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Next Chapter Topics Deadline: May 11, 2007

Message from the Chapters Council Chair

Dear Chapter Council Liaisons,

Please join us in Seattle at the ALA Midwinter meeting. **Chapters Council will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2007 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM at the Cascade Ballroom I of the Westin Seattle.**

From 8:00 to 8:30 a.m., there will be a brief orientation session for new liaisons. If you are a new chapter liaison or have never attended a Chapters Council meeting, I urge you to join us for this half hour intro. This is a good way for you to learn about what ACRL and Chapters Council can do for your chapter. Our regular meeting for all chapter liaisons will commence at 8:30 a.m. Each chapter is allowed two representatives to Chapters Council. It is important that every chapter (and there are forty-two of you!) send a representative. If for any reason you cannot attend, a substitute representative is always 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 Pamela Snelson will be present, as well as President-Elect Julie Todaro. ACRL Director Mary Ellen Davis and Program Coordinator Megan Griffin (formerly our Miss Bielefeld, now newly married) 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.

At the New Orleans Chapters Council meeting, there was continued discussion on the **items for which ACRL funds could be spent**. If you recall, the ACRL Executive Committee approved the current budget policy in April 2006. ACRL Chapters may spend budgeted resources on any items or activities that support the

charitable and educational purposes of ACRL's strategic goals as identified in the strategic plan with 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.
- 2) The allotted funds may not be used to purchase goods or services prohibited by ALA and ACRL policy.

Source: ACRL Board, April 2006

To learn more about ACRL's goals in its Strategic Plan, please see: <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/whatisacrl/acrlstratplan/stratplan.htm>

Another issue for Chapters Council is **whether or not each chapter has tax-exempt status**. As many of you know, 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. **If your group has been recently successful in obtaining 501 (c) 3 or 6 status, we would like to hear your story!**

We will discuss the implications of this issue during our meeting.

Also, I will bring you up to date on the status of the University Libraries Section **proposal for developing advocacy toolkits and making available \$500 grants to Chapters**.

After our program, please plan to attend the Chapters Council-sponsored ACRL

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2007 Presidential Candidates Forum, held on Sunday, January 21, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **Lunch will be served!** Beth Lindsay, Interim Assistant Director, Public Services & Outreach, and Head, Library Instruction, Washington State University Libraries (President, Washington State Chapter), and her colleagues have worked hard to make this possible.

Hear and meet ACRL candidates for:

President-Elect:

- Erika C. Linke, Associate Dean of University Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University
- Scott Walter, Associate University Librarian for Services, and Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

Director-at-Large:

- Trevor Dawes, Circulation Services Director, Princeton University
- Michael LaCroix, Director of Library Services, Creighton University
- R. N. Sharma, Dean of the Library, Monmouth University
- Elizabeth A. Dupuis, Associate University Librarian, University of California, Berkeley

Councilor:

- Albie Johnson, Associate Vice President for Academic Resources and Director of the Library, Wheelock College
- Locke Morrissey, Head of Collections, Reference & Research Services at the University of San Francisco/Gleeson Library-Geschke Center

Finally, I hope you can join us for the dine-around. Chapters Chair Elect Kathy A. Parsons (Past President, Iowa Chapter) has arranged for us to meet at **FOX Sports Grill** on Saturday, January 20 (please note the change from our usual Sunday!). For details, see her invitation in this newsletter on page 4. It is a great way to get to know other Chapter liaisons and try out a new restaurant.

We have a busy schedule for Chapters Council. However, 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 email me at nora@nova.edu. I am looking forward to seeing you all in Seattle.

Nora Quinlan
Chair, Chapters Council

Agenda for Chapters Council

Preliminary Agenda for Chapters Council
ALA Mid-Winter – Seattle
Sunday, January 21, 2007
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Cascade Ballroom I of the Westin Seattle

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 (Nora Quinlan)
- II. Introductions of Chapters Council Officers and Members (Nora Quinlan)
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes from New Orleans Annual 2006 (Fran Kaufmann?)
- IV. Introduction and Remarks from Pamela Snelson, ACRL President News & announcements
- V. Introduction and Remarks from Dr. Julie B. Todaro, ACRL President-Elect
- VI. Introduction and Remarks from Candidates for ACRL President-Elect
 - A. Erika C. Linke, Associate Dean of University Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University
 - B. Scott Walter, Associate University Librarian for Services, and Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- VII. Introduction and Remarks from ACRL At-Large Candidates
 - A. Trevor Dawes, Circulation Services Director, Princeton University
 - B. Michael LaCroix, Director of Library Services, Creighton University
 - C. R. N. Sharma, Dean of the Library, Monmouth University

D. Elizabeth A. Dupuis, Associate University Librarian, University of California, Berkeley

- VIII. Introduction and Remarks from ACRL Councilor Candidates:
 - A. Albie Johnson, Associate Vice President for Academic Resources and Director of the Library, Wheelock College
 - B. Locke Morrisey, Head of Collections, Reference & Research Services at the University of San Francisco/Gleeson Library-Geschke Center
- IX. Introduction and Remarks from ACRL Administrators
 - A. Mary Ellen Davis, Executive Director
 - B. Megan Griffin, Program Coordinator
- X. Information
- XI. Government & Legislative Updates
 - A. Government Relations (Kara Malenfant)
 - B. Legislative Network (Larry Romans)
- XII. Announcements
 - A. ACRL Candidates Forum and Luncheon (Beth Lindsay)
 - B. Nominations for Officers for Chapters Council (Kathy Parsons)
 - C. Dine-around (Kathy Parsons)
 - D. Listservs/roster updates and corrections and more
 - E. Chapter Topics (Nora Quinlan for Doreen Kopycinski)
 - F. ACRL Membership Advisory Committee
- XIII. Old Business
- XIV. New Business
- XV. Sharing ideas
- XVI. Adjournment

Chapters Council Dine-Around in Seattle!



One of the fun things I get to do as the ACRL Chapters Council Vice Chair/Chair Elect is to find an eating establishment for our dine-around dinner. This selection was extremely hard as there are many wonderful restaurants in the downtown area of Seattle. After nearly two hours of internet searching, many minutes reviewing print travel guides, and two phone calls to the Seattle area, I have found our dinner spot.

But first, a bit about myself, because you will need to know this to understand why I picked this establishment. I am a basketball junkie—college or pro, men or women—it does not matter. What matters is that I will be missing several Iowa State University basketball games and must have my fix or at least seeing the score run across a screen.

Knowing this about me, can you guess the type of restaurant? Did I hear a S-P-O-R-T-S-B-A-R? Great! And are we ready for the name? How about the **FOX Sports Grill**, located at 1522 6th Avenue. This is very close to the convention

center and to Nordstrom for after dinner shopping. If you are interested in learning more about this place, visit:

<http://www.foxsportsgrill.com/seattle/default.aspx>

This year dinner will be held on Saturday January 20 at 6:00 pm. Yes, this is a different night but hope fully a good one for many of us.

Unfortunately, they do not take reservations on Saturday night so we might have a wait. I am still working with the restaurant to see what can be done for us. It would be grand if you could email me (kap@iastate.edu) your interest after reading this announcement so I can give the manager a better idea of our group size. I will be staying at the Roosevelt Hotel which is close by the restaurant so let's meet there in the lobby at about 5:45 p.m. and then walk over.

Go team!!!

Kathy A. Parsons
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ACRL Chapters Council Vice Chair/Chair Elect
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New Orleans Dine-Around Report

A red sign with white lettering that reads "TUJAGUES RESTAURANT". The sign is mounted on a wall and has a decorative border.

The ALA New Orleans Chapter Dine Around was held at **Tujagues Restaurant** on Sunday, June 25. Located in the French Quarter, Tujagues is one of the oldest restaurants in New Orleans and is famous for its traditional Creole cooking. Attendees included members of the Chapters Council board, as well as their guests, who sampled remoulade, beef brisket with horseradish, and "cap" bread and drank sazerac, a local cocktail. Lots of conversation and good company!



*Present, Future and Past Chapter Council Chairs:
Mark Emmons, Nora Quinlan & Vibiana Bowman*

ACRL News

Presidential Candidate's Forum

Meet Linke and Walter - Candidates for ACRL President

Hear Erika Linke and Scott Walter, the official candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect, speak at the ACRL Presidential Candidates Forum on Sunday, January 21, 2007, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle.

Linke is Associate Dean of University Libraries at Carnegie Mellon University. Walter is University Librarian for Services at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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

All Users Are Local: Bringing the Library Next Door to the Campus Worldwide (May 21-June 10, 2007)

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 opens April 23**

Creating a Comprehensive Plan for Information Literacy (February 19-March 10, 2007)

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. **Registration will open January 22**

ACRL @ ALA Annual Conference

Mark your calendar for ACRL preconferences in Washington, D.C.

ACRL will offer the following preconferences on Friday, June 22, 2007, prior to the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.:

-Writing and Using Objectives to Improve Library Instruction

Whether your instruction is course-related, an open workshop session, or on-line, developing objectives before you begin and using them as a roadmap in the development of the lesson will keep you on target as you teach and will make assessment easier. This preconference will introduce the development and use of learning objectives for library instruction. Learn how to create objectives that are specific and measurable and discover how to write instructional objectives for lessons you currently teach or wish to teach. Find out how to use these objectives to structure assessment tools for the lesson or on-line learning product.

