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Message from the Chapters Council Chair

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Next Chapter Topics Deadline: Dec, 7, 2007



Dear Chapter Council Liaisons,

I was reading the ALA Conference preview issue of *CogNotes* this

week and ALA Annual in Washington, DC is shaping up to be a very exciting conference. If you will be at ALA then **join me and your fellow Chapters Council members at the Chapters Council meeting** on Sunday, June 24, 2007, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Military Room of the Hilton Washington Hotel at 1919 Connecticut Avenue, NW.

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 incoming President Julie Todaro and President-Elect Erika C. Linke. ACRL Director Mary Ellen Davis and Program Coordinator Megan Griffin will represent ACRL. Kara Malenfant will give us governmental and legislative updates. We will also be holding elections for Chapter Council offices. Meet and hear what candidates for Chapters Council Chair and Secretary have to say before having the chance to vote for them.

This year we are not doing a Chapters dine-around. Instead, we are going to "Play Ball!" with the Distance Learning Section. Please **join me at what I hope will be an exciting**

game between the Washington Nationals vs. Cleveland Indians, Friday, June 22, 7:05pm, at RFK Stadium. See Vice-Chair, Kathy Parson's invitation elsewhere in this newsletter.

Did you attend ACRL National in Baltimore? If you did then you know that it was an excellent conference. I would like to take this opportunity to once again **thank the board of the Maryland Chapter of the ACRL Chapters Council for hosting ACRL Chapters officers, ACRL National Conference planning committee members and Maryland academic directors at a lovely reception** in the beautiful Westminster Hall at the University of Maryland, Baltimore. As I noted at the reception this was a first for the ACRL Chapters Council and ACRL National in which a local chapter hosted a reception. I hope that we have set a precedent and look forward to seeing this done at future ACRL National conferences.

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 Washington D.C.

Nora Quinlan
Chair, Chapters Council

Agenda for Chapters Council

Preliminary Agenda for Chapters Council
ALA Annual – Washington, D.C.
Sunday, June 24, 2007
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Military Room
Hilton Washington Hotel

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 ALA Midwinter 2007 (Kevin Wade Merriman)
- IV. Introduction and Remarks from Pam Snelson, ACRL President
 - News & announcements
- V. Introduction and Remarks from Julie Todaro, ACRL President-Elect
 - 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 Griffin, Program Coordinator

VIII. Government & Legislative Updates

- Government Relations – Kara Malenfant

IX. Announcements

- Baseball Game with DLS (Kathy Parsons)
- Listservs/roster updates and corrections and more (Linda Kopecky)
- Chapter Topics (Doreen Kopycinski)
- ACRL Membership Advisory Committee

X. Sharing ideas

XI. Adjournment

Candidates for Chapters Council Elections

Candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect



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 served an unusual two-year tenure

after the hurricanes disrupted the elections schedule. His time in office was devoted to rebuilding membership and relationships with the Louisiana Library Association while investigating hurricane remediation grants and disaster-planning policies. In addition to serving ACRL-La, he chairs the statewide LALINC Research and Development committee and a sub-committee of the LALINC Collections Committee.

A member of both ALA and ACRL, Merriman also belongs to ASIST. He is also very active in LOUIS, the state consortium, with presentations and workshops that tend to focus on practical application of existing systems and full-utilization of analysis of data available in the ILS.

"Having served as Secretary for Chapters Council this past year, I feel the position of Vice Chair is a logical progression for me to continue serving the Council. Our state Chapter has made great progress recently, and the President-elect is planning a great workshop for this upcoming fall. My ongoing commitment to ACRL Chapters Council is my demonstration of service in the division of ALA that addresses the unique needs of colleges and universities on a local level. I've found this past year very rewarding as our needs have been immediate and varied but I look forward to shifting from recovery to ongoing improvement in broader issues."



Christine Turner has held special and academic library positions for 15 years, working in off-campus and distance learning, reference and instruction, and electronic resources acquisitions and management. She has managed start-up projects and programs for a

specialized online reference library and associated services, web-based instructional tools, and federated search technology. Currently, as Electronic Resources Librarian at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, Christine actively negotiates licenses; acquires and provides access to e-journals, e-books, e-reference tools and music and image databases; collects and interprets e-resource use statistics; and is implementing an electronic resources management system. She has worked at UMass Amherst for 8 years and has served on the Board of the faculty-librarian union for 4 years.

Christine became involved with the ACRL New England Chapter ten years ago as a presenter for an interest group program on off-campus services, the first of three presentations for Chapter programs. In 2003 she joined the New England Chapter Board as Communications Committee Co-Chair and Newsletter Editor. As Vice President/President-Elect in 2006 she chaired the planning committee for the Chapter's annual conference. As President this year she has focused on revitalizing membership initiatives; upgrading and consolidating the Chapter's various electronic mailing lists, web sites, wiki and other online communication channels; and advancing the work of a new Awards and Scholarships committee.

"Academic librarians share great knowledge, creativity and service with their colleges and universities, and I am a firm believer in the value we contribute to scholarship, teaching and learning. Our professional associations are key tools to the impact we make. I am continually impressed with the generosity and dedication of those who produce Chapter programs and serve on the Board. As our communication networks grow and improve, the world seems to get smaller, and yet local ties remain critical to librarians' and libraries' vitality and strength.

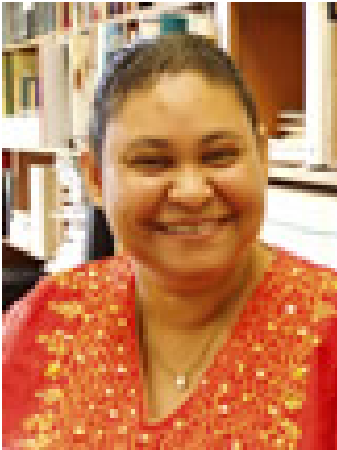
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Candidates for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (cont.)

(Christine Turner - *continued from previous page*)

I would embrace the opportunity to lead the Chapters Council as an integral voice for local and regional organizing, professional development and leadership activities within the Association of College and Research Libraries.”

Candidates for Secretary



Gloria F. Creed-Dikeogu has been in her current position as Director of Library Services at Ottawa University in Ottawa, KS since July 2002. Prior to that position, she worked in a variety of library settings in Cape Town, South Africa and in Kansas and Missouri ranging from school and public libraries to special libraries. She graduated with her Bachelor’s Degree with triple majors in Library

Science, Information Science, and English Literature in 1986 and then earned a High School Teaching Certificate in 1988 from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. In 1990, she came to the University of Kansas to study towards the MA in Speech Language Pathology but decided instead that she had completely missed her calling as a professional librarian and so transferred to Emporia State University in order to complete her MLS. She completed a second MA degree in Human Resources at Ottawa University, Kansas City in December 2006. She is currently a student in the Curriculum and Instruction PhD program at Kansas State University. Her interests include database acquisitions and technology, Africana Librarianship, online and general reference, online teaching and learning and university archiving and special collections.

