Greetings Colleagues,

I hope you all had an excellent fall semester. As we look ahead to the new year, I am excited about the continuing initiatives the ACRL Chapters Council is pursuing.

As funding continues to be a major hurdle for many of the ACRL Chapters, the Chapters Council has pursued several avenues that would provide additional support from ACRL to the Chapters. ACRL has agreed to provide each chapter with complimentary access to two ACRL e-Learning webcast group registrations. Mary Ellen Davis sent the following information on redeeming your webcasts via an email earlier this year:

Your complimentary webcast registration can be redeemed for ACRL e-learning webcasts offered between October 5 – August 31, 2013. Review the webcast schedule and e-mail Margot Conahan at mconahan@ala.org with the name of the webcast(s) you want to participate in at least three business days before the live event. We will register your chapter for the webcast and send the log-in details to your chapter contact one business day prior to the live webcast. With your chapter’s group registration, one person must log in and keyboard during the event. Your group registration allows you to project the Webcast to participants in the same location.

In order to formalize this offer, the Chapters Council intends to place a resolution before the ACRL Board. This resolution will be discussed during the Chapters Council meeting at Midwinter in Seattle. Additionally, we will be discussing how we can assess the benefits chapters are receiving from having access to these webcasts.

ACRL Chapters Council has also been working on developing an online orientation session for new chapter leaders that will introduce them to the Chapters Council, how ACRL, the Chapters Council, and individual chapters work together, and the benefits they can receive from ACRL. An update on the progress that has been made will be
provided at the Midwinter meeting in Seattle. Steps for moving forward will also be discussed.

The ACRL Chapters Council Meeting at Midwinter will take place on Sunday, January 27 from 8:30-10am in the Westin Seattle Cascade II room. A formal agenda for the meeting will be posted in ALA Connect as well as on the ACRL Chapters Council blog. In addition to the previously mentioned initiatives the agenda will also include a visit from ACRL Officer’s Mary Ellen Davis, Steven Bell, and Trevor Dawes who will provide us with updates. Tim Dodge, our Legislative Network Representative will also provide us with an update. There is also a work session scheduled from 4:30-5:30 pm in the Westin Seattle Glacier Peak room on the same day to continue working on the aforementioned initiatives and any new business that is brought about during the morning meeting.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our meetings in Seattle, but encourage you to keep up throughout the year via the ACRL Chapters Council blog at http://acrl.ala.org/acrlchapters/. If you or your chapter have anything that you believe would be of interest to other chapters, I encourage you to contribute a post to the blog. Instructions for contributing can be found via the How to Post section on the blog.

Danielle Whren Johnson
Chair, ACRL Chapters Council

ACRL Chapters Council
Dine Around

Coming highly recommended by a local resident, we are in for a real treat, as we will be having our ACRL Chapters Dine-Around at one of Seattle’s finest restaurants, Tulio Ristorante. We are currently holding a table reservation for 12, but encourage you to RSVP if you are able to join us for dinner, at 6pm, on Sunday, January 27, 2013, to Les Kong (lkong@csusb.edu).

Tulio Ristorante, conveniently located within walking distance of downtown Seattle hotels is located at 1100 Fifth Avenue (at Spring St.), Seattle, WA 98101, 206.624.5500.

Tulio (a Zagat rated restaurant) combines rustic Italian preparations with fresh Pacific Northwest ingredients. For more details, see their website.
Preliminary Agenda

ALA MidWinter
January 27, 2013
8:30-10 AM

1. Welcome and introductions - Johnson
2. Approval of minutes from Annual Meeting – Fuchs
3. Chapters Council Dine- Around – Kong
4. Call for nominations for Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect-Kong
5. Update from Legislative Network Liaison— Timothy Dodge
6. Update from ACRL Executive Board and staff--Mary Ellen Davis, Steven Bell, and Trevor Dawes
7. Update on Pilot Program of ACRL Webinars – Johnson
8. Update on creation of online orientation sessions for new chapter leaders – Johnson
9. Other new business
ACRL Chapters Council
Annual 2012 Minutes-draft

Present: Tracey Olanyk, Rickey Best, Danielle Whren Johnson, Tim Dodge, Caroline Fuchs, Sherli Stoeckel, Stephanie Davis, Danielle Rowland, Cynthia Dudenhoffer, David Dahl, Leslie Horner Buttm, Brian Hickam, Katie Blaocksidge, Susan Scott, Regina M. Beard, Sarah Steiner, Les Kong, Rhonda Huisman, Grace Mary Smulew, Tasha Cooper

We went around the room and introduced ourselves. Rickey talked about what Chapters Council is about and announced that our new ACRL Board Director at Large is Marilyn Ochoa.

Tim Dodge gave a legislative update with handouts.