Friday, June 22, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Presenter: Dolores Fidishun, Penn State Great Valley

-Accepting an Electronic Resources Librarianship Position: The Best Professional Decision You Ever Made! Now What?

Managing e-resources is challenging and detail oriented. Many librarians, who until yesterday were performing traditional roles, have decided to accept the challenge of being an E-resources librarian. This branch of librarianship is fairly new and is akin to learning how to build an airplane while also learning how to fly it. Meant for new and practicing ER Librarians, this half-day preconference is planned like a "how to" session where attendees would gain in-depth knowledge on critical aspects of creating a framework for managing e-resources successfully. All attendees will receive a complete packet including a reference list of related articles, product information, relevant websites, sample checklists, and sample workflow.

Friday, June 22, 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Presenter: Anjana Bhatt, Florida Gulf Coast University

Visit www.acrl.org (click 'Events and Conferences') for complete details.

New Publications from ACRL

Please see the 'Publications' link at www.acrl.org for more information.

Student Engagement and Information Literacy, edited by Craig Gibson

This publication addresses information literacy in a framework inspired by higher education scholarship and dialogue as it relates to student engagement. Included are essays on the pedagogies of engagement, reviews of data from librarian-centered focus groups regarding their use of the National Survey of Student Engagement, theories on information literacy as a deeper way of thinking, research on the characteristics and values of contemporary students, and case studies on how student engagement and information literacy can coalesce in innovative curricular programming. See the 'Publications' link at www.acrl.org.

Become an ACRL Legislative Advocate

Are you interested in federal legislation and policy affecting libraries? Are you connected in your campus community? Are you willing to work with your members of Congress for change?

ACRL needs you!

Become an ACRL Legislative Advocate. To supplement the existing ACRL Legislative Network, ACRL is creating the new position of Legislative Advocate. Recognizing that not all ACRL members are active in their local chapters, we are directly recruiting legislative advocates, in an effort to complement the good work the chapter networks and the Chapter Legislative Coordinators are doing. Legislative Advocates will work, as possible, with other library legislative efforts in the state or region.

Selection as a Legislative Advocate is not automatic: those qualified will be selected to serve their profession with a two-year term, which may be renewed upon review by the Government Relations Committee. Legislative Advocates will be recognized and honored on the ACRL web site, annually in *C&RL News*, and during ALA Legislative Day activities.

Qualifications and responsibilities:

- Become familiar with major legislative issues of importance to ACRL, as outlined in the ACRL legislative agenda, which is updated annually.
- Establish relationships with the staff of the two senators from his or her state, as well as the staff of his or her local US representative.
- Visit the in-state offices and, as possible, the Washington offices of his or her senators and legislator.
- Communicate by email, phone, or written communication to the senators and the local representative on

selected issues of importance, three or four per year, that are identified by the ACRL Government Relations Specialist.

- Develop relationships with president, provost, members of the faculty, and other members of the academy who may be an advocate for library issues.
- As needed, attend an advocacy training workshop, one time, either virtual or face-to-face, at either ALA midwinter or annual meeting.
- Attend an annual briefing on legislative issues that will be held in conjunction with either the ALA midwinter or annual meeting or provided virtually.
- Be available for consultation by the ACRL office and/or the ALA Washington Office on issues important to higher education and academic libraries.
- Work with the Chapter Legislative Coordinator for the local ACRL chapter on advocacy issues.
- Complete semi-annual and annual reports to ACRL on advocacy activities.
- Maintain membership in ALA and ACRL.

Look for details and an application on the ACRL website in January. Apply by April 6, 2007. Applicants will be notified of their status on a rolling basis. For more information, contact W. Lee Hisle, Chair, Government Relations Committee at 860/439-2650 or wthis@conncoll.edu.

ACRL 13th National Conference - Registration Now Open! Early-bird deadline is Feb. 7

Sailing into the Future ~ Charting Our Destiny

Baltimore, MD, March 29 - April 1, 2007

www.acrl.org/baltimore

Register now for the premier conference dedicated to meeting the interests of academic and research librarians. The **ACRL 13th National Conference** offers stimulating programs that reflect the dynamics and diversity of our profession. Keep pace with hot library issues such as: advocacy, assessment, collections, digital initiatives, information literacy, and scholarly communication.

Register by February 7, 2007, and save more than 20% on your conference registration. Group discounts are also available for institutions that register ten or more employees. For a complete program details, registration and hotel reservations, visit www.acrl.org/baltimore today!

ACRL is also offering 85 scholarships worth more than \$45,000 to support participation in the conference. All applications must be received by December 1, 2006. See the Scholarships link on the conference Web site for more details.

- Be informed and entertained by this celebrated lineup of keynote speakers: Michael Eric Dyson, one of the nation's most renowned public intellectuals, Filmmaker John Waters and NPR's Nina Totenberg
- Enjoy the enhanced Virtual Conference Community to include live Webcasts, blogs, polls, conference snapshots and hot topic discussions (complimentary to all registrants)
- Learn more about collaboration on institutional repositories
- Form new approaches to diversity recruitment and organizational change
- Check out the Cyber Zed Shed demonstrations that showcase new tech-tools and their library applications
- Examine important trends and issues in scholarly communication
- Search the conference program online; by track, theme or session format at http://www.eshow2000.com/acrl/2007/conference_program.cfm

We look forward to seeing you in Baltimore at the ACRL 13th National Conference! For more details, please visit our Web site at www.acrl.org/baltimore or email: acrl@ala.org.

ACRL 2005 Academic Library Trends and Statistics now available

ACRL has published the 2005 *Academic Library Trends and Statistics* series, available both online and in print. This survey includes comprehensive data from 1,100 academic libraries in all Carnegie classifications. It covers collections, expenditures, electronic expenditures, personnel and public services (including Ph.D.s granted, number of faculty, undergraduate and graduate enrollment).

The 2005 survey also measures the use of electronic resources by academic libraries. The data cover electronic journals, reference sources, books, networked resources and services, and digitization activities.

"These data are especially useful for libraries seeking to benchmark their effectiveness in relation to their peer institutions as recommended in the ACRL Standards for Libraries in Higher Education," said Shawn P. Calhoun, chair of the ACRL Statistics Committee.

The three-volume survey is arranged by Carnegie classification including one volume with Associate of Arts degree-granting institutions, one with those in the combined Carnegie classifications of Master's Colleges and Universities, and Baccalaureate Colleges, and one with Research/Doctoral-granting institutions. The data also are available in an electronic version, with capabilities for searching and comparing select criteria. Ordering information for both versions can be found on the ACRL Web site, www.acrl.org (Click on Publications/Academic Library Statistics).

The volumes may be purchased individually or as a set. ACRL members receive a 10% discount on any purchase.

Chapter Reports

ARIZONA

Greetings from warm and sunny Arizona! Yes, it really is us—the Arizona ACRL Chapter! We haven't been heard from in a while, but we're attempting to make a comeback. Over the next year, we hope to establish better communication with our members and hold at least one event. It is our 25th year as an ACRL Chapter so I think, at the very least, we should have a party!

Our chapter is also the College and University Library Division of the Arizona Library Association. We are fortunate to have some very dedicated people leading the division and chapter. Our Executive Board is:

- Co-Chair: Sheila Hofstetter, Health Sciences Librarian, Arizona State University Libraries
- Co-Chair: Katherine O'Clair, Life Sciences Librarian, Arizona State University Libraries
- Vice-Chair: Renee Westphal, Librarian, Northern Arizona University–Yuma
- Secretary: Debbie Holbrook, Information Services and Library Resources Coordinator, Coconino Community College

We are in the rebuilding stages right now, and we need your help. If your chapter is doing great things, please let us know.

We always welcome ideas for programs and events that will encourage people to get involved. If you have a great idea that you would like to share, please contact Katherine O'Clair at Katherine.oclair@asu.edu or 480-965-5964.

By the next *Chapter Topics*, I hope to be able to update you on the progress we have made. We're looking forward to the challenge of creating a strong organization for academic librarians in Arizona.

Contributed by
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CALIFORNIA

Since the 11th Biennial CARL Conference, which was held last April at Asilomar State Beach and Conference Center (as reported in the last issue of *Chapter Topics*), members of the California Academic & Research Libraries Association (CARL, the California Chapter of ACRL) have conducted a number of very successful programs and workshops. The Southern California Instruction Librarians (SCIL) Interest Group presented two workshops: **SCIL Works: Developing and Managing Instruction Projects and Programs** and **Assessing the One-Shot**. The Science & Engineering Academic Librarians (SEAL-South) Interest Group also presented two well attended programs: **An Excellent Adventure: Along the Ventura Highway**, which involved a visit to CSU Channel Islands Library

and a guided hike at the Chumash Interpretive Center, and **Digital Initiatives: Is there an Institutional Repository in Your Future?** The DIAL-South (Diversity in Academic Libraries) Interest Group conducted a visit to the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach. The CARL-North Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG) presented **Demystifying Virtual Communication**, a workshop on RSS, Podcasts, Wikis, and IM for librarians. Finally, CARLDIG-South, the CARL Reference Librarians Interest Group, presented **Electronic Reference Resources: Utopia or Dystopia?**

In April, CARL/ACRL member **Linda J. Goff** was awarded the **Outstanding Teaching Award** at California State University, Sacramento. It is the

first time this award has gone to a member of the library faculty. Linda has been responsible for the overall instructional program of the University Library since 1986, and also manages the library tour program. Using WebCT, Linda developed the online Information Competence Assignment Program, which reaches approximately 3,000 CSUS students annually. She is the largest single user of WebCT on campus and, in her role as Head of Instructional Services, she has a much heavier teaching load than most of the other librarians. Linda is to be congratulated for receiving this prestigious and well deserved award.