“My transition from public to academic librarianship prompted me to spend a great deal of my time on professional development, attending conferences at the state level mostly, so that I could better understand the academic library and culture and be able to better serve students and faculty, work with staff and also be able to do my job at the College effectively. By the time I joined ACRL, I had participated in the ACRL Mentoring program

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Judith S. Pinnolis is currently Vice-President/ President Elect of ACRL New England. She is Humanities Librarian at the Brandeis University Library and Technology Services Goldfarb Library. Judy has been active in ACRL/NEC activities since 1997, serving as Continuing Education Chair of ACRL/NEC where she

led a regional needs assessment survey, and Secretary of NELIG (formerly NEBIC). She’s been active in the Music Library Association as webmaster for the national website, and the National Chair of the JMRT. She is a member of ALA since 1998, including EALS, SSRT, ANSS, RUSA, and ULS. Judy is also a member of AJL, AJS, and ASJM. Judy currently serves as the Brandeis LATTE (Learning and Teaching Technology Environment) support team lead, and served as Information Desk Supervisor and Publications Coordinator for over a decade. Judy served on the Brandeis Academic Integrity Committee, and works with the Primary Text Center in Humanities at Brandeis. Her most recent scholarly publications include several journal and encyclopedia articles.

“The local ACRL chapters are a highly effective entry point for many librarians to become active in ACRL national. The chapters’ roles include providing continuing education, networking, support, and leadership training opportunities. By connecting the national and local efforts in these areas, Chapters Council will strengthen ACRL in important areas. Together, the national and local chapters not only complement each other, but create a potential for the growth of our organizations. I am excited to run for Chapters Council Secretary. I would be honored to serve ACRL, and help foster coordination and communication between local and national ACRL.”

Candidates for Secretary (continued)

(Gloria F. Creed-Dikeogu - *continued from previous page*)

for First year College Directors, had become immersed in the culture of academic librarianship, and was ready to attend my first ACRL Conference”.

She currently serves as the Kansas Library Association’s College and University Libraries ACRL Representative and as the ACRL Legislative Representative for Kansas. She is also an ALA NMRT Librarian Mentor. She served for one year on the ACRL Ethics Committee (2006). Prior to 2006, she was appointed to or served on several library association and archives organization’s committees, teams and roundtables in Kansas.

“In my current position I am faced with constant change and challenge which has been both stimulating and interesting, and yet at the same time, this exposure has helped me to expand my knowledge about and experience in the field. I have learned a great deal about myself, my skills and my professional interests and my limitations and strengths over the past few years. Although I am fairly new to Chapters Council, I believe that I have a great deal to offer the membership when it comes to library practice and experience, and am very eager to learn more about ACRL governance through active participation and involvement in Chapters Council in the position of Secretary”.

"Play Ball!" is the Motto for



the ACRL Chapters Council Dine Around in DC

This year, we will be taking a run around the bases at RFK Stadium. Well, actually, the players from the Washington Nationals and Cleveland Indians will be running the bases and we will be cheering on one of these two teams. I have been able to arrange for the Chapters Council to join a group of Distance Education Librarians for a game on Friday, June 22 (7:05 p.m. start time) as our dinner out on the town (this is quite a bit earlier than the normal day but the game is on Sunday afternoon).

Stephen Dew, from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, has graciously agreed to let us join the Distance Learning group. He has arranged for 50 tickets (30 are spoken for already) in Section 313 and has been assured by the Washington Nationals

(<http://washington.nationals.mlb.com>) that if he needs more tickets they can be found. He will handle all the arrangements so if you are interested, please contact him directly at shdew@uncg.edu. Although you need to contact him for the tickets, please let me know (send an email to kap@iastate.edu) of your interest so I can gauge the number of attendees and be able send reminders about the game and transportation information to the game to you.

I am looking forward to a great and unique evening on the town with the ACRL Chapters Council and the DL Librarians. Play ball!

Kathy Parsons
Vice-Chair/Chair Elect of ACRL Chapters Council

ACRL News

ACRL @ ALA Annual Conference in Washington D.C.

President's Program

The Art of Persuasion: Strategies for Effective Communication with Chief Academic Officers

Monday, June 25, 2007, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

What does an institution's chief academic officer (CAO) typically know about the library? What expectations of the library might a CAO have? What information does a CAO need when making library resource decisions? Working from scenarios featuring current library issues, a distinguished panel of academic administrators will address these questions, share strategies for effective communication practices for librarians, and invite audience questions.

Speakers: Elise B. Jorgens, Provost & Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs, College of Charleston; Dominic Latorraca, Vice-President of Academic Affairs, County College of Morris; William Destler, Senior Vice-President for Academic Affairs & Provost, University of Maryland; Moderator, James P. Honan, Senior Lecturer on Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Preconferences*

*Pre-registration required. Contact Margot Conahan at msutton@ala.org with questions.

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

Friday, June 22, 2007, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

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 learning how to fly it. Meant for new and practicing ER librarians, this workshop is planned as a "how to" session where you gain in-depth knowledge on critical aspects of creating a framework for successful e-resources management.

Presenter: Anjana Bhatt, Electronic Resources Librarian, Florida Gulf Coast University

Writing and Using Objectives to Improve Library Instruction

Friday, June 22, 2007, 1:00-4:30 p.m.

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 or on-line product will keep you on target as you teach and will make assessment easier. This half-day preconference will introduce the development and use of learning objectives for library instruction. Learn how to create objectives that are specific and measurable and practice writing instructional objectives for lessons you currently teach or wish to teach. Find out how to use the objectives you have written to begin to structure assessment tools for the lesson or on-line learning product. Participants should bring an idea or outline for a lesson that you already teach or want to teach.

Presenter: Dolores Fidishun, Head Librarian, Penn State Great Valley

Programs

ACRL will offer 20 "must see" programs at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington D.C.! Hot topics include advocacy, blogs, gaming, mentoring, podcasts, winning friends and influencing people, and more, beginning Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 a.m. through Monday, June 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Complete program information is now available on the ACRL website at <http://www.acrl.org> under EVENTS & CONFERENCES / ACRL @ ALA ANNUAL.

ACRL 101

Join us at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. to discover how to fully utilize the member benefits of ACRL. ACRL staff, new members, and your colleagues will be holding two ACRL 101 meetings for new members and first-time attendees in the Washington Convention Center from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, in room 206 and Sunday, June 24, in room 204B.

Discussion Groups

Alliances for New Directions in Teaching/Learning

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

Topic: *Alliances: What have they been good for???*

Australian – Canadian – New Zealand Studies

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

Consumer and Family Studies

Sunday, June 24, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Electronic Reserves

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

Combined meeting with LAMA SASS Circulation/Access Services

Fee-Based Information Service Centers in Academic Libraries

Saturday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Heads of Public Services

Saturday, June 23, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Topic: *Web 2.0: Keeping up with the Jones' kids!*

Information Commons

Saturday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Topic: *Exploring and Forging Collaborative Relationships between an Information Commons and Others on Campus*

Library and Information Science Collections

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

Topic: *LIS Collections and Services: Sharing Stories, Problems and Solutions*

Library Development

Saturday, June 23, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Topic: *Campus Fundraising Campaigns: Strategies for Library Involvement*

Media Resources

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

Topic: *The Integration of Media (film, video, audio, and visual materials) into Library Instruction*

MLA International Bibliography in Academic Libraries

Saturday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Topic: *Use of the Bibliography and vendor updates*

New Members

Saturday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Topic: *Too Shy or Too Shameless? Finding a Balance in Personal PR*

Partnership Libraries

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

Topic: *Assessment of Partnership Libraries: How Do We Measure Success?*

Personnel Administrators & Staff Development Officers

Saturday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.;

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

Philosophical, Religious, and Theological Studies

Sunday, June 24, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Topic: *Bibliographic Databases for Philosophy and Religious Studies: Comparison Shopping*

Popular Cultures

Sunday, June 24, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Topic: *Gaming and Libraries: Video games, interactive text games and other role playing games require players to immerse themselves in the game's universe. How can libraries make use of gaming?*

Regional Campus Libraries

Sunday, June 24, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Topic: *The Regional/Branch Campus Library and the Changing Educational Landscape*

Scholarly Communication

Sunday, June 24, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Sports and Recreation

Saturday, June 23, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Topic: *International Issues in Sport Research*

Team-Based Organization

Saturday, June 23, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Libraries

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

Topic: *Current topics affecting Undergraduate Libraries including public service, outreach, technology, and the latest innovations in delivering services to undergraduate students.*

ACRL E-learning Opportunity

Current Copyright Issues Facing Academic Librarians (July 16-August 4, 2007)

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 18.**

ACRL Publications

ACRL 13th National Conference Proceedings are Now Available!