The Agendas for 2012 have been written and approved they are available at http:www.ala.org/acrl/issues/washingtonwatch

There are five areas of legislation that affect libraries that ACRL is going to support: public access to federally funded research, “safe harbor” provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act, government information, freedom of information act, and section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act.

Tim also talked about the Legislative Advocates Program- it’s a way to get more involved with advocacy. If you sign up- you would be contacted when there is an issue that you might be interested in. You would be told what the issue is, why it’s significant, and who you can contact to voice an opinion.

You need to be an ACRL member to join the program, it’s a 2 year term and you need to apply (you can also get more info about the program there).

Minutes from Midwinter were approved after a discussion about the addendum.

Rickey mentioned an operational matter that Ryan the system administrator e-mailed him about- it will be posted in ALA connect.

Danielle Whren Johnson talked about elections. There are 2 open positions, Secretary and Vice Chair/Chair elect. There is one candidate running for each. Les Kong was elected as Vice Chair/ Chair Elect and Caroline Fuchs was elected as Secretary.

We then discussed the results of the Chapters council survey, which is posted on ALA Connect. Rickey thanked Amy Eklund for getting the survey posted and sorting the results. Danielle went through the survey results. A lively discussion ensued. One of the main things to come out of it was the need to create a welcome letter and some sort of orientation for newly elected members of local ACRL Chapters so they are aware of the resources they have access to in order to support their chapters and to help foster a better relationship with ACRL National.

We then got updates from the ACRL officers.

Joyce Ogburn, ACRL President 2011-2012, was the first to update us with the places she had attended as part of the speakers program. There were 75 webinars this past year with 1000 participants. She also talked about the IMLS grant for the Value Initiative. It is a combined effort of Higher Education professionals and ACRL to talk about the value of libraries. The announcement of the summit is on ALA Connect.

Steven Bell, ACRL Vice President 2011-2012, talked about the chapters he visited as part of the Speakers Program. The appointments process was completed and was successful. He talked about the strategic planning program focusing on ACRL’s brand. 2013 Leadership as a theme, they will have a joint program with LAMA.

Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL Executive Director, talked about the ACRL conference in Illinois, April 10-13, 2013. They’ve had a great response to the request for proposals (597 so far). Registration is open. They’ve had a good response to the New Standards of Libraries in Education. They are working on developing a curriculum around the standards in response to training and development requests.

She is working with Megan Griffin to split out some of her responsibilities so she can get an assistant to take on programming.

We then discussed ACRL National support for a Chapters orientation; Mary Ellen was supportive of helping with online orientation for newly elected chapters members. Working group will follow up with what we would need and who would be doing the orientation.

There was also a discussion of chapters getting free access to webcasts to help with programing. Mary Ellen was very agreeable to do a pilot that she said could start today.

There was no Washington update.

Cynthia Dudenhoffer announced that we would need a new co-administrator of the blog- she is responsible for the editorial part and her term is ending in December.

Danielle put in a plug for the Chapters Council working group session later in the afternoon.

The meeting was adjourned.
ACRL News

Update on ACRL’s Value of Academic Libraries Initiative

In September 2012, ACRL was awarded a National Leadership Demonstration Grant by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for the program “Assessment in Action: Academic Libraries and Student Success.” The grant funding will support ACRL, in partnership with the Association for Institutional Research (AIR) and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and build on their IMLS 2011 Collaborative Planning Grant which convened two invitational summits. With this new three-year program, part of ACRL’s Value of Academic Libraries initiative, a professional development program to strengthen the competencies of librarians in campus leadership and data-informed advocacy will be designed, implemented and evaluated.

Three hundred institutions of all types will be selected to participate in the AiA learning community (Year 1: 75 institutions; Year 2: 100 institutions; Year 3: 125 institutions). Each participating institution will identify a team consisting of a librarian and at least two additional team members as determined by the campus (e.g., faculty member, student affairs representative, institutional researchers, or academic administrator). The librarian team leaders will participate in a one-year professional development program that includes team-based activities carried out on their campuses.

Librarians who participate in the program, supported by a blended learning environment and a peer-to-peer network, will lead their campus teams in the development and implementation of an action learning project examining the impact of the library on student success and contributing to assessment activities on their campus. The projects will result in a variety of approaches to assessing library impact on student learning which will be documented and disseminated for use by the wider academic library and higher education communities. The different perspectives and experiences represented by the institutional team members will foster a collaborative approach to assessing the library’s impact on student learning and success on the campus of each participating institution.

The institutional teams for AiA will be selected through a competitive application process designed to ensure representation from an array of postsecondary institutions. Information about how to apply to participate in the first cohort will be available in January 2013. Click here to find out more about the Assessment in Action project or attend an update session at the ALA MW meeting on January 27 at 1 p.m.

ACRL 2013—register by Feb. 22 and save!