Another CARL/ACRL member, **William Breitbart**, has been rewarded for his enthusiasm for academic librarianship and love of teaching. Will was awarded this year's **2007 Ilene F. Rockman CARL/ACRL Conference Scholarship Award**. The award, which is presented each year by the California ACRL chapter to students currently enrolled in a library and information studies program leading to a master's degree, is intended to defray the cost of attending either the biennial ACRL National Conference or biennial CARL Conference, which are staggered every other year. Will is currently a second-year student at UCLA and is also working at the Science and Engineering Library at UCLA, as well as interning at California State University, Los Angeles. Will can be said to be an ACRL-geek as he openly admits to anxiously awaiting each new edition of *C&RL News* and *College & Research Libraries*. He is excited to be given this opportunity to attend next year's National Conference in Baltimore.

The CARL Research Award Committee was pleased to announce that Joseph Aubele, Susan Jackson, Karin Griffen, and Cathy Outten of California State University, Long Beach were the recipients of the 2006 CARL Research Award for

their research proposal titled ***Are They Getting It: A Longitudinal Study of the Information Seeking Techniques of Undergraduate Students***. Their research will be supported by a CARL award grant of up to \$2,000.

In October, the following CARL/ACRL members were elected to the 2007 CARL Board of Directors:

- Fred Gertler, Northern Vice-President (University of the Pacific)
- Les Kong, ACRL Chapters Council Delegate (CSU San Bernardino)
- Wendy Diamond, Director-at-Large (CSU Chico)
- Julie Shen, Secretary (Cal Poly Pomona)
- Judy Lee, Director-at-Large (UC Riverside)

Other elected members continuing their service on the 2007 Board will be

- Vicki Rosen, President (University of San Francisco)
- Tracey Mayfield, Southern Vice President (CSU Long Beach)
- Celia Bakke, Treasurer (San Jose State University)
- Kelly Janousek, Membership Director (CSU Long Beach)
- Locke Morrisey, Director-at-Large (University of San Francisco)
- Deborah Moore, Director-at-Large (Glendale Community College).

Contributed by
 Carl Bengston
 California ACRL Chapters Council Delegate

COLORADO

At our annual state conference in November, the Colorado Academic Library Association (CoALA) introduced the following officers:

- Krystyna Mrozek, Chair (Colorado College)
- Bette Rathe, Past Chair and Liaison to ACRL (University of Northern Colorado)
- Jan Loechell Turner, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (Regis University)
- Debbie Creamer, Secretary (Ilf School of Theology)
- Pam Blome, Member at Large (Colorado School of Mines)
- Jayati Chaudhuri, Member at Large (University of Northern Colorado)
- Lisa Grabowski, Community College Representative (Arapahoe Community College).



The business meeting included brainstorming of topics for our spring workshop and a discussion of chapter goals for the coming year.

Spring plans include collaborating with the Colorado Academic Library Consortium on a one to two day "Library Summit" and collaborating with the Colorado Library Consortium on a series of three workshops.

*Contributed by
Debbie Creamer
Ilf School of Theology*

*Secretary, Colorado Academic Library Association
(CoALA)*

DELAWARE VALLEY

The Delaware Valley Chapter of ACRL hosted its Fall Program, *The Future of the Catalog: Deconstruction or Reinvention?* on November 3 at the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. The morning session featured four nationally known speakers with expertise in the area of catalog research and implementation. Dr. **Thomas B. Hickey**, Chief Scientist, OCLC, spoke on OCLC's role in the development of the catalog of the future. **Emily Lynema**, Systems Librarian for Digital Projects, North Carolina State University Libraries, discussed the benefits of faceted keyword searching using Endeca. **Tim Spalding**, founder of LibraryThing, described the bibliographic and social networking aspects of cataloging and sharing personal libraries. **Karen Calhoun**, Senior Associate Librarian for Information Technology and Technical Services, Cornell University, talked about her report to the Library of Congress and the changing nature of the catalog.



*From left to right, Tim Spalding, Emily Lynema
Karen Calhoun, and Thomas Hickey*

During the afternoon panel session, moderated by Dr. Doug Cook, Lehman Library, Shippensburg University, the audience welcomed the opportunity to ask many of the questions the morning presentations had evoked. The program attracted 122 registrants; program evaluations were highly enthusiastic about the topic and the

guest speakers. Three of the presentations are available at <http://www.acrl-dvc.org/programs.htm>.



Kris Mudrick, ACRL/DVC President, after the very successful fall program!

The chapter continues its support of future academic librarians through its mentoring program, which pairs library and information science graduate students and academic librarians in our service area (eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and Delaware). Information about the mentoring program can be found at <http://www.acrl-dvc.org/mentor.htm>.

Planning is underway for a chapter-sponsored event at the ACRL 13th National Conference in Baltimore.

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EASTERN NEW YORK

The Eastern New York Chapter of ACRL (ENY/ACRL) is in the midst of changing its annual conference schedule. For the last 25 years, ENY/ACRL has held two conferences a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. Lately, this has become harder to accomplish. In fact, there have been a few years in which we have had to cancel our planned conferences because problems occurred in the planning and/or execution of the event.

This year, the Board decided to focus on producing one conference per year, to be held in the spring. However, we are committed to offering professional development opportunities to our membership in the fall as well. Our plan is to join with other organizations to produce quality programs of interest to librarians and library staff. This fall, we co-sponsored the Eighth Annual Symposium on Scholarly Communication:

Converting and Preserving the Scholarly Record. This full day of thoughtful and deliberative consideration of issues associated with the digital preservation of scholarly resources was an excellent use of ENY/ACRL resources without the usual scramble to put together a whole conference in a short period of time. ENY/ACRL's program planning committee also produced a workshop at the New York Library Association Conference in Saratoga Springs in November.



ENY/ACRL members take some time to relax during the Symposium on Scholarly Publishing

Next fall ENY/ACRL will sponsor a series of brown bag half-day sessions at campuses in remote sections of the region. We hope to involve and attract more members with this strategy.

Of course, we are still planning a spring 2007 conference. Our conference title is ***Who's Driving the Technology Bus?*** This will take place in Utica, NY on the SUNY Institute of Technology Campus.

Contributed by
Deborah Bernard
Chapter President

FLORIDA

The Florida ACRL Chapter is in a year of transitions. A new board, consisting mainly of newly active members, has begun the task of learning their new duties and responsibilities. Because of changes this past year in how ACRL allocates its funding, one of the first priorities of this FACRL board has been to incorporate FACRL as a non-profit corporation. FACRL is now officially incorporated in Florida as a non-profit. The board's next step is to obtain tax-exempt 501-C status.



Craig Likness with Douglas Black

This year's FACRL Fall Workshop, entitled ***Shifting Functions: Changing Roles and Duties in Academic Libraries Today*** was held on November 3, 2006 at the Alvin Sherman Library, Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale-Davie, Florida. The program built on the foundation of the very well received presentation by University of Arizona Library Director Carla Stoffle at the Florida Library Association's Academic Section program last spring. Speakers looked at the way that libraries and librarians are changing the way they do things – in collection building, collaboration with faculty, bibliographic instruction, and personal growth. Speakers included:

- Gail Clement, Head, Digital Collections Center, Florida International University Libraries
- Johanna Tunon, Head of Distance and

- Instructional Library Services, NSU
- Susi Hayes, Director, Parkland Library
- Nancy Kalikow Maxwell, Director, North Campus Library, Miami Dade College
- Craig Likness, Director, Collection Development, Richter Library, University of Miami

Fifty-six people attended a lively and interesting program.



Gail Clement



Nancy Kalikow Maxwell

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GEORGIA

GA ACRL Chapter/GLA Academic Division members took part in the annual Georgia Library Association Midwinter Conference on December 1, 2006 at Clayton State University in the Atlanta metro area. This leadership conference provided an overview of GLA plans for the year and was an excellent opportunity for Chapter planning for the coming year. David Singleton, Deputy State Librarian, was the keynote speaker.

The Academic Library Division of the Georgia Library Association/ Georgia ACRL Chapter met at the GLA annual conference, September 20-22, 2006. The conference was held in Athens, GA and was a joint program with the Georgia Council of Media Organizations. The following Georgia ACRL Chapter officers were elected and will take office on January 1, 2007:

- Chair: Callie McGinnis, Dean of Libraries, Columbus State University
- Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Cathy Jeffrey, Head of Technical Services, Clayton State
- Secretary/Treasurer: Amy Moore, Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Georgia Perimeter College
- ACRL Chapters Council Representative: Cathy Carpenter, Reference and Subject Librarian, Georgia Institute of Technology

The Georgia Library Association presented a large number of academic programs and presentations at the fall 2006 Georgia Council of Media Organizations conference, many of which were sponsored by the Georgia ACRL:

1. Academic Library Division Luncheon. Dr. John Inscoe, Editor of the *New Georgia Encyclopedia*, was the luncheon speaker.

