legislative Advocacy Team and Susan D. Scott, 2006 ALAO President at the 2006 ALA National Legislative Day in Washington DC.*

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## TEXAS

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The College & University Libraries Division (CULD) 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 Houston, Texas, April 25-28, 2005.

CULD was a joint sponsor with the Public Libraries Division of a half-day pre-conference on **“Interacting with Patrons with Autism.”** The presenter was Matthew Bridges, consultant, Bridges and Associates (Houston).



**“Choose Your Projects Wisely”** - the program was on portfolio management – a technique that improves teamwork and efficiency in an

organization. It focused on how to prioritize organizational projects and plan for optimal implementation. The presenter was Diane L. Wahl, Librarian for Planning, Assessment, and Training, from the University of North Texas Libraries.

**“SACS Igniting Libraries”** – the presenter was Dr. Ralph Russell, Director for Institutional Support, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (GA). He spoke on the still new SACS *Principles* and how to use qualitative data to demonstrate a library’s contributions to the success of its institution.

**“Unleashing the Phoenix Within”** – the presenter was Abigail Hubbard, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Bauer College of Business, University of Houston (Abigail also has a Masters in Library Science). The program description said, “Remember the

excitement of your first job in a library? Have the increasingly rapid changes in technology and user expectations clouded your joy? Discover how to renew the passion for our profession. A chapter business meeting followed this presentation.

**“Prescription for Consumer Health Information”** – numerous presenters, including Bobbie Long, chair of the Community and Junior College Discussion Group, presented information on how academic libraries can partner with public libraries in housing consumer health information and provide meaningful material, workshops, and programs to educate the public, as well as the college population, on health issues. Information on training that is available for staff was presented as well.

Since 2003, the Texas Chapter has annually 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 Timothy O. Baldwin, currently working as a Public Service Librarian at Mountain View College, Dallas, Texas. He is a student at the University of North Texas, and has a strong academic background and a strong commitment to academic library work.

The Texas Chapter has newly updated and approved bylaws. Operating procedures that used to be part of the bylaws have been moved to “Standing Rules,” a separate document that can be updated by the Executive Board without needing approval of the TLA bylaws committee. We believe this will greatly streamline our ability to have timely updates to changes needed in our operating procedures.

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## UIUC (Student Chapter)

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The ACRL Student Chapter (ACRL@UIUC) is the first one of its kind, founded at the University of Illinois at Urbana – Champaign's Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Created in 2004 by student and faculty initiatives, we are proud to represent library school students who are interested in careers in college & research libraries. The chapter's website is available at <http://acrl.lis.uiuc.edu/acrl.html>.

This school year, we welcomed Camila Alire, present of ACRL, who spoke to our students about academic library advocacy in October 2005. In April, we brought Tomas Lipinski, a lawyer and librarian, to our campus. His presentation to our students and faculty was titled *To Mentor or to Monitor, That is the Question: The Evolving Roles for Institutional Actors within the Copyright Law – A Section 512 Analysis and Critique*.

Our Student Chapter also began a petition to create a "New Members" Discussion Group within ACRL. We have just received notice that our petition was approved, so stay tuned for opportunities and announcements about how to get involved. Whether you are new to the profession – or would like to help mentor those of us that are – everyone is welcome!



October 2005 at UIUC (L to R):  
Muzhgan Nazarova (PhD student), Mary-Kate Eisemann (former ALA Student Chapter President), Camila Alire (ACRL President), Annie Paprocki (former ACRL@UIUC Student Chapter President), and Katie Kopchok (current ACRL@UIUC Student Chapter President).

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## UTAH

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The ACRL Utah Chapter and the Utah Library Association (ULA) Academic Section sponsored the Spring Symposium **Information Commons Facilities** on March 17, 2006 at the Merrill-Cazier Library, Utah State University, Logan Utah.