Connect with more than 3,000 of your academic and research library colleagues from around the world at ACRL 2013 in Indianapolis, April 10-13, 2013. Attend ACRL 2013 and return to your library with a wealth of new ideas and a renewed sense of professional pride and purpose. Register by the early-bird deadline of February 22, 2013 and save $70 or more! ACRL 2013 registration materials are available online (click Registration). Special group registration prices, reduced airfares, and hotel discounts are also available.

ACRL 2013 will feature:

- More than 300 carefully curated, thought-provoking sessions
- Topical contributed papers on collaboration with faculty, assessing library support for academic program accreditation, digital humanities, creating effective learning spaces, diversity in academic libraries, data services, copyright and open access, spurring innovation, and the first year experience
- Engaging panel sessions on demonstrating value, digital textbooks, open educational resources, iPads in the library, visual literacy, guidance for new librarians, flipped classrooms, the academic library as publisher, and many more that will inspire conversation and action
- Interactive workshops on information literacy assessment, leadership, Pinterest, creating catalysts for change, interactive presentation tools, and more that provide in-depth knowledge and practical ideas to take back to your library
Networking opportunities with colleagues at receptions, breaks, and social events
Admission to the exhibit floor with over 200 exhibiting companies
Free access to more than 130 sessions in the Virtual Conference for one year

Additional conference highlights include noted keynote speakers Geoffrey Canada, Henry Rollins, and Maria Hinojosa. The conference program is now available online. The schedule for poster sessions, roundtable discussions, Cyber Zed Shed presentations, and Virtual Conference webcasts will be available in February 2013.

**ACRL Discussion Groups at Midwinter Assessment**
Saturday, January 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
The first topic, led by Lisa Hinchliffe, will be on library collaboration with other data-gathering entities on your campus or nationally to provide evidence of the impact of the library on issues of importance to the university (i.e. student success, faculty grants, etc.) as a whole; in the second topic, Steve Hiller (University of Washington) will lead a discussion on the history and importance of standards for library assessment in general and two ISO standards in particular: ISO 11620 - Performance indicators for Libraries and ISO 16439 - Library Impact Assessment (still under development).

**Balancing Baby and Book**
Sunday, January 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Continuing Education/Professional Development**
Sunday, January 27, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Encouraging Professional Development and Networking.

**Copyright**
Saturday, January 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
The ACRL Copyright Discussion Group reviews and discusses legislative, judicial and regulatory developments related to copyright and libraries in higher education. Pending and recent decisions of interest include: The *Authors Guild, Inc. v. Hathitrust, Kirtsaeng v. John Wiley & Sons, Inc. (11-697), Google Books, etc.*

**Digital Humanities**
Sunday, January 27, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
The Digital Humanities Discussion Group will cover DH space in libraries; DH and data management; DH training for librarians; and the demographics of DH librarians.

**Heads of Public Services**
Saturday, January 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
New services and changes in services to meet evolving student/faculty demands, Redesigning the reference desk: creating a reference service location that welcomes students and facilitates contemporary reference interactions.

**International Perspectives on Academic and Research Libraries**
Saturday, January 26, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Library and Information Science Collections**
Sunday, January 27, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
The meeting will include a discussion of current issues related to Library and Information Science Collections.

**Library and Information Science (LIS) Education**
Friday, January 25, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**Marketing**
Saturday, January 26, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Academic libraries and strategic communications planning.

**MLA International Bibliography in Academic Libraries**
Saturday, January 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
The Modern Languages Association International Bibliography.

**New Members**
Sunday, January 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Where is the common ground between our roles in organizations like ACRL and our day-to-day work as academic librarians? How can we translate our pro-
fessional service into practical skills from 9 to 5? Join ACRL’s New Members Discussion Group in a moderated conversation about the relationship between our professional careers and our day jobs. A panel of four academic librarians will share their experiences, offer advice, and answer questions. The panel includes Suzy Palmer, dean of the Greenwood Library (Longwood University); Coral Sheldon-Hess, web services librarian (University of Alaska Anchorage); Nan Schichtel, information literacy & outreach librarian (Grand Rapids (MI) Community College); and Gene Springs, business information services librarian (Rutgers University Libraries).

Personnel Administrators & Staff Development
Saturday, January 26, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Sunday, January 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
A discussion of topical issues, emerging trends, and best practices by personnel and staff development managers.

Scholarly Communication
Sunday, January 27, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
The ACRL Scholarly Communications Discussion group will expand on the ideas presented at Saturday’s SPARC Forum, “Impact Factors and Article Level Metrics”. We will discuss new roles, services, and collaborative opportunities that libraries can participate in to further awareness of altmetrics and extend support for open access initiatives on their campus.

Student Retention
Sunday, January 27, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Environmental scanning within the campus climate: Needs assessment in determining library services and resources offered for campus-wide student retention.