Dr. Inscoe spoke to a group of about 100 academic librarians on the topic, *Libraries, Librarians, and the Making of the New Georgia Encyclopedia*. Dr. Inscoe, Editor of the *NGE* and Professor of History at the University of Georgia, enlightened and entertained the group with anecdotes and facts about the creation and continuing development of the *NGE*.

The *New Georgia Encyclopedia* is entirely online at <http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Home.jsp> and provides an authoritative source of information about people, places, events,

institutions, and many other topics relating to the state. On the website, you will find articles and images on nearly every aspect of Georgia as well as links to other Web sites related to the history, culture, and life of the state.

The *NGE* is a project of the Georgia Humanities Council in partnership with the University of Georgia Press, the University System of Georgia/GALILEO, the Office of the Governor, and the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education. Because of the generous public and private support, *NGE* is available free to anyone with Internet access.

The luncheon program included a brief business meeting, as well as the announcement of the best submitted papers (the two best were presented with award checks).

Best paper awards were presented to:

- Cathy Carpenter and Crystal Renfro, *Twelve Years of Online Reference Services at Georgia Tech: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going* (cash award presented by EBSCO Information Services)
- Wendy S. Wilmouth, *The Effect of Smart Cards on Library Use: The Griffin Technical College Case* (cash award presented by Blackwell's Book Services)



Karalyn Kavanaugh (EBSCO) presents a check to winners Cathy Carpenter and Crystal Renfro. Looking on (L) is Betty Paulk, Chair of the Presented Papers Committee

2. Presented Papers. Betty Paulk (chair of the selection committee), facilitator.

a. *The Effect of Smart Cards on Library Use: The Griffin Technical College Case*, Wendy S. Wilmoth (Griffin Technical Coll.) **A Best Paper Award**

This presentation discussed the results of a study of a “smart card” that has been used on a trial basis by the library at Griffin Technical College since the fall of 2005. The study evaluated the card’s effect on usage of library services and resources, the “smart card” online features, physical facilities, and print resources.

b. *Paper Recycling and Academic Libraries*, Jack Fisher and Dr. Elaine Yontz (Valdosta State U.)

Academic libraries have much to offer to paper recycling activities. This study reviewed the literature on recycling and libraries, discussed potential benefits and drawbacks for academic libraries, and described a feasibility study of a public/private partnership between a medium-sized academic library and a local recycling vendor.

c. *Introducing the READ Scale: Qualitative Statistics for Academic Reference Services*, Bella Karr Gerlich (Ga. Coll. & State U.) and G. Lynn Berard (Carnegie Mellon U.)

The paper introduced the READ Scale (Reference Effort Assistance Data): concept, methodology, data gathering, & study expansion. Dissatisfaction with the usefulness of current statistics gathered for reference services led to the development of this instrument at Carnegie Mellon. The READ Scale is a six-point scale tool for recording qualitative values during the reference transaction, focusing on the librarian’s point of view.

d. *Twelve Years of Online Reference Services at Georgia Tech: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going*, Cathy Carpenter and Crystal Renfro (Georgia Tech) **A Best Paper Award**

The presentation reviewed Georgia Tech’s 12-year experience with virtual reference services. A recent reevaluation of virtual reference products at Georgia Tech resulted in the introduction of a new chat platform using an instant messaging aggregator. The presenters discussed user statistics from the various forms of virtual reference and shared insights and recommendations.

e. *Expectations and Excitations: The Library as a Happening Place*, Alan Bernstein (Valdosta State U.)

Every single person who comes in the library has a purpose and expectation for being there. What are these expectations and are they being met? This research study examined these questions qualitatively through observation and purposive interviews.

f. *Falling In Line: Curricular Alignment in a Library Credit Course*, Michael H. Aldrich (U. of West Georgia)

A recent assessment of Bloom’s Taxonomy of Educational Objectives, led to a revision of the Taxonomy. The revised material creates a Taxonomy Table, where objectives, instruction, and assessment can be classified to examine instructional emphasis and alignment. The presentation described how this Taxonomy Table can be used in evaluating the assessment of the final exam in a library instruction course.

g. *Quaking in the Classroom: A Study of Teaching Anxiety in Academic Librarians*, Kaetrena D. Davis (Ga. State U.)

Discussed the situation where librarians are being required to teach semester-long classes, and explained how academic librarians cope with the challenges (real and imagined) of classroom education.

h. *Now What? Collection-level Cataloging for Archives and Special Collections*, Suzanne R. Graham, Kelly Holt (U. of Georgia), Nancy Davis Bray (Ga. Coll. & State U.)

Speakers presented tools to enable attendees to begin cataloging collections at their repositories. They also discussed common challenges in this type of cataloging, shared solutions, and provided cataloging procedures and workflow practices for how a large and a small repository catalogs manuscript and media collections.

i. *One and Done? Evaluating Student Learning of Information Literacy Skills*, Monica Pereira (U. of Ga.) and Peter Shipman (Medical College of Ga.) *Demonstrated how quick assessment techniques will let you know if students are learning in your classroom.*

j. *How to Get Published in the Academic Library World*

William G. Potter, The current editor of College and Research Libraries and a panel who have

authored, edited, or reviewed articles for publication; discussed how librarians can get started on the road to publication. The panel included William Gray Potter, Jr. (U. of Ga.), W. Bede Mitchell (Ga. Southern U.), F. Gene Ruffin, Jr., (Ga. Gwinnett Coll.), Caroline Cason, (U. of Ga.), and Catherine Jannik (Georgia Tech).

3. Other Academic Library Program Sessions:

a. *What Every Faculty Member Should Know About Information and Computer Literacies*, Camilla B. Reid, Camilla B. Baker, and Jeff Heck (Augusta State U.)

Discussed how to stir up more interest in information literacy at your institution. This session provided a mock panel presentation aimed at classroom faculty.

b. *Outreach for Academic Libraries: Promoting Your Message Outside the Library*, Gordon Baker (Clayton State U.) and Bob Fox (Ga. Tech)

This program discussed the outreach efforts of the Clayton State and Georgia Tech libraries and how they may be implemented at other academic libraries.

c. *Emerging Technologies in Academic Libraries*, LiLi Li (Ga. Southern U.)

This study overviewed most relevant emerging technologies that could affect web-based academic library information resources, services, and instructions.

d. *Commemorating a Classic American Duo - Lewis & Clark@ the library*, JoEllen Broome (Ga. Southern U.)

Broome described and explained how a big history exhibit was conceived and sponsored by Georgia Southern's Henderson Library with almost no money, and inspired others to try it at home.

e. *Culture Shock: Tips for New Academic Librarians and Their Employers*, Emily Prather, Shaundra Walker, Edward Whatley (Ga. Coll. & State U.)

New librarians offered insight into the expectations of new hires and shared their experiences of the realities of transitioning into academic librarianship.

f. *Academic Library Management Using an ACRL Standards Approach*, Ravonne Green and VSU students (Valdosta State U.)

A group of VSU academic library management students discussed the importance of incorporating ACRL standards in academic library management practices.

g. *Programming for Academic Libraries*, Callie B. McGinnis (Columbus State U.)

Presented ideas for making your academic library the intellectual hub of the campus through programs that promote reading, dialog, learning, and creative thinking.

h. *From the Ether to You: Managing Electronic Databases at UGA*, Diana Hartle, Monica Pereira, Dana Walker (U. of Ga)

Discussed using a homegrown electronic resource management system to corral and organize online databases for patron access.

i. *Practical Approaches for Implementing ACRL Standards for Libraries in Higher Education*, Bob Fernekes (Ga. Southern U.) & Bill Nelson (Augusta State U.)

Presenters explained the 2004 ACRL "Standards for Libraries in Higher Education" and recommended methods for assessing outcomes.

j. *Government Documents Usage Among Social Science Students*, Joseph Schneider and Deborah Tritt (Augusta State U.)

The program presented new, original research on academic usage of government documents by university social science students.

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GREATER NEW YORK METROPOLITAN AREA

The Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter of ACRL (ACRL/NY) ended the year with a highly successful 2006 Annual Symposium,

Commercialization and the Academic Library: Mission Statement or Market Share?, which was held on December 1, 2006 at the Newman Conference Center of Baruch College in New York City. The speakers for the day were:

- Rick Anderson, Director of Resource Acquisition, University of Nevada, Reno
- Walt Crawford, who is currently working on the OCLC/RLG transition/integration
- Jim Neal, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University; and
- Grace Roosevelt, Associate Professor of History and Education at Metropolitan College, NYC

who each presented different sides of the issue. The panel discussion in the afternoon was very lively and Jim Neal proved a superb moderator.

Four poster sessions were available for participants to browse during breaks and lunch. Topics included: *Automated Access to Internet Resources*, *Capturing the Costs of Virtual Reference Service*, *Commercialization in Academic and Corporate Libraries: How Librarians Can Manage Long-Term Library Funding Resourcefully*, and *A Library Survey – Understanding Academic Clients and Marketing Ourselves*.