ACRL 13th National Conference Proceedings is a collection of the invited and contributed papers for the ACRL 13th National Conference in Baltimore, MD, March 29 - April 1, 2007. ALA Member Price: \$64.80, 352 pages. From the ACRL website, <http://www.acrl.org>, click on PUBLICATIONS / BOOKS & MONOGRAPHS.

Top Ten Assumptions for the Future of Academic and Research Libraries

ACRL unveiled its Top Ten Assumptions for the future of academic and research libraries during the ACRL's 13th National Conference, which was held March 29-April 1, 2007, in Baltimore.

The ACRL Research Committee developed the top ten assumptions after surveying member leaders and conducting a literature review. A panel representing community and liberal arts colleges, research university libraries, as well as an observer of the higher education environment reacted and commented upon the assumptions at the ACRL National Conference.

"These assumptions underscore the dominant roles that technology and consumer expectations are increasingly playing in libraries," said Pamela Snelson, ACRL president and college librarian at Franklin and Marshall College. "The underlying trends offer new opportunities for academic libraries and librarians to embrace the future." The Top Ten Assumptions are as follows:

1. There will be an increased emphasis on digitizing collections, preserving digital archives, and improving methods of data storage and retrieval.
2. The skill set for librarians will continue to evolve in response to the needs and expectations of the changing populations (student and faculty) that they serve.
3. Students and faculty will increasingly demand faster and greater access to services.
4. Debates about intellectual property will become increasingly common in higher education.
5. The demand for technology related services will grow and require additional funding.
6. Higher education will increasingly view the institution as a business.
7. Students will increasingly view themselves as customers and consumers, expecting high quality facilities and services.
8. Distance learning will be an increasingly common option in higher education and will co-exist but not threaten the traditional bricks-and-mortar model.
9. Free, public access to information stemming from publicly funded research will continue to grow.
10. Privacy will continue to be an important issue in librarianship.

"Public access to taxpayer funded research is perhaps the most unpredictable and exciting of the ten, and legislation will play a key role here," said James L. Mullins, chair of the ACRL Research Committee and dean of libraries at Purdue University. "It will be advantageous to the academic community to focus on scholarly communication issues by exploring alternatives to the present mode of disseminating research findings. Librarians must collaborate in this discussion with disciplinary colleagues, yet not make it a 'libraries' issue only."

A podcast featuring Snelson and Mullins discussing the top ten assumptions is available at <http://blogs.ala.org/acrlpodcast.php>. Read more by Mullins and committee members in the April issue of College & Research Libraries News at <http://www.acrl.org/c&r/news>.

ACRL Releases Essay on Technology and Change in Academic Libraries

ACRL has published an essay on technology and change in academic libraries that resulted from a November 2 and 3, 2006, summit held in Chicago.

ACRL convened an invitational summit focusing on how technologies and the changing climate for teaching, learning, and scholarship will likely recast the roles, responsibilities, and resources of academic libraries over the next decade.

The summit was conducted as an unscripted roundtable facilitated by Robert Zemsky of The Learning Alliance. Attended by 30 leaders who both care about academic libraries and have the ability to look over the horizon in order to imagine an alternative future, the summit included librarians, presidents and provosts, association representatives, and technology innovators and vendors. The time together resulted in a discussion paper that asks key questions and suggests a few answers that should expand the national discussion of how academic libraries can best serve their institutions and the larger nation.

The full essay and an expansion of that conversation are available from the ACRL Web site, <http://www.acrl.org>. Click on ISSUES & ADVOCACY / FUTURE OF ACADEMIC LIBRARIES & HIGHER EDUCATION.

ACRL seeks to continue the conversation about the changing roles for librarians, libraries, and ACRL. The first response, prepared by Julie Todaro, ACRL Vice-President/President-Elect, is posted with the essay. People who want to comment should do so at the ACRLlog, <http://www.acrlblog.org> and comment on the story about the essay.

Chapter Reports

CALIFORNIA

Greetings from dry, dry, California (we are in the midst of an early fire season here!). CARL (California Academic Research Libraries, the California Chapter of ACRL) has had an active first quarter. As is our custom, our leadership kicked off the year with two regional planning meetings with members, in Los Angeles and Santa Clara. Many good ideas for programming emerged, and veteran planners shared their tips for putting on successful programs. The Southern California Instruction Librarians (SCIL) attracted more than 80 librarians at its program, *SCIL Works 2007: 21st Century Librarianship: Classroom Management in Today's Information Age*. The Community College (CCIG- North) Interest Group presented *Information Competency Graduation Requirements at California's Community Colleges: What Have We Accomplished? Where Are We Heading? A Conversation Amongst Peers*. The Diversity in Academic Libraries (DIAL-South) Interest Group presented their discussion session, *Let's Throw a Party: Information Literacy Instruction as an Empowerment Strategy*, at the 35th Annual LOEX Conference in San Diego.

Planning is well underway for the 12th Biennial CARL Conference, *Going Global: Academic Libraries in the Age of Globalization*, which will be held April 2-5, 2008, in Irvine. The following members were appointed to the Long Range Conference Planning Committee (which has been charged with investigating and recommending a site for the 2010 conference):

- Les Kong, Chair (CSU San Bernardino)
- Deborah Schaeffer (CSU Los Angeles)
- Joseph Aubele, Conference Manager (CSU Long Beach)

The Board also appointed the following individuals to fill vacant positions:

- Julie Shen, Website Coordinator (Cal Poly Pomona)
- Melissa Browne, Secretary (UC Davis)

Contributed by

Les Kong
California ACRL Chapters Council Delegate

COLORADO

CoALA members are looking forward to attending (and in some cases presenting at) the Colorado Academic Library Summit 2007 *Changing Cultures: Collaboration, Social Networking and New Technologies*, which will be held, May 31-June 1 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel. CoALA is collaborating with the Colorado Academic Library Consortium (CALC), which is hosting this event. Keynote speakers are the nationally recognized Joan Lippincott and Carie Windham. CoALA Vice-Chair, Jan Loechell Turner, will be presenting with Regis University colleagues a session on "Online Journals 24x7: Connecting Alumni to E-

resources After Graduation." Other presentation topics include the "Next Gen learner," the "digital native," Web 2.0, podcasting, blogs, wikis, gaming, metadata, and Google Scholar. CoALA's Chair and Vice-Chair both had the pleasure of serving on the Summit's planning committee.