Undergraduate Librarians
Monday, January 28, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Join undergraduate librarians as we discuss and share ideas and issues surrounding library services and collections geared specifically for undergraduates, including first year experience programs.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/acrl2013

Chapter Reports

Alabama
The Alabama chapter continues to have a busy year. The Government Relations Committee published a library advocacy guide which provides information on becoming a library advocate as well as tools to assist with advocacy efforts. The guide is available at http://libguides.huntingdon.edu/libraryadvocacy. The Program Committee is planning the annual meeting to be held on April 24, 2013 in Montgomery. A delicious dinner will be served followed by an informative program and a short business meeting.

The Alabama chapter has several programs planned for the Alabama Library Association convention to be held April 23-26, 2013. AACRL and the College, University, and Special Libraries division of the state association will sponsor best practices programs covering topics of interest which include educating non-library administrators and leveraging to ensure collections are adequate to support curriculum changes; liaison work in a Web 2.0 world; improving liaison relationships with other academic units; using a Lib-Guide alternative to the traditional student research requirement; managing 3D printing services; and turning your day job into a presentation or article.

AACRL and the Legislative Development Committee of the state association will sponsor a library advocacy program featuring panelists talking about their personal experiences such as why they got involved, obstacles they had to overcome, what they have found to be the personal and professional rewards of involvement, and sharing advice to encourage others to get active in advocacy.

Submitted by Jennifer Long
Alabama Chapter President

California
Here’s news from California Academic & Research Libraries (CARL). 2012 CARL Elections Results! The votes are in. CARL’s new officers are:
Annette Marines, northern vice president
CARL also gives a heartfelt thank you and farewell to its outgoing president, Stephanie Brasley! At the same time, CARL welcomes its 2013 president, Kathlene Hanson!

Submitted by Les Kong
ACRL Chapters Council Delegate

Delaware Valley

The Delaware Valley Chapter held its fall program on November 9 at the Penn State Great Valley campus in Malvern. The day-long program, “Globetrotting Librarians: Exploring International Librarianship”, featured seven presentations that reflected the wide range of opportunities for librarians to engage in global librarianship.

Joana Tillson joined us via Skype from Zayad University, Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) to speak on her experience working as a librarian in a very different culture.

Carroll Odhner and Carol Traveny from Swedenborg Library at Bryn Athyn College described their experiences adding materials on 18th century mystic and scientist Emanuel Swedenborg to their catalog. Owned by the Stockholm Society of the General Church of the New Jerusalem, the items were added to Bryn Athyn’s catalog to create a joint collection for those interested in researching Swedenborg.

Andrea R. Malone described her work incorporating library instruction into the University of Houston’s Intensive English program, which prepares foreign students to successfully enter degree programs at the university by developing their English language skills.

Demian Katz of Villanova University talked about collaborating with librarians and library technologists from around the globe on the development of the open source VuFind catalog software.

Stephen Marvin from West Chester University spoke about the role IFLA plays in international librarianship and about his own experiences traveling to IFLA conferences as the Secretary for the Academic and Research Libraries Section.

Larissa Gordon and Michele Reale presented on their work with Arcadia University’s extensive international programs. They have worked to provide library services both to the university’s large study abroad program and a growing body of international students on Arcadia’s campus.

Erin Stalberg from Mount Holyoke College rounded out the day by recounting some of her experiences as a librarian aboard ship as part of the Semester at Sea Program.

The Delaware Valley Chapter is currently gearing up for its spring activities. These include the awarding of two stipends, one to an MLS student who wants to become an academic librarian and one to a chapter member to attend National Library Legislative Day. We also plan to continue our resume review service and are excited about our spring 2013 program featuring ACRL President Steven Bell, who is a DVC chapter member. The program is scheduled for April 19 at Temple University.

Presenters from the ACRL/DVC fall program

Submitted by Rachel McMullin, president
West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Eastern New York

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Tasha Cooper, president
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Kathryn Johns-Masten, secretary
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Kathryn Frederick, communications chair
Bill Walker, government relations chair
Suzanne Preate, membership chair
Susan Kline, archivist

The Eastern New York/Association of College and Research Libraries (ENY/ACRL) chapter embarked on several projects this year:

Because our chapter covers a large geographic area, we host simultaneous brown bag discussions at around the same time in three locations. This year’s host sites were Moon Library, State University of New York (SUNY) Environmental Science and Forestry; Sage College of Albany; and SUNY Potsdam.

Co-sponsored an Open Access week event held on October 23 at the University at Albany, State University of New York. This event included a presentation by Edward Corrado, Director of Library Technology (Binghamton University, State University of New York), entitled “Preservation and Research Data at Binghamton University Libraries,”; and several lightning round presentations.

Updated chapter documents, including the officers’ handbook, conference guide, and bylaws.

And, of course, planned for our spring conference. We are delighted that Steven Bell will be one of our speakers.

We welcome visitors to our events and questions about our Chapter. Please contact Tasha Cooper (nacoop01@syr.edu), current chapter president or any of the officers listed above. See our website.