The chapter was very busy during the rest of the year with many various activities. **ACRL/NY co-sponsored**, along with other library associations in the region, the **annual spring reception of the New York Technical Services Librarians** held at the New York Public Library. **Katrina Frazier**,

Chair of the Technical Services Discussion Group, represented ACRL/NY at the event.

A wonderful behind-the-scenes look at the Morgan Library was sponsored by the **New York City Section** and arranged by **Chair Monica Berger** and **Vice-Chair Lisa Tappeiner**. The event that took place on September 29, 2006 included a docent-led tour of the manuscript collections as well as a view of the newly renovated facility designed by acclaimed architect Renzo Piano. This was a members-only event with about 30 attendees.



The Long Island Section, of which **Georgina Martorella is Vice Chair**, and Hofstra University Libraries co-sponsored a half-day workshop, *Academic Librarianship: Developing a Research Program for Tenure and Beyond*, on November 16, 2006 at Hofstra. The speaker was an ACRL/NY member, **Deborah Dolan**, Social Sciences Librarian at Hofstra.

Several of ACRL/NY's discussion groups held meetings/events during the year. **The Education/Curriculum Materials Center Librarians** met at the Bank Street College of Education on June 16, 2006 to discuss changes to the ERIC database. The meeting was arranged by **Harriet Hagenbruch, Chair of the Discussion Group**.

On October 6, 2006, **Vincent Munch, Chair of the Information Literacy Discussion Group**, held a half-day session, *BI Strategies*, at the Brooklyn Campus of Long Island University. Presentation topics included Camtasia, active learning, a virtual library tour, plagiarism and Turnitin, and topic mapping.

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INDIANA

Library as Place, the biennial conference of the Indiana Association of Academic Librarians, was held Sept. 8th, 2006. The conference took place at the Indiana State Library in Indianapolis and received support from the Academic Libraries of Indiana. Full conference presentations are available at Conference presentations available at the Indiana Association of Academic Librarians website, <http://www.ilfonline.org/Units/Associations/IALA/index.html>. There were over 70 academic librarians in attendance from around Indiana.



Conference attendees enjoy the Indiana State Library's facilities



The Indiana State Library



Library as Trompe L'Oeil Space: Meeting User Needs and Expectations Through New Concepts of Place

Jim Neal, Keynote Speaker

Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University
The keynote presentation identified key trends affecting library development and use in various community settings, raised questions about traditional conceptions and applications of place, and proposed a series of new guidelines for the future planning and design of library space.



From Program to Punch List: A New Academic Library

Ruth H. Miller, Director, David L. Rice Library at University of Southern Indiana

Ms. Miller discussed the process of building a new academic library: from the initial concept, through the meetings and efforts at coordination through construction, to the punch lists and making the new building work successfully. There was further discussion of the politics of decisions, possible pitfalls, challenges and opportunities that might emerge during such a process.



The Learning Commons and Uncommon Learning

Nancy Davenport, consultant and former President, Council on Library and Information Resources

Anthropologist and demographer, two specialists that we used to think of as library users, are finding roles as library staff. According to Ms. Davenport, with their help, college and university libraries have found many ways of engaging students. This session looked at some of the innovative ways libraries have found to engage students and how they are studying the students.



Innovation, Place, and Space

David Lewis, Dean, IUPUI University Library

Mr. Lewis addressed how libraries handle change, especially in relation to technology and user needs.

A lively wrap -up, led by IALA president Scott Opasik, Indiana University South Bend, capped the day's events.

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IOWA

2007 will begin with the following new ILA/ACRL Executive Board members:

- Mary Heinzman (St. Ambrose University) as Vice-President/President-Elect;
- Rebecca Funke (Des Moines Area Community College) as Secretary/Treasurer; and
- Duncan Stewart (University of Iowa) as Member at Large.

Congratulations! Another change in 2007 is the overwhelming approval of a \$5.00 yearly membership fee in order to finance additional scholarships and other funding opportunities for the ILA/ACRL membership.



ILA/ACRL was pleased to sponsor 4 concurrent sessions at the Iowa Library Association Annual Conference held on October 11-13, 2006 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Elizabeth Hutchins, a Consultant and Adjunct Professor at Dominican University spoke on the topic of **Creating the Library-Faculty Connection**. A panel, including Ms. Hutchins, followed and was entitled **Crossing**

the Cultural Divide. Information Literacy for a Lifetime was the title of Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe's session. Ms. Janicke Hinchliffe is the Coordinator for Information Literacy at the University of Illinois, Champaign. A panel discussion on "Information Literacy: How Librarians can Work Together to Assure Student Success" wrapped up the ILA/ACRL sponsored sessions.

March 23, 2007 will be the date of the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. We are pleased to have Pamela Snelson, 2006-2007 ACRL President, attend as the Keynote Speaker. The title of the conference is **Work Worth Doing: The**

Value of the Academic Library for the 21st Century.

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KANSAS

The College and University Libraries Section (CULS) sponsored a Summer Institute on cataloging electronic resources, held this summer in Lawrence, Kansas with fourteen participants attending. The two-day workshop provided materials from CONSER, LC, and ALCTS, and was presented by Meg Mering (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) and Shana L. McDanold (St. Louis University). The experience was summed up as a good training opportunity at a bargain price.

The annual fall conference was held October 5-6 in Salina, Kansas with 82 registered participants. The theme for this year's conference was **Campus Connections: Making an Impact through Libraries**.

Alysia Starkey and Sara Kearns (Kansas State University) and Tami Albin (University of Kansas) presented a preconference on innovative library instruction techniques, **Playtime for Teaching Librarians**.

The keynote speaker was the State Librarian for Kansas, Christie Brandau. Her address to the participants was entitled **What If the Library Didn't Exist**. She shared her thoughts on the changing environment in libraries and what we need to do to change with it.

CULS members presented fourteen different breakout sessions and five posters on various topics including: library instruction, off campus outreach, multiculturalism, crime prevention, and

government information sources. Four roundtables and sections held their business meetings during the conference.

The closing luncheon and business meeting was attended by 68 people who enjoyed a talk by historian Marilyn Holt entitled **Orphan Trains in Kansas**. Awards were presented to four people:

- Cynthia Pfannenstiel (Pittsburg State University) – Distinguished Service Award
- Ronda Holt (Butler Community College) and Jason Coleman (Kansas State University) – Support Staff Award
- Judy Stockstill (Central Christian College) – Beginning Professional Award



The Chapter will sponsor breakout sessions and hold a combined luncheon and business meeting at the Kansas Tri-conference to be held in Topeka, Kansas in April 2007.

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

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MICHIGAN

The Michigan Chapter sponsored three sessions at the Michigan Library Association Conference in October 2006. Since the conference was held in Detroit, our series **Buried Treasures** focused on collections in the Detroit area. This program introduced attendees to the Hackley Collection of the Detroit Public Library and the Walter P. Ruether Collection of Wayne State University.

Representatives from each special collection introduced conference attendees to the wonderful treasures that each collection holds. Our second program was **24 and Counting: Comparison of the 24 Curriculum Collections in Michigan Colleges and Universities** by Rita Kohrman of Grand Valley State University. This program was well attended by an enthusiastic audience. The

Michigan Chapter sponsored the poster sessions for the conference. There were several interesting research projects highlighting the work of Michigan librarians. And finally, we sponsored the **Academic Library Luncheon** with speaker Morrell Boone of Eastern Michigan University. Dr. Boone looked into the future of academic librarianship and left the audience with many questions to ponder.

May 4, 2007, the Michigan



chapter will be sponsoring a **workshop on institutional repositories**. The workshop will be held in Lansing, Michigan and will include an overview plus two case studies. Michigan Chapter: For details see <http://www.mla.lib.mi.us/arld>.

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MINNESOTA

Over the past year, ARLD has been involved in a number of projects.

On March 1st, Kim Clarke and Phuoc Tran (University of Minnesota Libraries) gave an ARLD Dialog, **Culturally-competent Librarianship**. The event was hosted by the University of Minnesota and held at Wilson Library on the Minneapolis Campus.

Legislative Library Day was March 30th this year. The platform included support for library construction projects, information and technology literacy standards, student and staff access to current technology, and permission for libraries to link to websites of political candidates and political parties for non-partisan informational and educational purposes. ARLD's Legislative Liaison is Robin Ewing; she sends out periodic reports on legislative actions.

ARLD Day took place on April 28th. This year the topic was **Gaming and Libraries** and we had an excellent day. The Keynote Speakers were Constance Steinkuehler and Kurt Squire, both experts on Gaming from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Their presentation was exciting and full of useful information. During the afternoon, we had four breakout sessions and several poster presentations. Though the weather

was rainy, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum was typically beautiful and the flowers stunning.