Contributed by

Krystyna Mrozek
Colorado College
Chair, Colorado Academic Library Association (CoALA)

DELAWARE VALLEY

The Delaware Valley Chapter hosted a social/annual business meeting at the ACRL 13th National Conference in Baltimore on March 30, 2007 in the Potomac Room of the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel. With many members attending the conference because of the chapter's proximity to Baltimore, attendance was good: over 50 people signed up for the event. Keith Michael Fiels, ALA

Executive Director, dropped by, as did Pam Snelson, ACRL National President (and DVC member), accompanied by Mary Ellen Davis, Executive Director of ACRL. Attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, a carving station, and a cash bar, plus the chance to win a variety of door prizes including an iPod shuffle. Everyone

appreciated the opportunity to catch up with or meet others from the chapter's service area.



Jane Hutton and Clayton Garthwait, ACRL/DVC members, at the chapter's social/business meeting at ACRL National

Election results were announced at the business meeting. New board members for 2007/2008 are Katherine Furlong (Lafayette College), Vice President/President Elect, Dolores Fidishun (Penn State Great Valley), Director-at-Large, and Susan Markley (Villanova University), Secretary. New officers take up their positions in June, when they join Greg Szczyrbak (Millersville University), incoming President and Kristine Mudrick (St. Joseph's University), incoming Past President, as well as Scott Vine (Franklin and Marshall College) and Trish Lenkowski (West Chester University), Directors-at-Large. John Shank (Penn State Berks) continues as Legislative Liaison, Naomi Cohen (St. Joseph's University) as Newsletter Editor, and Bobbi Jacquet (Cabrini College) as Treasurer. Bruce Gottschall (Kutztown University), outgoing Director-at-Large, will assume new duties as Webmaster and Archivist. Later, at a recent board meeting, President Kristine Mudrick expressed the board's appreciation to outgoing board members Ann Upton (Haverford College), Secretary/Archivist, Nena Asquith (Cedar Crest College), Webmaster, and Lisa Stillwell (Franklin and Marshall College), Past President, for their many years of work on behalf of the chapter.

The chapter was represented by Greg Szczyrbak at this year's Rush @ Rush, a Drexel University Library and Information Science event which introduces LIS students to professional organizations in the area. Our participation in the event provides us with the opportunity to let students know what the chapter offers them now and in the future. Students can benefit from our chapter

by attending our fall and spring programs, by taking advantage of our mentoring program, which matches them with academic librarians in the chapter's service area, and by applying for the chapter's graduate student stipend award.



Frogs at the Baltimore Aquarium

The winner of this year's stipend award is Sarah Penniman. Sarah is enrolled in the M.L.I.S. program at Drexel University and is head of the Interlibrary Loan Department at Ursinus College. The \$1,000 award was presented to Sarah at the chapter's business meeting at ACRL National. Sarah's application essay, "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: The Ethics of Weeding," will be published in the fall 2007 issue of the [ACRL Delaware Valley Chapter Newsletter](#).



Sarah Penniman, LIS graduate student, this year's stipend award winner, receives a \$1,000 check from Greg Szczyrbak, ACRL/DVC Vice President.

More information about the Delaware Valley Chapter can be found at the chapter's website at <http://www.acrldvc.org/home.htm>.

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FLORIDA

Playing off the success of having the FACRL meeting outside of Orlando last year and in hopes of attracting a new audience, FACRL will begin rotating its annual fall meeting around the state to give the group better exposure and visibility. It is hoped that this will encourage attendance by those who can only travel regionally and also allow members to visit each other's "shops." Plans are already underway to have the 2007 conference at Edison Community College, Lee County Campus, in Ft. Myers, Florida.

FACRL is seeing change occurring in its other capacity as the Academic Section of the Florida Library Association. FLA is undergoing seismic shift in how the organization is operated and structured. This year the Florida Library Association revised the way it held its annual conference. In years past, FACRL, as the Academic Section of FLA, was guaranteed a slot on the program. This year all FLA members and groups were invited to competitively submit program proposals. The Academic Section's program was not accepted. FACRL then offered to sponsor programs by any of its members. Early accepted program speakers were approached about the sponsorship and they readily accepted it. In all FACRL sponsored five conference programs at the Annual FLA Conference in Orlando, FL from April 10-13. Sponsored FLA program topics included:

- *Research in Academe*
- *The Leadership Gap*
- *Reaching Out to Tell the Academic Library's Story*
- *Academic Information Literacy and*
- *State University Libraries Overview*

The Academic Section put up signage indicating sponsorship, and distributed materials about the group and ACRL. A full-page ad was purchased in the spring, 2007 issue of *Florida Libraries* to promote the sponsored programs. The FACRL Board felt it was successful in promoting the group to FLA membership and showing our allegiance to ACRL and FLA.

The FLA Academic Section held a Board of Directors Meeting as FACRL before the FLA Annual Conference April 10, 2007. This Board Meeting was followed by a general meeting of FACRL members for the purpose of conducting its election. Elizabeth Killingsworth, Reference Librarian at the University of Central Florida Libraries is the newly elected Vice Chair/Chair Elect. Betsy Simpson, Chair of the Cataloging and Metadata Department George A. Smathers Libraries, University of Florida is the new Chair of FACRL. She and the board are actively working on the fall, 2007 program and adding new members to FACRL Board. The FACRL Board, April 2007:



L to R: Secretary Beatrice Nichols, At-Large Board Member Carol Ann Moon, Past President Andrew Pearson, President Betsy Simpson, At-Large Board Member Sheri A. Brown, Vice President/President Elect Elizabeth Killingsworth, Past-President Nora Quinlan, Newsletter Editor Nancy Cook, At-Large Board Member Michelle Apps

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INDIANA

The Indiana Academic Library Association is ramping up for the 2007 Indiana Library Federation Conference, **Building Community @ Your Library**, Nov. 13-15, in Indianapolis, IN. The Program Committee, chaired by Meg Atwater, University of Evansville, submitted a preliminary list of proposals totaling eight exciting sessions.

The session titles are:

The Impact of Academic Librarians on the Undergraduate Research Community (sponsored jointly with the Distance Learning Division) – speakers: Anthony Stamatoplos and Edward Gonzalez, Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis, University Library

Harvesting for the Future: the Indiana Light Archive of Government Information – speakers: Cheryl Truesdell – Indiana University Purdue University, Fort Wayne, Anika Williams - Indiana State Library, and Lou Malcomb – Indiana University, Bloomington.

The Human Connection: Making the Librarian Real to Distance Learners (co-sponsored with the Distance Learning Division) – speakers: Susan Skekloff, Worth Weller and David Wood, Indiana University Purdue University, Fort Wayne

Empowering Your Own: an Innovative Approach to Staff Training – speakers: Joanne Bessler, Anastasia Guimaraes, Mandy Havert, Pat Loghry, Marcy Simons, and David Williams, Notre Dame.

Using the Web to Locate and Obtain Local Resources – speaker: Susan Thomas, Indiana University, South Bend.

Building Digital Bridges: Collaborative Digital Collections – speakers: Robin Crumrin - Indiana University Purdue University, Indianapolis University Library, Cinda May – Indiana State University, and John Straw – Ball State University.