Submitted by Tasha Cooper
Syracuse University

Georgia

The Academic Library Division of the Georgia Library Association/Georgia ACRL Chapter was again active at the Georgia Council of Media Organizations annual conference, October 3-5, 2012 in Macon. This year the conference was held jointly with the Southeastern Library Association (SELA).

The 19th annual academic papers sessions featured seven selected papers. Cash awards were presented to two papers: Information and Interaction Needs of Distance Students: Are Academic Libraries Meeting the Challenge? by Stewart Varner (YBP Award) and Emory University’s Research Commons: Connecting Scholars with Technology, Expertise, and Each Other in the Library by Adelia Grabowsky (EBSCO Award).

An Academic Library Division luncheon was held jointly with the Public Library Division of GLA and equivalent divisions of SELA. Dr. Mark Bauerlein, professor (Emory University) and author of “The Dumbest Generation”, gave the keynote address. Dr. Bauerlein discussed the impact of digital culture on today’s students and how digital dependency affects the learning process. He also emphasized that libraries have a responsibility to sustain non-digital learning and preserve "pre-digital memory".

The 2012 Academic Library Division officers were also introduced at the luncheon:

Kara Mullen, chair (Clayton State University) Rhonda McCoy, vice-chair/elect (Paine College) La Loria Konata, secretary (Georgia State University) Katherine Ott, past chair (Clayton State University) Sarah Steiner, ACRL Chapters Council representative (Georgia State University) Amy Bursi, academic papers review committee chair (Georgia Perimeter College)

The midwinter business meeting of the Academic Library Division is scheduled for January, 11, 2013 at Clayton State University.

Submitted by Amy Eklund
Georgia ACRL Chapters Council Representative, 2011-2012

Greater New York

current state and future of entrepreneurship in academic libraries with more than 150 librarians from throughout the New York Metropolitan area.

That academic librarians are under tremendous pressure to adapt to changes in technology, declining budgets, “re-skilling,” and cultural or institutional expectations is not an original observation. What is new is the acceptance of entrepreneurship has spread throughout higher education. For example, social entrepreneurship has led to transformative changes in the non-profit world, including projects involving higher education institutions. Some of these initiatives directly impact the higher education landscape. The 2012 ACRL/NY symposium set out to explore the implications of rapid change for academic librarians and how embracing entrepreneurship can help librarians meet new challenges and invigorate their daily work lives.

Through necessity and ingenuity, librarians—not just within academia—are seeking opportunities for inter-institutional and inter-departmental collaboration, developing services that meet users’ evolving needs with limited resources. Yet academic libraries’ deeply rooted cultures can be a stumbling block to risk-taking, as Steven J. Bell, ACRL president 2012-2013 and associate university librarian (Temple University), observed in his talk, “Want a More Entrepreneurial Academic Library? First Escape Your Culture.” Using personal examples and recent news about ever-expanding student debt loads leading recent college graduates to conclude that the traditional university experience is “not worth it,” Bell made the case that ready or not, change is coming to academic libraries.

The emergence of Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and other online, degree-conferring institutions has led to a cultural reimagining of higher education. In thinking about how libraries can respond to this challenge, it is worth exploring the possibilities social entrepreneurship offers. The goal doesn’t have to be about money. It can also take the form of service-oriented, non-profit enterprise to benefit the students and faculty at individual institutions.

Naomi House, founder of I Need A Library Job (INALJ), discussed how she identified a need for a better match between quality job listings and qualified applicants and began filling it through a daily email service. Her insight grew quickly into INALJ, includ-
ing discussion groups, a mentoring program, and partnerships through local organizations like the Metro Library Council. Planning activities continue throughout the year. Other ACRL chapter members are encouraged to contact Carrie Netzer Wajda, ACRL/NY’s 2013 president, with any questions about programming or organizations at cnetzerwajda@gmail.com. Find out more about ACRL/NY on our website.

Iowa

At this fall’s Iowa Library Association Annual Conference, the Iowa ACRL Chapter co-sponsored four concurrent sessions highlighting topics of interest to academic librarians. Two sessions, “The Possibilities and Limits of Fair Use: the National Conversation” and “To Make a Long Story Short: Libraries and Copyright Today”, were presented by Dwayne Butler, Evelyn J. Schneider Endowed Chair for Scholarly Communication (University of Louisville); Joseph Sanchez, instructional designer ( Auraria Library, Denver, Colorado), presented “e-Content and its Discontents”; and a panel of Iowa librarians, Pam Rees (Grand View University); Sam Garchik (Ottumwa High School); Debora Robertson (Briar Cliff College); Sarah Passonneau (Iowa State University); and Ericka Raber (University of Iowa) presented the panel discussion “High School to College”, an initiative between the state’s ACRL chapter and the Iowa Association of School Librarians created to identify and strategize on collaboration points in the K-16 library environment, with a goal of preparing students for university-level research.