Work has begun on a joint MEMO/MLA Minnesota 1st year information literacy survey. There was so much interest in the project, that teams have been formed to undertake certain tasks. The project will be

headed by Julia Kelly (MLA/ARLD) Jane Ann Nelson, Director of Library Services at Augsburg College. The Academic and Research Libraries Division of the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) produced a strong presence at the annual MLA Conference in St. Cloud. Besides sponsoring Camila Alire's preconference session and conference presentation, there were highly regarded programs on library service to the Millennials, including a panel of actual Gen Y students; a demonstration of how to podcast; a presentation by two MLIS students on their uses of



folksonomies as non-traditional cataloging systems; a collaborative approach to teaching research competencies developed together by a librarian and an art historian; plus a session on how to do serial surveys to keep collections current and relevant. In addition, ARLD co-sponsored many additional continuing education sessions with other library association sub-groups. The annual ARLD business meeting was

also held at the conference, with about 30 members in attendance. In addition, the Division adopted a new Academic Librarian of the Year Award, which was announced at the MLA Conference this year. Bill DeJohn of Minitex was the first recipient.

The ARLD Board is already hard at work planning for next years ARLD Day. The date is set for April

30, 2007. The event will be held at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

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NEBRASKA

The College and University section sponsored seven sessions at the 2006 Nebraska Library Association/Nebraska Educational Media Association joint annual conference, ***Libraries: Vital, Vibrant, Visionary***, held in Omaha, October 26 & 27, 2006. The chapter presented their new webpage during the conference; it can be viewed at <http://www.nebraskalibraries.org/cu/>. The programs and presenters at the conference were:

- ***Speed Networking: Amp Up Your Library Connections***, Amy Barr, Kilgore Memorial Library, York, and Chris Jorgensen, Creighton University (co-sponsored with the New Members Round Table)
- ***Recruiting the Next Generation of Nebraska Librarians @ the Movies***, Cindi Hickey, Library Consultant (co-sponsored with the Nebraska Library Commission & the New Members Round Table)
- ***The Book in the Manuscript Era***, Marvel Maring, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- ***SCOLA Center at the University Library at UNO***, Marvel Maring and Steve Shorb, University of Nebraska at Omaha
- ***Mari Sandoz: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow***, Sarah Polak, Chadron State College;
- ***Assessing the Academic Library***, Tom Boyle, Midland Lutheran College, Nathan Morgan, Creighton University, Laura England, Keene Memorial Library, Fremont (formerly with Metropolitan Community College, Omaha)

- ***Creating a Climate for Diversity: 10 Years as a Learning Organization***, Joan Giesecke, Nancy Busch, Beth McNeil, Charlene Maxey-Harris, and Jolie Ogg Graybill, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Sharon Mason, University of Nebraska at Kearney, presided over the Section Luncheon and Business Meeting.

A professional development grant was awarded to Marvel Maring, University of Nebraska at Omaha, to attend Rare Books School at the University of Virginia. Susan Payne, College of St. Mary, received the research grant for ***A Feasibility Study of Collaborative Collection Development across State Borders***.

New committee members were recruited and new officers were elected in September and took office after the annual conference in October. The incoming chair is Melissa Cast-Brede, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the new vice chair/chair elect is Michael LaCroix, Creighton University. Dana W. R. Boden, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is the new ACRL Chapter liaison and the Treasurer is Trudy de Goede, University of Nebraska at Kearney. LaCroix was also recognized with the 2006 Distinguished Service Award.

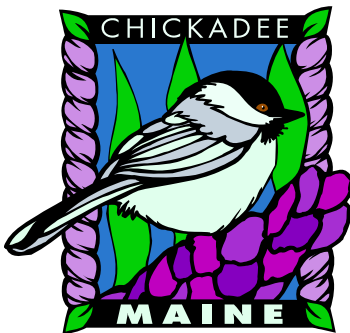


Michael LaCroix, Director, Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library, Creighton University, and incoming NLA C&U Section Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, shows off his 2006 Distinguished Service Award at the Section's Luncheon Business Meeting October 27th

The Spring Meeting will be held May 18, 2007 and hosted by Union College in Lincoln.

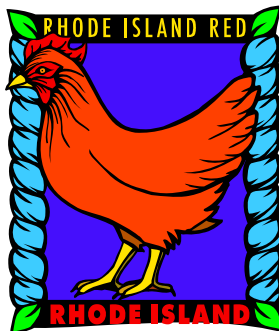
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NEW ENGLAND



The New England Chapter Board, its committees, and interest groups continued its vibrant activity through the fall of 2006. As the Annual Conference Planning Committee shapes the spring 2007 program, many

interest groups produced topical programs, detailed below. The Nominations Committee recruited a slate of candidates for the spring 2007 election of officers; the Constitution and Bylaws Committee initiated a review of the Board's Manual; and the Communications Committee considered alternatives for web hosting services for its mailing lists, web sites, and wiki. An Ad Hoc Committee on Awards and



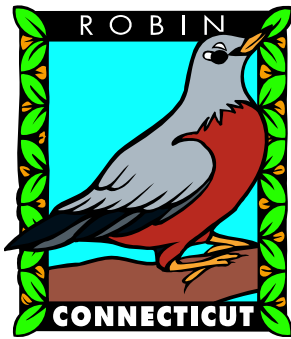
Scholarships developed a proposal to sponsor four different scholarships and one best paper award, offering financial incentives for 15 Chapter members to participate in professional development and

scholarship. The Membership Committee pursued recruitment initiatives and the Continuing Education Committee wrote a report on its Outreach Needs Assessment Survey. This important endeavor will serve as a guide for future Chapter activities.

Many librarians and library staff continue to dedicate time, creativity, and hard work to support and enhance academic librarianship in this region. The number of



other regional organizations who ask us to co-sponsor events with them reflects the New England Chapter's fine reputation. The Board



regularly considers choices for resource allocation among core Chapter activities and extensions of our "brand" to other programs, with the intent of ultimately increasing our membership. The interest group programs and annual

conference are the Chapter's signature contributions.

Fall 2006 Interest Group Programs

Many fall offerings drew participants from around New England:

- **Access Services** – October 18th, *Why Won't They Listen to Me? Improving Influence for New and Experienced Managers and Supervisors* with Pat Wagner.
<http://www.acrlnec.org/signs/asig/programs.html>
- **Collection Development** – November 17th, *Cooperative Collection Development: What is it and who is doing it?*
<http://www.acrlnec.org/signs/cdig/>
- **Information Technology** – September 29th,



Library Commons at UMass Amherst and Beyond
December 8th,
Content Management Systems: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

<http://www.acrlnec.org/signs/itig/>

- **New England Library Instruction Group** – September 15th, *Teaching Information Technologies to Faculty at Salem State College Library*.
December 8th, *Converting Information Literacy For Credit Courses to an Online Format* (Held at multiple locations via Elluminate conferencing.)
<http://www.wesleyan.edu/libr/nelig/2006/index.html>
- **Women's Studies** – December 1st, *The Women Writers Project: Envisioning, Encoding, and Publishing Early Texts On-Line* <http://people.bu.edu/jchris/newport.html>

The interest group web sites and the Chapter Calendar (<http://www.acrlnec.org/calendar.shtml>) are regularly updated to show upcoming events.

ACRL New England Chapter 2007 Annual Conference: *Space – The Final Frontier*, June 1st, 2007 at Brandeis University

Vice President/President-Elect Judith Pinnolis of Brandeis University leads the planning

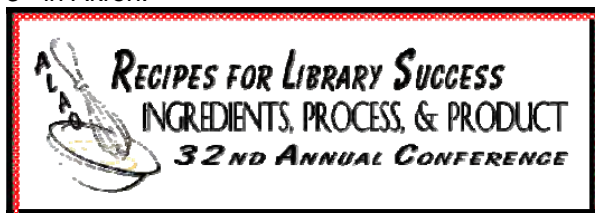


committee for our annual Chapter conference. Paul Gherman, University Librarian at Vanderbilt University and Brian Lavoie, Consulting Research Scientist at OCLC, will be morning keynote speakers. In the afternoon, invited speakers will participate in panel sessions about collaborative collection development, storage, and digital repositories.

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OHIO

Our 2006 Annual Conference was held November 3rd in Akron.



Recipes for Library Success was a feast of new ideas, information, and fun! There were 381 registered attendees, 28 presentations, 23 vendors, and 18 poster sessions. Take a look at the conference website at <http://www.alaoweb.org/06conf/>.

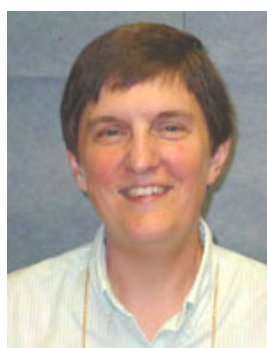
Conference photos include:



Conference attendees visiting vendors between sessions



Our keynote speaker, **Dr. J. Richard Madaus**, Executive Director of the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) <http://www.cclaflorida.org/> in Tallahassee, Florida.



At the November Conference, **Lois Szudy**, Library Director at Otterbein College, was presented with the **2006 Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award**. Lois has been a member of ALAO since 1983 and served in many positions, including ALAO president. Library colleagues know her to be a mentor, an innovator, and a leader in the profession!



Ione Damasco, Diversity Committee co-chair and Delilah Capeles, 2006 Diversity Scholarship winner.

Additional Ohio News:



Evelyn Burns, librarian at Ohio Dominican University, has accepted the position of 2nd Year Board Member-at-Large, replacing Amanda Wilson, who moved out of state.