Robert K. Greenleaf's Servant-Leadership Concept and Building Community in Your Library – speaker: Betsy Hine, Indiana State University.

Pedagogical Approaches to Teaching Information Literacy to Elders – speakers: Susan Frey and Juliet Keriko, Indiana State University.

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IOWA

The Iowa Library Association/ACRL Spring Conference, **Work Worth Doing: The Value of Academic Libraries for the 21st Century**, was held at Grinnell College on March 23. Pamela Snelson, President of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) and College Librarian at Franklin and Marshall College, presented the keynote address. Her talk *What Do We Know About the Value of Academic Libraries? What Should We Know?* was well attended. The conference also included the following concurrent sessions:

- *Students: 132. Instruction sessions: 93. Student success: Priceless* - Anne Marie Gruber, Paul Waelchli
- *Sharing Our Worth: Reaping the Benefits* - Dottie Persson, Carlette Washington-Hoagland
- *Transformational Change: From Library to Learning Center – The Morningside College Experience* - Daria Bossman, Robbie Rohlena, Donna Galati, Jim Fisk

- *Securing the High Ground – Implementing a Permanent Assessment Repository* - Rod Henshaw, Teri Koch, Bruce Gilbert
- *Beyond Sources: Instructional Interventions Across the Inquiry Process* - Jean Donham, Mariah Steele, Jessica Johanningmeier, Annette Beck
- *Bigger, Better, Smarter: The Future of Digitization* - Mark Anderson, Greg Prickman, Jen Wolfe
- *Learned Novices: The Value of Collaborative, "Basic" Research Instruction for Students, Faculty and Librarians* - Phil Jones, Karla Erickson
- *A Wise Investment: Developing and Implementing a Graduated Pay Scale for Student Employees* - Jackie AlSaffar
- *Grand Theft Information Literacy: Teaching with Video Game Strategies* - Paul Waelchli
- *Interlibrary Loan and Acquisitions: Collaborating*

- *for Exceptional Service - Amy Paulus*
- *Work Worth Respecting: Enhancing Relationships - Mary Iber*
- *Scholarly Communication @ Your Library: Creating an Institutional Repository for Your Campus - Bart Schmidt, Claudia Frazer*

The ILA/ACRL Awards Committee created and developed criteria for **two new honors**. Rebecca Stuhr, Committee Chair, describes the Research Award and the Public Relations and Marketing Grant in the March 2007 ILA/ACRL newsletter:

ILA/ACRL Research Award

A \$500 award will be given to an ILA/ACRL Chapter member for a presented or published scholarly work.

A qualifying presented paper must be text-based and have been delivered at a regional, national or international conference.

ILA/ACRL Public Relations and Marketing Grant

A \$500 grant will be awarded to the best Public Relations/Marketing proposal and the monies awarded will be used to implement the project. Applicants must be Iowa academic or research libraries. This award will be offered every other year.

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KANSAS

Election results were announced at the College and University Libraries Section (CULS) business meeting, held at the Annual Kansas Tri-conference in Topeka in April. The incoming President-elect is Susan Taylor and the Secretary/Treasurer is incumbent Heather Smith-Collins. The current President-elect, Rita Severt, will move into the President's position in July. 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 also held their business meetings at the conference.

We granted continuing education awards this year to help defray expenses for five members attending the ACRL conference in Baltimore and one member

attending the ALA annual conference in Washington, DC. In addition, plans are underway for the fall conference, October 18-19, in Wichita, with the theme ***Library as Place: Advocacy, Collaboration, and Technology.***

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 of the Maryland Library Association) had an active year in 2006-2007. The Chapter began its year with a program entitled ***Managing Electronic Resources for Today's Users.*** The program was held March 2, 2007 at Loyola College, Timonium Campus. The morning session, ***E-Resources: Optimizing the User Experience in a Digital World,*** included panelists Emma Cryer (Johns Hopkins University), Nathan Robertson (University of Maryland School of Law), and Andrew Wheeler (United States Naval Academy). The afternoon session, ***E-Resources and the User Experience: Usability Testing at USMAI,*** featured Laura Wrubel (University of Maryland Libraries).

As many of you know, ACRL held its national conference in Baltimore this year. In addition to many Maryland ACRL members volunteering to assist in local arrangements for the conference, the Maryland Chapter hosted a reception at Westminster Hall, a restored historical site on the campus of the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The reception was held for state chapter officers from around the country, ACRL conference planning committee members, Maryland library directors and other local contributors.

The Chapter also was active at the Maryland Library Association's annual conference, which was held May 2-4 in Ocean City, Maryland. The Chapter sponsored a

broad range of programs. ARLD sponsored session topics included: futuring methods for libraries, do-it-yourself usability testing, blogging and podcasting for everyone, and a reading and conversation with narrative non-fiction author Laura Wexler.

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MINNESOTA

Over the past few months, ARLD has been involved in numerous projects:

Legislative Library Day was held on March 27 & 28 this year. Robin Ewing, ARLD Chair Elect and Legislative Liaison, assisted in creating **Library Legislative Day 101**, a webinar to introduce librarians to logistics and what occurs during Legislative Library Day. The Question and Answer presentation format was led by Elaine Keefe, MLA/MEMO Lobbyist.

The Minnesota Library Association's **Institute for Leadership Excellence** was held April 17-20, 2007 at the Koinonia Retreat Center in South Haven, Minnesota. ARLD Chair Elect, Robin Ewing, created the annotated bibliography for this event, which was attended by academic and public librarians. Lynne Weber also worked on the event planning committee and prepared the handout notebooks for attendees.

ARLD Day took place on April 30th at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, in Chanhassen. The theme was **For More Like This: Discovery, Wayfinding, and Networking**. The keynote speaker was John Riedl, a Computer Science Professor from the University of Minnesota. He presented how the Social Web is reflecting a radical change in the nature of publishing—the who, what, why, and how of authoring is changing in ways not imagined even five years ago. In the first half

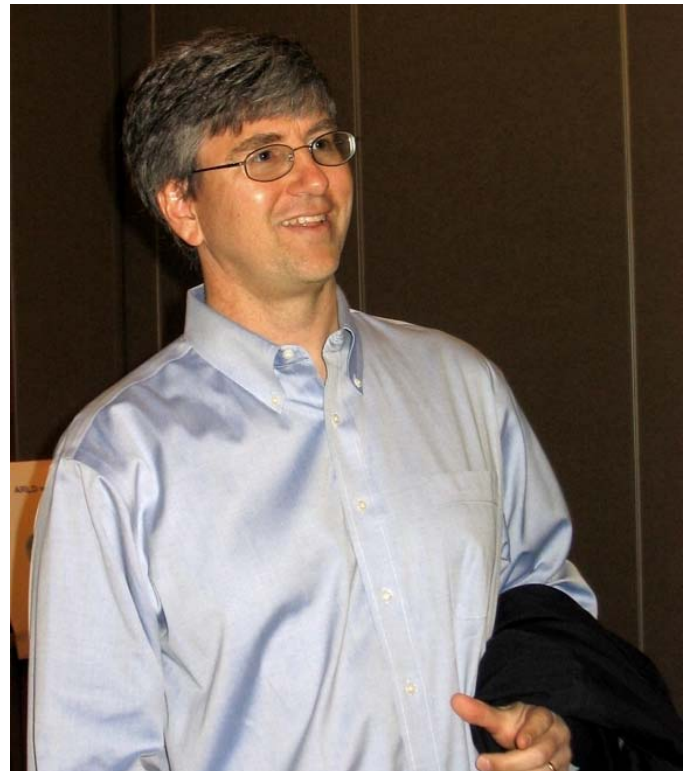
of the talk, we explored the new terrain of publishing by visiting social web sites, and through online videos and even confessionals. During the second half of the talk, we explored three key questions:

1. Why is this happening? What are the technological and social drivers?
2. What does the social web mean for the future of publishing? Who will be in control?
3. Should information professionals support or resist these changes? How?