Following the Annual Conference, chapter officers were elected. Those beginning terms in January 2013:

Amy Paulus, president (The University of Iowa)
Dan Chibnall, vice-president (Grand View University)
Chris Neuhaus, secretary/treasurer (University of Northern Iowa)
Jennifer Sterling, member-at-large (William Penn University)

Submitted by Ryan Gjerde
Chapter Council representative

Kansas

The College and University Section (CULS) of the Kansas Library Association held its annual fall conference in Dodge City this year. The two-day conference, whose theme was “Driving Towards New Frontiers”, started with a pre-conference workshop facilitated by Andrea Falcone and Steph
nie Wiegand (University of Northern Colorado). “Beyond Classroom Evaluation: Structuring Research for Dissemination” encouraged attendees to share the student evaluation information they compiled from their instruction sessions via formal research channels. Attendees chose from seventeen presentations on topics ranging from the educational impact of graphic novels to discovery tools.

The social event entitled, “An Evening at the Boot Hill Museum” included a country-style dinner and variety show entertainment featuring local western characters including Miss Kitty, Chalkley Beeson, can-can dancers, and Singing Bartenders.

The CULS executive board hosted Marc Ferguson as legendary gunslinger John Henry “Doc” Holliday at its business luncheon on Friday.

Submitted by Regina Board
Chapters Council Representative

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**Michigan**

Greetings from Michigan where the ACRL Chapter continues the rebuilding process it began in spring 2012. During the fall Michigan Library Association (MLA) Annual Conference, held at Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan’s ARCL Chapter sponsored its first event as a newly organized chapter. “Advancing Value: Continuing the Process” featured a panel of three academic librarians sharing how they are advancing value at their institutions. The panel served as follow-up to the MLA conference, “Academic Libraries 2012: Advancing Value”. Librarians Julia Eisenstein (University of Detroit, Mercy), Tim Peters (Central Michigan University), and Gail B. Powers-Schaub (Baker College, Muskegon) discussed efforts at their respective institutions prompted, in-part, by Megan Oakleaf’s presentation at Academic Libraries on Advancing Value. Recognizing the long-term nature of advancing value, programming planners sought to encourage academic libraries to continue their initiatives to align library activities with the broader goals and objectives of their institutions.

Attendees benefited from hearing about the various efforts at the three schools as each are implementing advancing value differently as best fits their institution. At Central Michigan, for example, librarians are making efforts to establish formal library liaison relationships with student groups to assist students who may be at risk of academic failure. Peters noted some of the challenges, low participation, for example, but stressed Central Michigan’s commitment to reaching out in new ways. He also outlined endeavors aimed at helping faculty identify and understand journal impact factors. Powers-Schaub discussed an information literacy-specific project. At Baker, libraries have integrated information literacy learning outcomes into the English Composition curriculum. Her presentation featured data Baker (Muskegon) has pulled demonstrating student success in meeting these outcomes. Eisentein offered a different message, discussing UD-Mercy’s work to advance value through strengthened services not necessarily mandated by the broader institution, but ones addressed in Oakleaf’s presentation. Attendees engaged participants with a series of questions and handouts provided additional information on ACRL resources related to “Advancing Value”.

MLA Annual offered several other events for academics, including an academic program track, poster sessions, and an academic luncheon, featuring speaker Dr. Paul N. Courant, who serves as university librarian and dean of Libraries (University of Michigan. Courant’s presentation, “Economic Perspectives on Academic Libraries in the Digital Age” outlined the challenges and opportunities facing libraries as they embrace the digital revolution.

In May 2013, Michigan welcomes Trevor Dawes, director-Circulation Services Division
Minnesota

A statewide conference, an e-books event, new board members, and planning for the year to come -- Minnesota’s ACRL chapter, also known as the Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Minnesota Library Association, had a busy fall.

MLA Conference—the annual Minnesota Library Association conference was held in St. Paul, October 3-5 and included several academically oriented sessions: an “Appy Hour”, featuring smartphone apps a research librarian can love, and keynote speaker Anton Treuer, professor of Ojibwe (Bemidji State University). Treuer took the title of his talk from his recent book, *Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians But Were Afraid to Ask* (Borealis Books, 2012), which also served as the “one book” for the conference. On the last day of the conference, ARLD held a lively and well-attended business meeting, chaired by Cindy Gruwell, on the second floor of St. Paul’s sweeping RiverCentre.

ARLD Dialogue—once or twice a year, ARLD hosts -- or, rather, facilitates the hosting of -- an “ARLD Dialogue”: a free, informal discussion held over lunch on a topic of interest to academic librarians and staff. Nine participants gathered at the Roseville branch of the Ramsey County Library on November 8 to discuss “E-books in Academic Libraries: Successes, Challenges, and Useful Strategies.” Some insights from the hour’s discussion: providing off-campus access to these resources isn’t as simple as we’d like; the variety in software platforms poses a challenge for both library staff and users; and using e-books (free or purchased by libraries) in place of traditional textbooks is an idea that is picking up steam fast. “E-books can be a challenge, but we are staying positive and learning to love them,” says the Dialogue’s organizer, Julia Kelly.