ALAO's **Professional Development Committee** awarded three grants this fall:

- **Deberah England, Wright State University Libraries** will be using her award to attend the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference in Georgia in February 2007.
- **Karen A. Plummer, The University of Akron Library**, will be using her award to take two online seminars from ACRL on Designing Websites for Academic Libraries.
- **Desiree Loewit, Wright State University Libraries**, will be using her award to attend the 2007 Innovative Users Group Conference in San Jose California in May 2007.

Douglas Morrison, ALAO Vice-President/President elect, and his Conference Planning Committee are hard at work on the 2007

ALAO Annual Conference that will be held on October 25th & 26th 2007 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The theme for the 2007 conference is **Innovation Generation-Tools, Techniques, Transformations**.

Please see the ALAO web site at <http://www.alaoweb.org> for additional information about the Ohio Chapter and to view our quarterly newsletter.

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OKLAHOMA

On Friday, November 10, 2006, the Oklahoma Chapter held its Fall Conference at the Oklahoma City campus of Langston University. The conference title was **The Academic Library in 2020: One Vision of Our Future**. The theme reflects the uncertainty we are all feeling about the future direction of academic library services. We had three outstanding speakers (pictured below, L to R): Pamela Snelson, College Librarian, Franklin & Marshall College and 2006 President of ACRL, Richard Madaus, Executive Director, College Center for Library Automation, and Joan Lippincott, Associate Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information.

The conference opened with a keynote address by Pam Snelson who reminded the attendees of upcoming ACRL programs and opportunities, and then shared her goals for her Presidential Year.

Valuing academic library services in this age of input and output measures has never been entirely successful. Pam is promoting a combination of research and experimental programs to try to assign a dollar value to what we do so that the impact of our academic library services will be measurable.

The second speaker was Joan Lippincott, a librarian and an educator, who shared her understanding of the NetGen college student and explained how they are different from students of previous generations. Joan also highlighted ways that librarians can make academic library services relevant and accessible to the NetGens.

After lunch, Richard Madaus told attendees about technology and popular culture. He pointed out that while most students use laptops, cell phones,



ipods and other hand-held communication devices to manage their world, most librarians depend on desk-top computers and desk-top telephones for communication. In order to reach these students, we have to use their tools!

After the speakers, there were breakout sessions where prepared questions were discussed in

random groups, after which the results were shared with everyone.

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OREGON

The ACRL Oregon & Washington Joint Fall 2006 Conference, ***Resistance is Futile: Academia Meets the NeXt Generation***, was held October 26-27 at the rustic Menucha Conference Center located east of Portland in the Columbia River Gorge. Eighty-eight persons registered for the conference.

Dr. Anthony Bernier, who specializes in young adult services at SLIS, San Jose State, was the first of three keynote speakers. His talk, ***The Emerging Youth Literacy Landscape of Joy***, emphasized the need to look beyond the stereotypes applied to young people. Dr. Bernier pointed out that information seeking behavior is individual. He suggested that gaming structure and the choices teenagers make about technology can inform libraries. He noted the Horizon Report 2006 http://www.nmc.org/pdf/2006_Horizon_Report.pdf, an annual report highlighting emerging technology trends affecting teaching, learning and creativity, identified social computing and educational gaming as two key developments. He urged academic libraries to employ these and other new technologies such as IM, podcasting, and Skype. Dr. Bernier also showed several examples of youth produced literacy.

Jessamyn West, <http://librarian.net> and Community Technology Librarian at Randolph Technical Career Center, VT, followed as the second keynote with ***A Sensible Approach to New Technologies in Libraries: How do you work Library 2.0 into your 1.5 Library with your 1.23 staff and your .98 patrons?*** See her presentation at <http://librarian.net/talks/acrl-or>. Speaking with irreverence and quotable one-liners (“Pew reports are like crack to librarians”; “Blogs are like courseware, only easy to use”), West shared her “total crush” on S. R. Ranganathan, a



Oregon ACRL Chapter President Janeanne Rockwell-Kincanon opens the 2006 fall conference



Keynote speakers Jessamyn West and Dr. Anthony Bernier talk about emerging technologies and future users in the follow-up discussion

man who understood that the library is a growing organism. Her practical approach to Library 2.0 is built on a philosophy of linking patrons and libraries through technology that always places the user first. This means being willing to experiment with new technologies, constantly evaluating services, and looking to the world beyond libraries to find ideas and solutions. Still feeling like a 1.5 librarian trying to keep up? Here are a few items on West's hot list (or at least they were hot in October, 2006) on which to meditate:

- Read about the FOAF project <http://www.foaf-project.org/>
- Ning www.ning.com/ Create your own Social Web sites
- suprglu <http://www.suprglu.com/> Gather web info in one place
- folksonomy
- Open APIs and mashups

Rachel Bridgewater, Reference Coordinator at Washington State University – Vancouver, spoke of **Scholarship and Teaching 2.0** and continued with West's emphasis on a practical approach to technology. When looking at new technology the important question to ask is: Do you need it? Choose the technology that fits the task you want to accomplish. Bridgewater pointed out several areas in which Web 2.0 is affecting scholarship:

- Blogging is shaping the literature cycle because scholarly ideas are being shared in an open space with immediate feedback capability
- Networked books (See Lawrence Lessig's **Code and Other Laws of Cyberspace**)

<http://www.code-is-law.org/>, and the May 15, 2006 article in *Library Journal*, "**The Social Life of Books**" by Andrew Richard Albanese (<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6332156.html>)

- The possibility of peer review being done in a real-time format



Rachel Bridgewater weaves together the threads of the first two speakers in her keynote response

The second day of the conference opened with panel members discussing **Using New Technologies for Teaching**. **Dr. Shaun Huston**, Western Oregon University, Dept. of Geography and Program in Film Studies, has students use **TypePad** and **LiveJournal** to do informal writing assignments in blog format. A number of his students come from rural communities and need to be taught technical skills. Class personalities vary and participation in-person and online varies accordingly. However, one study he did indicates that online participation seems to be easier for students. Huston has also started using social bookmarking, requiring students to cite another student's bookmark for his or her paper.



Dr. Shaun Huston listens as the self-identified "token faculty" in a room full of academic librarians

Anne-Marie Dietering, Undergraduate Services Librarian, Oregon State University, showed how to use **Wikipedia**, not fight it, when teaching information literacy. OSU librarians have one week to teach in the required freshman writing course. They have developed an assignment in which students explore a Wikipedia discussion and history page, and pay particular attention to who has edited the page. This leads to an

examination of authority and credibility in authorship.

Elizabeth Breakstone, Social Sciences Librarian, University Of Oregon, spoke for colleague **Annie Zeidman-Karpinski**, UO Science & Technical Services Librarian, and her development of a podcast for the oral history of the Willamette River for the **Environmental Histories Project**. Listen to it at:

<http://darkwing.uoregon.edu/~ecostudy/elp/ehistory/oralhistory.htm> Breakstone also talked about using a wiki so librarians could keep track of resources used for assignments, and of the recent dramatic rise in IM use at UO, which is staffed by whoever is at the reference desk. She said the library is considering issues such as privacy policy and whether or not to use it to route questions to subject specialists.

A general discussion followed on wide-ranging topics, including LibraryThing

<http://www.librarything.com/>. Also see <http://acrlblog.org/2006/06/27/librarything/>.

Finally it was time to step out into the northwest autumn sunshine to reflect on the many conversations we had shared and the new ideas we had heard, and to enjoy the long ride home.

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TEXAS

As chair of the College & University Libraries Division (CULD) of the Texas Library Association (TLA), I have found the time since the spring Chapter Topics to be very busy. Most of the activities have involved planning for the next spring TLA conference in San Antonio on April 11-14, 2007. The odd years are always a little tough for us because our conference comes so close to the ACRL Conference that will be held in Baltimore this spring only a couple of weeks earlier. Our members often cannot go to both conferences so they have to choose which one to attend. Nevertheless, we have come up with a very interesting set of programs, based on requests from member surveys. We do not think it will be an easy choice for academic librarians to

decide which conference to attend if they can only choose one. The offerings include a program on using gaming in library instruction, one on emerging new technologies, one on assessment of the library and how it helps with accreditation documentation, and a fourth on marketing your academic library. **Dr. Julie Todaro**, the 2006-07 president-elect of ACRL, will present the marketing program. We are lucky to have her here in Texas. She is an excellent speaker, and always draws a crowd. In addition we are offering a pre-conference on **Serving the Distance Learning Student**, with an introductory half-day workshop and a more advanced half-day workshop immediately after, so that librarians can attend just the part that will most help them in their

libraries if they so wish. CULD is also co-sponsoring a LITA regional institute: ***Establishing an Institutional Repository.***

In Texas, the State legislature convenes every other year. This time it will convene on January 9, 2007. We have been encouraging some of our



members to participate in **TLA Legislative Day** on February 6, as it is always helpful to have academic librarians among the mostly public and school librarians who participate in this event. Our past chair, Karen Hopkins,

attended the **ALA Annual National Library Legislative Day** last May in Washington D.C., and she found it to be a very worthwhile effort. We are always looking for more academic librarians to participate in both the state and national legislative days, and we are very pleased with the fact that some of the academic librarians are interested in participating this February.