Participants made numerous comments such as, "This was a **FABULOUS** keynote! I think it's very important for us in the library world to figure out how to capitalize on this type of emerging technology." Riedl's presentation jump-started a group discussion about the social web and libraries.



ARLD Day at the Arboretum



Keynote speaker John Riedl

Four afternoon breakout sessions included:

- Crossroads and Detours on the Path to Information Seeking;
- Digital Repositories: Offering New Roles, Opportunities, and Challenges for Academic Libraries;
- Social Bookmarking: How to Organize Web Research; FRBR, x ISBN, and
- ISTC: Technology updates for Acquisitions.

This event was coordinated by the Past Chair, Victoria Peters, along with the assistance of the ARLD Board. The day concluded and participants roamed the Arboretum's grounds to view spring flowers in full bloom.



ARLD Day attendees are welcomed by the lovely entrance of the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Planning for the **Minnesota Library Association Conference** to be held from October 24-26 in Mankato has begun. The session proposals look promising, and ARLD looks forward to another fabulous event!

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MISSISSIPPI

The Mississippi Chapter of ACRL met October 26, 2006 at the Mississippi Library Association annual conference held in Tunica. The MLA ACRL and the Mississippi Library Commission cosponsored the speaker, Dr. Carol Tenopir, professor at the School of Information Sciences at the University of Tennessee Knoxville. Dr. Tenopir spoke on ***The Future of Technology***.

In January 2007, the newly elected officers assumed their duties. The officers for this year are Margaret Jane Stauble, Chair, MaryBeth Grimes, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Judith Hilbert, Secretary/Treasurer. Elections will be held this summer for the officers for 2008.

The annual Mississippi Library Association conference will be held in Vicksburg, October 24-26, 2007. The ACRL program will emphasize library implementation of Library 2.0. MaryBeth Grimes created a wiki to keep the ACRL chapter members informed about the plans for October 2007: <http://mlaacrl2007.pbwiki.com>.

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NEBRASKA

The College and University section held its spring meeting, jointly with the NLA Technical Services Round Table, May 18, 2007, on the campus of Union College in Lincoln. The program theme was, **The Next Generation Library**, and featured a keynote by Rachel Bridgewater, Reference Coordinator, Washington State University-Vancouver entitled *What We Talk about When We Talk about 2.0: Collaborative Knowledge Building, Emergent Technology, and the Information Literate Student*.

Three concurrent sessions were offered:

1. "Through a Glass Darkly: Divining the 'Next Generation Catalog'", presented by Mark Andrews, Creighton University, and "Criss Library On-Line Information Literacy Assessment for English Composition", presented by Nora Hillyer & Marvel Maring, University of Nebraska at Omaha;
2. "Library Friendly Technology: Applications that

work @your library™”, presented by Marcia Dority Baker & Karin Dalziel, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and “Creating a Climate for Diversity: 11 years as a Learning Organization”, presented by Joan Giesecke, Nancy Busch, Charlene Maxey-Harris, & Beth McNeil, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

3. “The Next Generation Depository Library: Addressing Public Access to Government Publications in the Electronic Era”, presented by James Shaw, University of Nebraska at Omaha, & Beth Goble, Nebraska Library Commission, and “Library 2.0”, presented by Michael Sauers, Nebraska Library Commission.

Three poster sessions were: “Ask-a-Geek”, from the NLA Information Technology and Access Round Table; “MyMapp: Mapping Academic Performance through ePortfolios”, by Nora Hillyer & Linda Parker, UNO; and “Library Blogs: A Way to Learn and to Connect”, by Sue Ann Gardner, UNL.

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NEW ENGLAND

New England to Sponsor Four New Scholarships and an Award

In the interest of promoting professional development and scholarly research on libraries and information science, the New England Chapter Board gave final approval this spring to a proposal to sponsor and fund four different scholarships and one award. They are:

- Annual Chapter Conference – Student (6 scholarships)
- Annual Chapter Conference – Librarian or Library Staff (6 scholarships)
- ACRL National Conference
- Continuing Education
- Best Paper Award

An Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Past President Nancy George devised considerations for eligibility, terms, and timelines for each award or scholarship application. With the exception of the student scholarships to the annual conference, all applicants must be members of the New England Chapter. The conference scholarships are all for first-time attendees.

The Scholarships and Awards program will be announced at the Annual Business meeting at the Brandeis University on June 1st. More details and applications will be posted on the Chapter website - <http://www.acrlnec.org/>.

Results of Election for New Board Members

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

Vice President/President-Elect – Melissa Behney, Connecticut College
Treasurer – Marilyn Steinberg, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences
Member at Large – Carole Myles, Assumption College

New officers were announced on the Chapter’s electronic mailing list, and they will be introduced at the Annual Conference. The leadership transition will take place between the conference announcement and the Board Retreat.

2007 Board Retreat

On June 18th officers, standing committee chairs and interest group chairs past and future will gather at Franklin Pierce 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. Incoming President Judith Pinnolis will lead the meeting and discussion of priorities for the coming year.

Annual Conference – Space: The Final Frontier. June 1st, 2007 at Brandeis University

New England Chapter membership will gather on June 1st for its annual meeting and conference. The program includes keynote speakers Paul Gherman, University Librarian at Vanderbilt University and Brian Lavoie, Consulting Research Scientist at OCLC, who will address how libraries are approaching challenges presented by their physical spaces. Afternoon sessions will cover leadership, collection development, and digital collections as they relate to space. A full conference program is available at <http://www.acrlnec.org/springconf07/conferenceschedule.html>.

Spring 2007 Interest Group Programs

Again, the ACRL/NEC interest groups offer a variety of programs this spring.

Access Services and Librarians on Online

Course Information – June 7th, 2007, *Copyright in the Digital Era – Voices of Experience*
<http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/lociig/lociig.html>

Continuing Education– May 9th, Presentation and discussion of ACRL Webcast *The Classroom Will Now Be Podcast: Podcasting in Higher Education and Implications for Academic Libraries* <http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/ce/>

Information Technology– February 9th, *Content Management Systems: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*. <http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/itig/>

Librarians on Online Course Information-- March 9th, *A Day in the Life of the Off-Campus Librarian*
<http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/lociig/lociig.html>

New England Library Instruction Group – March 13th, *Collaboration @ Your Library: Getting Your Message Heard Outside the Library*, and June 8th, *Demystifying Assessment: Evaluating Student Learning*
<http://www.wesleyan.edu/libr/nelig>

Women's Studies – May 14th, *Marion B. Gebbie Archives, Madeleine Clark Wallace Library Tour, Wheaton College*
<http://www.acrlnec.org/sigs/wsig/wsig.shtml>

- Homer Babbidge Library, University of Connecticut
- Raymond H. Fogler Library, University of Maine, Orono
- W.E.B. DuBois Library, University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Dimond Library, University of New Hampshire
- University Library, University of Rhode Island
- Bailey/Howe Library, University of Vermont

At its March meeting the ACRL/NEC Board voted on a motion to acknowledge this milestone. It stated:

The ACRL/NEC Board recognizes and applauds the commitment and work of these libraries over the past one hundred years in providing no-fee access to the wide range of documents, databases, and information published by all branches of the U.S. government. All participants in the Federal Depository Library Program play a vital role in sustaining the informed citizenry that is necessary for a vigorous democracy, economy, and culture. The ACRL/NEC Board wishes these libraries all the best as they move into their second century of service as federal depository libraries.