Board Elections—as a result of our September elections, four new members joined our 2013 board on December 1. Our current members are: Amy Spring- er, chair (College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University); Cindy Gruwell, past-chair (St. Cloud State University); Jayne Blodgett, chair-elect (University of Minnesota at Morris); Jennifer Sippel, secretary (Minneapolis Community & Technical College) ; Randi Madisen, communication (Century College); Stephen Elfstrand, legislative liaison (PALS); Dan Reeves, member-at-large (Rasmussen College at Brooklyn Park) and Heather Biedermann, member-at-large (Minnesota State University at Mankato). Monthly board meetings, which in 2012 were held in the central-Minnesota location of St. Cloud, will revert to a St. Paul location in 2013. Many board members attend virtually via “GoToMeeting” software.

Spring 2012 ARLD Day—the ARLD’s annual spring conference, ARLD Day, is set for April 26, 2013. The agenda includes workshops, lunch, a keynote speech, and the presentation of our “Minnesota Academic Innovators” award. The location is the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chanhassen, and our keynote speaker will be Jenica Rogers, director of libraries at the State University of New York at Potsdam.

Mississippi

Fall Meeting—The ACRL section of the Mississippi Library Association held its annual fall meeting during the Mississippi Library Association’s annual conference in Natchez, October 24. The meeting began with a luncheon for 66 members. Speaker Doug Lehman, Library Director at Wittenberg University (Springfield, Ohio) presented on the future of academic libraries. Afterwards, chair Melissa Dennis, welcomed attendees and convened a short business meeting.
New England Greetings from the New England Chapter! The chapter has continued its strong tradition of bringing high quality programs and workshops to members this year. On July 11, the Women’s Studies Interest Group (WSIG) held an event entitled “Looking under the Hood: Women Writers Online and the Women Writers Program”. The panelists, members of the Brown Women Writers Project were: Julia Flanders, director; Syd Bauman, senior program/analyst; and John Melson, textbase editor and project manager. The session provided attendees the opportunity to learn more about this resource which is intended to make texts written by pre-Victorian women writers accessible to teachers, scholars, students and the public at large.

The New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) held a panel discussion on September 28, at the University of New Hampshire in Manchester. Entitled “Online Library Instruction: Promises and Challenges of Digital Learning,” the event featured a panel discussion by four librarians who shared how their institutions support on- and off-campus students. Fifty librarians from around New England attended this event. Speakers included Ed Daniels, off-campus services librarian (Southern New Hampshire University); Heidi Steiner, head of digital and distance services (Norwich University); and Laura Weber, former reference and instruction librarian (Fairfield University and currently assistant director of library services, St. Georges School). On December 7, NELIG held an “Instruction Sharing” day in four different locations. These sessions provided instructional librarians the opportunity to learn different lesson planning and assessment techniques in the classroom of another instructional librarian. Presenting librarians received feedback from attendees. For more information, check our website.

Sixty-five people attended the Collection Development Interest Group’s (CDIG) program titled “Textbooks and Their Stakeholders” at Northeastern University on November 1. Nicole Allen, a student PIRGs affordable textbook advocate, kicked off the overview of the textbook market and strategies to reduce costs. Dustin Lewis, project manager/technical lead of the H20 online platform for textbook development and distribution at Harvard University’s Berkman Center for Internet & Society and Harvard School of Law, provided an overview of H20. Kyle K. Courtney, manager of resource sharing and faculty information delivery (Harvard Law School), spoke about intellectual property law and textbooks. Nature education senior account manager Chris Hyde gave a presentation entitled “Presenting Principles of Biology: An Interactive Textbook Changing the Educational Landscape.” Carrie Nelson, academic librarian (University of Wisconsin-Madison), gave her presentation “Do Libraries Belong Here? Lessons from an Institutional E-textbook Implementation” via Skype.

CDIG conducted an assessment of this gathering to help shape future member programming.