Speakers and Panel Discussions included:

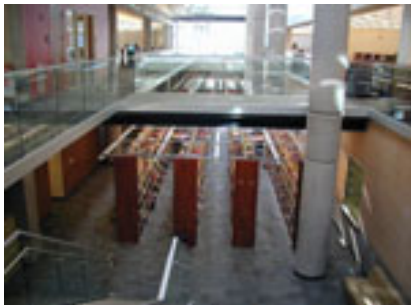
### Public Services - Planning and Management Information Commons Facilities – Panelists:

- Jennifer Church, formerly Manager of Media Services and Information Commons, Lied Library, UNLV
- Michael Witchurch, Information Commons Manager, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University
- Julianne Hinz, Associate Director for Public Services, Marriott Library University of Utah
- John Elsweiler, Associate Director for Public Services, Merrill-Cazier Library, Utah State University

### Technical Services – Technical Implementation Issues in Information Commons – Panelists:

- Todd Hugie, Head, Information Systems Department
- Colleen Wiseman, Systems Administrator, Merrill-Cazier Library, Utah State University
- Jonathan Meacham and Brett Hill, Systems Administrators, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University
- Caroljean Hanson, Head Library Labs and Multimedia, Marriott Library, University of Utah

The Spring Symposium included a presentation, lunch, and a tour of Utah State University's beautiful new library (pictures follow), the Merrill-Cazier Library. The tour included the Information Commons area, their automated storage and retrieval system (ASRS), and other areas.



The ULA Annual conference was held May 17-19 in St. George, Utah. The ACRL Utah Chapter proposed six programs for the Utah Library Annual Conference and they were all accepted! Following are the programs, description and speakers information:

***The Message is in the Details: Nonverbal Communication:*** You have only a few seconds to convey a positive and influential message to library users, co-workers and the general public.

Learn better ways to earn trust and respect, particularly from strangers in stressful situations. We will discuss, demonstrate and practice posture, gestures, timing, speed and proximity. **Speaker: Pat Wagner, Consultant, Pattern Research.** The Utah Library Association (ULA) paid for this speaker's expenses and fees.

***Communication Mistakes Only Really Really Smart or Busy People Make:*** This class focuses on skills needed for leadership - building rapport, maintaining peer-based relationships and understand that being smart is not enough. Very good for people in their first leadership position or who want to avoid becoming stale in a long-time job. Particularly popular with academics and techies. **Speaker: Pat Wagner, Consultant, Pattern Research.** The Utah Library Association (ULA) paid for this speaker's expenses and fees.

***Keeping Up With Technology:*** Learn simple strategies for keeping up with the latest technological trends and electronic resources. Session will highlight resources and tips for various librarian roles and how to incorporate them into your job. **Speakers: Sarah Bosarge, Instruction Librarian, University of Utah, Marriott Library & Karen Estlund, Technology Instruction Librarian, University of Utah, Marriott Library.**

***The World of Business Statistics:*** Statistics are a crucial part of business reference. As reference service providers, we face constant requests for numbers to backup research for businesses, researchers or students. We will share with you our favorite sources for business statistics. We will discuss some of the frequent questions and demands that we face as reference providers. **Speakers: Leticia Camacho, Business Librarian, Brigham Young University & Britt Fagerheim, Business Librarian, Utah State University.**

***Marketing 101: Ways to Learn About Our Users:*** Come learn from two experts how BYU used surveys and focus groups to discover what their faculty and students wanted in a web page. Various other presenters from Utah State University, College of Eastern Utah, and Salt Lake Community College will share their varied experiences in learning about their users for different purposes. **Speakers: Allyson Washburn, Distributed Learning Services Librarian, Brigham Young University; Brian Roberts, Process Improvement Officer,**



**Brigham Young University; Pam Martin, Utah State University; Lori Brassaw, Assistant Librarian for Reference/Bibliographic Instruction, College of Eastern Utah; and Jon Glenn, Salt Lake Community College.**

**Delivering Library Services to Students: Changing the Model:** Much has been written and spoken about the generation of students now attending our colleges and universities – their familiarity with technology, their changing learning styles, their study habits and their use or non-use of libraries. Randy Olsen, BYU University Librarian delivers library services to students, wherever they are. Demonstrations of two

projects will follow. **Speakers: Randy Olsen, University Librarian, Brigham Young University; Allyson Washburn, Distributed Learning Services Librarian, Brigham Young University; and Michael Hill, Library Project Manager, Brigham Young University.**

For More information about the Utah chapter, visit the ACRL Utah Chapter website at <http://www.ula.org/organization/rt/acrl/acrl-cn.htm>

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## VIRGINIA

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The Virginia Chapter (VLACRL) had a very successful spring program, **Improving**

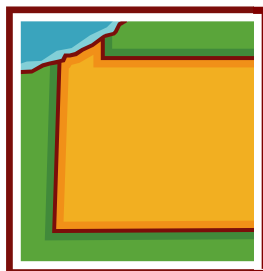
**Library as Place: Assessing Us, Assessing Them** on April 28, 2006, held at UVA. Speakers from around the Commonwealth discussed

different tools to evaluate internal and external customer service at academic libraries. The program was well-attended and enthusiastically received!