More information about CULD activities can be found in our newsletter on the website at <http://www.txla.org/groups/culd/index.html>.

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UTAH

An excited group of librarian personnel gathered on December 1, 2006 at the Utah State Library in Salt Lake City, for a workshop titled ***Herdng Kittens: How to Have Influence When You Don't Have Power or Authority.*** The workshop was co-sponsored by the ACRL Utah Chapter and the Utah Library Association's (ULA) Academic Section. Attendees came from all over the state to hear Pat Wagner, veteran library trainer. She gave attendees a crash course in human relations, reminding them to show respect for and let others know you value them as a person, use good manners in order to smooth workplace relations, and to apply the "reasonableness" test to their own behavior. Pat's bottom line message was, "To be more influential, we need to change ourselves first."

Pat addressed three major themes in her presentation, combining her expertise in human relations, cognitive psychology, and theatre. She varied her teaching style by interspersing explanations with acting or role-playing and drawing examples from her appreciative audience. "How to stop the whining" was the first major theme. People whine for several reasons: because they "don't know how to effectively ask for what they want, they want change but don't want to do anything differently, or they feel helpless in the face of authority." To become



Pat Wagner teaches workshop attendees how to "herd kittens"

more influential we need to take personal responsibility for the choices we make. Conflict avoidant people enable and support bad behavior. Strategies for how to stop the whining included

- "asking people to tell you what they want to have happen in the future, not what they didn't like yesterday,
- asking for and offering precision in communication, and
- understanding barriers you might be creating such as being 'too busy' for a chat, fidgeting when people talk to you and

scowling or attacking when people give you feedback.”

The second theme, communicating well, was emphasized as key to the process of becoming more influential. Communication basics include sending and receiving messages responsibly. When sending a message, the sender needs to remember that they are responsible for the consequences. When receiving a message, the receiver makes choices about how to interpret and respond to what the other person has said. Pat encouraged us to be very specific when asking someone to change a behavior. For example, saying, “Please don’t put dead fish on my desk,” would potentially have more impact than whining and saying, “Quit bugging me.” To change the behavior of others, we were given the “catch them, tell them and reward them” model. Senders should match their communication to the preferred representational system of the receiver, whether visual, auditory, or kinesthetic. Although most people use parts of all three styles, we all have a dominant preference. Pat taught us how to quickly determine a person’s dominant style by watching their eye movements when they are talking to you.

The third theme outlined three essential steps to gaining influence, whether a person needs

something from a supervisor or wants to influence a ballot issue. The acronym RIA can aid in remembering how to go about gaining influence. Take time to invest in relationships with others. Rapport is an essential first step because only then will Information provided be taken in. Finally, Action is taking responsibility for the outcome. Pat reminded us that “A lack of resources, including time and personnel, is a symptom of choices we are making.” Being under stress or a tight deadline is not an acceptable excuse to forego rapport building. Omitting any of these steps will lead to a failure to gain influence.

Pat distilled gaining influence into guidelines that anyone could use, making it difficult to pick out the most memorable and useful parts of the workshop. Attendees enjoyed lunch at a variety of local restaurants and left with a sixteen-page handout that included a self test for negative behaviors, guidelines for giving effective criticism, ideas on accepting criticism, and an extensive bibliography.

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WESTERN NEW YORK/ONTARIO

The Western New York/Ontario Chapter held its Spring Conference: ***Multiple Facets of Marketing: Understanding Our Users, Promoting Our Libraries, Marketing Ourselves***, on Friday, May 5, 2006, at the scenic Canandaigua Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua, New York.

Our keynote speaker, **Robert Chandler**, is the Marketing Communications Specialist at the Rochester Institute of Technology. He addressed traditional concepts of marketing and explained how academic libraries today have unique marketing challenges. He illustrated how he currently helps RIT libraries establish brand identity and promote library services, programs, and events.

A two-part session on data gathering followed. Deb Kalvee, Associate University Librarian for Services at Brock University in Ontario, spoke on

the use of surveys to gather user perceptions and opinions. K. Jane Burpee, Manager of Reference and Information Literacy at the University of Guelph in Ontario, followed with a discussion in their use of focus groups to gather feedback used in the adjustment of their service model.



*Panel on Collaboration and Convergence:
Librarians and Faculty*



Robert Chandler of the Rochester Institute of Technology

The day ended with a five person panel entitled **Collaboration and Convergence: Librarians and Faculty**. The group explored two successful projects incorporating information literacy into the educational process: the education program at Niagara University in New York and the anthropology program at SUNY Geneseo.



Conference attendees enjoy a break

Our Fall Conference was interrupted by an unanticipated snowstorm in Buffalo that kept

many registrants and some speakers from attending **Adaptations! Leadership for Staffing, Services, and Collections** at the Casablanca Winery Inn in Grimsby, Ontario on October 13, 2006. Modifications were made to the program the day of the conference since one speaker and one panelist could not get through the storm to attend.

Rand Bellavia, Acquisitions Librarian at D'Youville College in Buffalo, guided an active discussion entitled **Selection in a Shifting Environment**. His presentation was followed by a panel on emerging reference services. Panelists spoke about new services in their libraries: Jennifer Graham from the University at Buffalo discussed **Web 2.0 and blogging**; Diane Ward, also from the University at Buffalo, is doing **RFID research**; and Amanda Etches-Johnson, McMaster University in Ontario, presented **Academic Library 2.0**.



Rand Bellavia of D'Youville College

The Executive Board is currently planning our Spring 2007 conference, tentatively titled: **Blur and Blend: Connecting our Communities**. We have a call out for speakers dealing with reaching out to communities with resources and services.

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA



The Western Pennsylvania/West Virginia Chapter of the ACRL met on October 13th at the Pittsburgh Technical Institute. The event was hosted by Ruth Walters, librarian at the PTI, and the Chapter's membership committee

chair. The gathering of approximately 80 members was greeted by Nick Tallota of the PTI, who gave a short presentation on the PTI state-of-the-art facility.

The membership was treated to a visit by Mary Ellen Davis, Executive Director of the ACRL. Mary Ellen's address, entitled ***Beyond Espresso: Future Roles for Librarians*** was an engaging and thought provoking talk on the future of academic libraries in our rapidly changing world of user expectations. The talk emphasized that the ways in which we strive to create an environment

to fulfill these expectations may determine our future as a profession.

The WP/WVA conference committee of the chapter will take up the themes in Mary Ellen's talk in planning our upcoming spring conference.

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WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians (WAAL) is actively promoting its Spring 2007 conference, to be held April 17-20 in the Wisconsin Dells, a popular tourist location for more than 100 years. The keynote speaker will be **Stephen Abrams**, SirsiDynix's Vice President of Innovation. **Prof. Emily Auerbach** from the University of Wisconsin-Madison will speak about the Odyssey Program, an educational outreach project for adults to get college credit. **Mike Norman**, author of *Haunted Wisconsin* and a retired UW-River Falls professor, is slated for a luncheon program. For more information, see: <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal/conferences/2007/>.

In November, WAAL sponsored ten programs at the Wisconsin Library Association's annual conference—also held in the Wisconsin Dells. Among this list of academic programs and poster sessions, can you tell that some of the titles picked up on the time of year....namely, Halloween?

- Casper the Ghost as an Academic Library User—"Friendly But Still Invisible."
- Complete Copyright for the Academic Library

- Alerts and RSS Feeds from Badgerlink's Academic Search and Other Library Databases: What Is Right For You?
- A New Direction: Stepping Off the Ivory Tower and Into the Community
- Development of a Service Philosophy as a Change Management Tool
- Inviting the 800-pound Gorilla to the Table: Integrating Google & Google Scholar into an Information Literacy Program
- Liaison Success: How to Connect
- Destination ImagiNation: Creative and Critical Reading Skills
- From the Codification of Text to the Manipulation of Reality: A New Paradigm for Information Professionals
- The Bumpy Road Workshop: Journeying with Novice College Learners
- The World of Wikis and Libraries
- Connecting Librarians and Film: Identifying Stereotypes
- Discovering Your Ancestral Story
- What's a WHO? A Digitization Demystification: Discover How Your Collection Can Become Part of Wisconsin's Heritage

- Building Connections: A Collaborative Discovery of Online Teaching
- Shear Terror: Trimming the Print Reference Collection

For conference presentations, bibliographies, etc. see: <http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/conferences/2006/>

New members of the WAAL Executive Committee in 2007 will be Louise Diodato, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Kathy Myers, Secretary.



*Musing on the focal point of his WLA program, **From Monkey Business to Serious Research.***

*Axel Schmetzke, Associate Professor,
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.*

UWSP photo by Doug Moore

Tracing the process that led from the inheritance of a rather curious sculpture—a chimpanzee contemplating a human skull—to becoming one of the world's leading experts on this piece and its obscure, late 19th-century German-Jewish creator, Hugo Rheinhold, Schmetzke both educated and entertained the audience with his tale of web-mediated "monkey research." Thanks to the web, the "invisible college," which we all

learned about in Library School, is no longer that invisible.



This poster, advertising the spring 2007 WAAL conference, enticed Wisconsin Library Association conference attendees with candy and giveaways.

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