On behalf of the Board, the Chapter president sent letters of recognition to the directors and government documents librarians at these distinguished libraries.

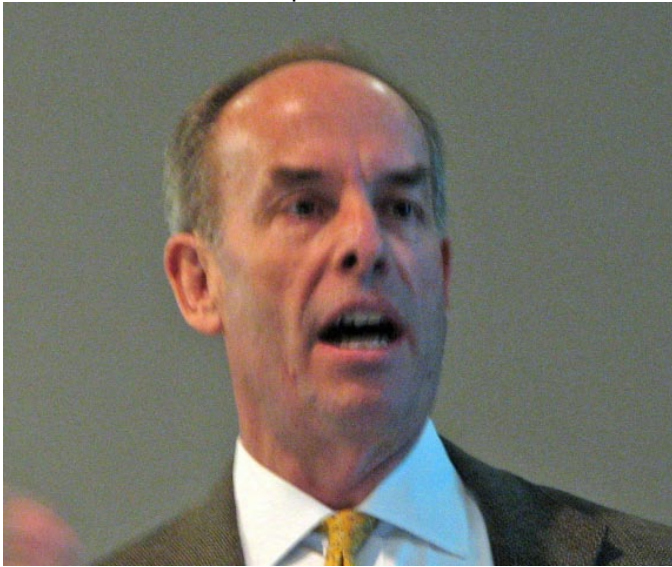
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New England Chapter Recognizes Federal Depository Library Program Centennial Anniversaries

Six academic libraries in New England are celebrating their centennial anniversaries as federal depository libraries. As part of land-grant institutions, they were designated federal depositories in 1907:

NEW JERSEY

On March 15, 2007, ACRL-NJ and The Princeton University Library hosted the Technology and Library Services Symposium at Princeton University. This symposium, attended by over 150 academic, public and special librarians from several states, discussed ways in which libraries can incorporate new technologies in the delivery of either new or traditional library services. Lee Rainie from the Pew Internet and American Life Project, in his keynote address, provided some context for how some of our students now do their work and expect to receive services. Other presenters discussed the use of



social networking sites, Google Analytics, and other Web2.0 services that we may incorporate into our services. We were reminded, however, that we need to ensure that these enhancements must only be added if there is a need or demand; if they are in alignment with

OHIO

The Ohio chapter's librarians and staff members have been busy this spring with many interest group events:

The **Support Staff Interest Group** 2007 Spring Workshop entitled *Succeeding in Spite of Ourselves* was held May 7, 2007 at the L. A. Beeghly Library on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University. John Napp and Alice Crosetto, University of Toledo, presented *Successful Poster Sessions and Presentations*, Laura Kinner and Sheryl Stevens, University Toledo, presented *Fun and Games: Creating Lists in Millennium*, and Brian Hickam, University of Toledo, served on the morning Panel Presentation and Discussion.

the institution's mission; and if they are complimentary to our more traditional services that other library users still expect and demand.



The day-long symposium was planned by current ACRL-NJ President Nicole A. Cooke (Montclair State University), Trevor A. Dawes (Princeton University), Jennifer Lang (Princeton University), Alexander Brown (Princeton University), Nancy Pressman Levy (Princeton University), Cathy Von Elm (University of Pennsylvania), Kimberly Burke Sweetman (New York University), and Laurel Bliss (formerly of Princeton University). Information about the symposium is available online at <http://library.princeton.edu/conferences/techlibservices/>, and a summary of the presentations will be posted to the website soon.

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The **Technical Services Interest Group** presented *Bullseye: Hitting Technical Services' Target Audiences* on May 4, 2007 at Denison University. The event featured **Carol Pitts Diedrichs**, Dean of Libraries, University of Kentucky (pictured at left), giving the keynote address.



Roger Durbin (pictured left) spoke on the University of Akron's marketing communications plan.

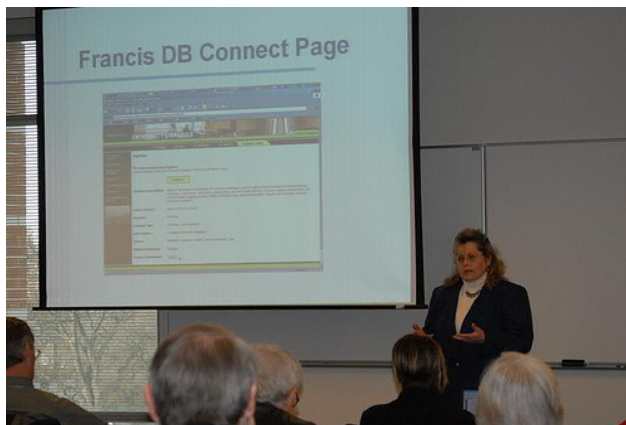
Other speakers and breakout group leaders included Julie Gammon, The University of Akron and Trisha Davis, The Ohio State University.

The **Curriculum Materials Center Interest Group** will hold its 2007 spring workshop, *Dynamic*

CMCs: Tools to Improve Service, on May 18th at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Presenters will include: **Sara Bushong, Bowling Green State University**, *Weeding and Cooperative Collection Development*; **Janet Stuckey, King Library, Miami University**, *Treasures of Children's Literature at Miami University*; **Elaine Fultz, Centerville City Schools**, *Children's and Young Adult Literature - The Favorites, Old & New!*; and **Greg Martin, Miami University**, leading a group discussion on *The Care and Feeding of Library Student Assistants*.

AWARDS

Continuing Education Grants for spring 2007 were awarded to Xudong Jin, from Ohio Wesleyan University and Katherine Najacht, from Bowling Green State University.



Deberah England, another ALAO Continuing Education Grant Award recipient, utilized her grant to present two programs at the Electronic Resource and Libraries Conference held in Atlanta on February 22-24. Deberah's second program, co-presented with Tina Feick, Vice President of Customer Relations for Swets Information Services, was well received to a packed

house. See photo of Deberah in the above photo during her portion of this program.

ALA NATIONAL LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY, MAY 1 & 2, 2007



Susan Scott, ALAO Past-President, attended ALA's Leg Day in Washington DC along with two other Ohio academic librarians in a group of 14 from Ohio. Susan is pictured on the far right in the second row,

NEW LEADERSHIP

In March, 2007, Karen Wilhoit, was elected **Vice-President/President Elect** of ALAO. Karen is *Associate University Librarian for Collections*, Wright State University.