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## WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA

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The Western Pennsylvania-West Virginia Chapter of the ACRL held its annual Spring Meeting May 19<sup>th</sup> on the campus of the Wheeling Jesuit University in Wheeling, WV. Chapter President Bella Karr Gerlich designated “leadership” as the theme of her presidential year and this meeting, entitled *Great Expectations: Leadership in Academic Libraries*, carried that theme forward.

Dr. Barbara B. Moran provided the keynote address to the meeting. Dr. Moran teaches at the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science and has researched different aspects of management including leadership, organizational structures and career progression patterns. After Dr. Moran’s presentation, the meeting offered six sessions, lunch, and a chapter business meeting.

The WP-WV Chapter is fortunate to have a number of members who willingly helped to make the annual meetings successful by organizing and presenting sessions to other members. Session topics this year included:

- *Guiding Your Own Career: Advice for the Mid-Career Librarian*  
Presenters: Frances O’Brien (West Virginia University) and Barbara Winters (Marshall University)

- *Bringing Learners and Library Skills Together*  
Presenters: Jackie Corinth (Robert Morris University) and David Roth (West Virginia University)
- *Academic Library Leadership for Today and Tomorrow: Distinguished Qualities*  
Presenters: Justina Osa (Pennsylvania State University) and Sylvia Nyana (Pennsylvania State University)
- *University Librarian, Dean or Director: Does Title Matter?*  
Presenters: Dr. Laverna Saunders (Duquesne University), Dr. Rena Fowler (Indiana University of Pennsylvania) and Dr. Fran Caplan (Robert Morris University)

- *Everyone a Leader, Everyone a Follower*  
Presenters: Leslie A. Lewis (Duquesne University) and Matthew R. Marsteller (Carnegie Mellon University)
- *Small College Forum*  
Presenter: John Thompson (Waynesburg College)

**Other Chapter News:** The WPWVC recently updated and moved its website. For more information on Chapter activities, go to our new page at <http://www.library.duq.edu/wpwvcacrl>.

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## WISCONSIN

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It was books, beer and blogs at the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) annual conference this spring. More than 200 academic librarians, library school students, and support staff came to Stevens Point, Wisconsin, March 28-31, to explore the theme "*Pointing Toward New Directions.*" For the first time, the conference was blogged by attendees: <http://waalconf2006.blogspot.com/>

A well-received pre-conference, "*Who are our students? The Millennial Generation,*" featured Nancy Truesdell, Dean of Students, Lawrence University. Included on the panel were millennials themselves, making the discussion much more authentic.

The keynote session by ALA President Michael Gorman, "*New Directions in Library Education,*" had some of the audience wondering if they needed to return to library school for more basics. Is technology overemphasized in the library school curriculum? Are we forgetting our core values? You could overhear debates on the issue throughout the rest of the conference.



*Dessert Reception at UW-Stevens Point Library*



*ALA President Michael Gorman with WAAL President Alberto Herrera, Jr.*

Two luncheons highlighted academics from Wisconsin's public and private sector. Poet Laureate of Stevens Point and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point English Professor William Lawlor read poetry of the imagination, Dr. James South, Associate Professor of Philosophy, Marquette University, intrigued the audience with videos and a talk on the role of secular faith and reason in a quest for a meaningful life (according to Buffy the Vampire Slayer).

The third annual Information Literacy Award was presented to members of the Marquette University Raynor Memorial Libraries Instruction team: Valerie Beech, Rosemary Del Toro, Julie O'Keeffe and Rose Trupiano. The focus of this year's award was on a project that promotes information literacy, and the Marquette University team hit the mark with their innovative "Assessment Rubric Project: Partnering with Faculty and University Administrators in Support of Student Learning."

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.



*Steve Frye at the Poster Session*

You're still wondering about the beer, aren't you? We toured the 5<sup>th</sup> oldest continually running brewery in the U.S., Stevens Point Brewery. Samples were plenty! And the books? Teams competed in a Trivial Pursuit – Book Lover's Edition game—it was really hard!

Links to post-conference presentation info are available from:

<http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal/conferences/2006/>

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