Also elected:

- **Joanne Calzonetti**, University of Akron, returning for a second term as **Treasurer**
- **Peggy Rector**, Denison University, **Public Relations Coordinator**
- Board-Members-At-Large:
 - **Rob Withers**, Miami University
 - **Brian Gray**, Case-Western Reserve University
 - **Mary Lee Jensen**, Kent State University

Those elected will take office at the Leadership Retreat scheduled for early June 2007.

33RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Innovation Generation: Tools, Techniques, Transformations will be held October 25th & 26th, 2007 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Joe Janes, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academics at the Information School at the University of Washington and who currently writes the "Internet Librarian" column for *American Libraries* magazine, will be the featured speaker.

We would love to have attendees from other states. If you would like to attend, check the [ALAO web site](#) for information and join Buckeye librarians this fall!

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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: Pamela Snelson, College Librarian, Franklin & Marshall College and 2006 President of ACRL, Joan Lippincott, Associate Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information, and Richard Madaus, Executive Director, College Center for Library Automation.

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 desktop computers and desktop 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.

COIL

The Community of Oklahoma Instruction Librarians (COIL), an interest section of the Oklahoma Chapter of ARCL, had its summer workshop on July 19, 2006 at the University of Central Oklahoma. The topic was "Bridging the Gap: Forming Partnerships with Teaching Faculty to Improve Student Research." The workshop addressed how librarians can better serve faculty so that their students will improve their research skills. There were faculty and librarians representing a variety of disciplines including kinesiology, engineering, history, and humanities.

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VIRGINIA

The Virginia Chapter of ACRL (VLACRL) hosted its annual spring program May 21 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. The program, titled ***Library Catalogs on the Brink: Is Greatness or Extinction Their Fate?***, featured morning presentations from Annette Bailey and Godmar Back (Virginia Tech) on LibX and Andrew Pace (North Carolina State) on the possibilities of Endeca. The capacity crowd of 55 attendees broke into discussion groups in the afternoon to debate a variety of catalog-related topics, such as the

impact of Open WorldCat and the future of bibliographic control, and to interact with the speakers.

At the ACRL Conference in Baltimore, VLACRL held an informal gathering Saturday, March 31, at the Wharf Rat. About a dozen librarians attended the soiree to meet and talk with their colleagues in the state.

VLACRL is also currently planning its programming for the annual Virginia Library Association conference, to be

held Nov. 1-2 in Hot Springs, VA. Current VLACRL officers are chair Liz Kocevar-Weidinger (kocevarweidingerea@longwood.edu), co-chair Luke Vilelle (lvilelle@vt.edu), and secretary/treasurer Gene Hyde (wehyde@radford.edu). Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions about our activities.

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WASHINGTON

Since we hold a joint conference with the Oregon chapter and alternate hosting responsibilities, this has been a planning year for us. We will host the next ACRL Oregon/Washington conference in October at Pack Forest, Washington. President-Elect Corey Johnson is leading the planning efforts, and we are extremely pleased that ACRL President Julie Todaro will be one of our speakers. More information about the conference, entitled *The Visible Librarian: Establish Your Presence on Campus*, can be found at <http://www.lib.washington.edu/acrl-wa/Conference.htm>

We recently elected a new president-elect and member-at-large for our chapter's executive board. Congratulations to Anna Salyer of UW Tacoma and Alyssa Deutchler of UW Bothell, respectively. Thanks to outgoing board members Jessica Albano of UW and Barbaraella Frazier of Whitman College.

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WESTERN NEW YORK/ONTARIO

The Western New York/Ontario Chapter of ACRL recently hosted *Blur and Blend: Connecting our Communities*, a day-long conference on moving beyond traditional library boundaries. Sixty-eight librarians convened at the historic Roycroft Inn in East Aurora, NY, to explore ideas, strategies, and programs librarians in the region are implementing in response to new patron needs.

Doug Anderson, Associate Professor of Business at Medaille College in Buffalo, started the day with a thought-provoking discussion on “**Web Neutrality and Civil Liberties: What’s at Stake for Libraries?**” By defining and describing key issues involved with internet neutrality vs. tiered internet service, librarians were made aware of the scope of this imminent problem.

A panel of librarians from high schools and colleges followed, presenting on a program they have established in Rochester, NY entitled “**High School to College: How to Keep the Information Literacy Continuum Rolling.**” The participants shared their sequential model and discussed how others could adapt it as a guideline and teaching tool.

Librarians in the U.S. and Canada sometimes take for granted the access to information and resources that

most of us enjoy. We forget that there are many in developing regions that do not share this luxury. A few library and information science students at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario were determined to address this deficiency. Since 2005, **Librarians Without Borders** formed, was incorporated, applied for charitable status, and swelled in number to over 350 members. Catherine Baird, librarian at York University in Toronto and co-Executive Director of the group, shared many of the challenges and successes of forming Librarians Without Borders, and introduced us to their inaugural project, establishing a community library in Angola.

Our final speaker, Melanie Boyd, Liaison Librarian at the University of Guelph in Ontario, discussed her research on “**Librarian-Faculty Relations- Gaps and Bridges.**” After leading with a discussion of the current literature on librarian-faculty relationships and the process she is using to examine them, Ms. Boyd discussed reasons for the gap and possible ways to finally bridge the gap.

In between these excellent sessions, attendees enjoyed browsing 10 poster presentations in the lobby. We enjoyed seeing so many dynamic projects encouraging and expanding the interaction between librarians and

their communities.

We will be heading to the Rochester Inn and Conference Center in the fall to look at the image/re-imaging of librarians and librarianship. Stay tuned...

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Discover WAAL was the theme of the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians annual conference in the popular resort area, Wisconsin Dells, April 17-20. The appearance of many new faces, both in the audience and as presenters, indicated that the organization is thriving and that a new generation has indeed discovered its association. More than 200 academic librarians, students, and support staff enjoyed a wide variety of programs and activities. Topics included energy conservation, virtual reference, learning communities, podcasting, journal cancellations, legislative advocacy, mashups, medieval Polish manuscripts, ebooks, staff engagement, and even library spies! A poster session highlighted eleven special projects from around the state.



*Pamela O'Donnell (UW-Madison) at poster session
"It's All about Attitude: Marketing Virtual
Reference to First-Year Students"*

Prof. Emily Auerbach from University of Wisconsin-Madison gave an inspirational luncheon speech about the Odyssey Program <http://www.odyssey.wisc.edu/>, an outreach course in the humanities for economically-disadvantaged adults who get college credits for their efforts. The combination of free tuition, a babysitting program, free books, transportation funds, and dedicated faculty are transforming lives, one semester at a time.

WAAL's Professional Development Committee awarded scholarships for attending the conference to the

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following undergraduate students working in libraries, library school graduate students, and library paraprofessionals:

- Maria Brandt, UW-Madison SLIS
- Heather Damitz, UW-Sheboygan
- Renee Disch, UW-Madison
- Sara Krouse, Carthage College
- Claire Rasmussen, UW-Madison SLIS
- Jacqueline Zook, College Library, UW-Madison

Each winner was assigned a mentor from the WAAL community to shepherd them through the conference events. By "discovering WAAL" this year, we hope that these faces will appear in the future--if not at our conference, perhaps at yours.



Polar bear that greeted conference hotel guests

Links to post-conference presentation information are available from:
<http://www.wla.lib.wi.us/waal/conferences/2007/postconference.html>

New WAAL initiatives for 2007 include providing scholarships for the state library conference and forming a mentor program.





Registering conference attendees

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