The Leadership Development Committee’s November 16 program “Got Perspective? Playing with Others in the Higher Education Sandbox,” built on a hot topic among library organizations, and current ACRL President Dr. Steven J. Bell who has given us plenty of food for thought on leadership development. The program was facilitated by Dr. Leslie Hitch, senior faculty fellow in the school of Education (College of Professional Studies at Northeastern University). The morning panel discussion considered the view of the library, pressures on higher education, and opportunities for partnership from the perspectives of the academic program, institutional research, instructional technology, and the library. After a lively discussion, Dr. Carol Leary, president (Bay Path College), spoke about the librarian’s role within the insti-
tion and outlined strategies for effectively managing up when advocating for library collections and services. Workshop participants applied these new perspectives while working through an exercise based on Cohen and Bradford’s *Influence Without Authority.*

This was part of a series of workshops that emerged from New England Chapter’s recognition of the need for local leadership development programming. The chapter offered its first program, “Learning to Lead: an Introduction to Leadership,” (reported in ACRL Chapter Topics, Summer 2010) in April 2010. Since the initial program, Leadership Development has become a standing committee of the New England chapter. The committee offers two programs per year with a goal of providing both a theoretical framework and hands-on experience with recognized leadership and management theories. Faculty from schools of business and higher education administrators have served as program facilitators. A range of professionals from within the region including librarians, administrators, and instructional technologists, have served as panelists. The outcome has been broad exposure to diverse points of view and affordable, regional access to leadership development training for the 40-50 librarians and library staff members who attend each session. The chapter’s long-term goal is to empower early and midcareer library professionals with the skills and confidence needed to lead change within higher education. Assessment, typically a post-workshop survey, is a component of all Leadership Development Committee workshops and is used not only to determine whether an individual workshop met its stated objectives but also to inform future programming. Feedback has been highly positive.

“Managing Up and Across in the Library and the College” is planned for the chapter’s May 2013 annual conference. The Scholarly Communication Interest Group (SCIG) offered a program on December 4 at the UMass Medical Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center, Shrewsbury. Titled “The ARL Code of Best Practices and Beyond: Copyright and Fair Use on Your Campus,” the event featured Brandon Butler, the Association of Research Libraries, and Laura Quilter, copyright and information policy librarian (UMass Amherst Libraries). Sixty people attended this lively presentation and discussion about the intricacies of copyright and the need for librarians to exercise rights under fair use. Below are comments from attendees:

"I found the overall program to be immensely informative and valuable."

"This was possibly the most useful and informative workshop I’ve attended!"

"I always get good ideas from colleagues at these events."

"This was a very valuable session."

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Planning for the 2013 Annual Conference is well underway. Chapter Vice-President Eleta Exline (University of New Hampshire), announced the call for presentations earlier this fall. The conference is scheduled for May 10, 2013, at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts. The theme of the conference is “Communities in the Cloud, the Commons, and the College.” The Access Services Interest Group (ASIG) has started to plan programming for its spring 2013 conference. And NELIG has started planning for its 2013 annual conference scheduled for June 21 at Dartmouth College.

Lastly, the ACRL-NEC Chapter is conducting a survey to help with the chapter’s website redesign.
We’re doing this to better serve constituent and plan to have things underway by mid- to late-2013.

Submitted by Leslie Horner Button
ACRL/NEC President

North Carolina
Current Officers:
Lisa Williams, president
Randall Bowman, vice-president/president elect
Amy Brake, secretary/treasurer,
Lisa Nickel, director
Gerald Holmes, director
Carolyn Willis, past president

I am excited to report to you all what the North Carolina chapter has been working on the past few months. The NCLA CUS/ACRL-NC partnered with the NCLA Community and Junior College section to host a mini conference, “Assessment Beyond Statistics”, with keynote speaker Yvonne Belanger (Duke University’s Center for Instructional Technology). Turnout for this one day conference was great considering the financial strain libraries are currently experiencing. Sessions presented included: “Measuring What You Value: Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes in Library Information Literacy Instruction”; “Assessing Sustainable Practices in an Academic Library”; “Shop Your Way to Service Excellence: Mystery shopping in an academic Library”; and “Retention Matters: The Academic Library’s Role in Student Success”.

The chapter sponsored newly elected vice-president/president elect Randall Bowman’s attendance to the NCLA Leadership Institute.

The NCLA CUS/ACRL-NC Distance Learning Interest Group will partner with the NCLA Reference and Adult Services Section to hold a virtual conference in March 2013 with the theme: “Current Trends in Reference.” If anyone is interested in submitting a proposal, find more information here.

Submitted by Lisa Williams, President
University of North Carolina Wilmington

North Dakota-Manitoba

The North Dakota / Manitoba ACRL Chapter held its annual spring symposium on April 30, 2012, at the University of Manitoba (U of M), Winnipeg, bringing together more than fifty academic librarians from both North Dakota and Manitoba. The theme of this year’s symposium was, Enhancing Library Services with New & Emerging Technologies. Librarians shared their knowledge, research and experience, covering such topics as: roving reference; app training sessions; social media; and open source digital repositories. This year’s presentations were as follows:

Katherine Penner, undergraduates services liaison librarian (U of M) “Roving and Flash Reference”
Tania Gottschak, education services librarian/ PGME liaison librarian (U of M), and Paul Peters, computer specialist (U of M Libraries IT Services), “Tales from the Digital Petting Zoo: Medical App Training Sessions in a Health Sciences Library”
Brett Lougheed, digital curator/archivist (Archives & Special Collections, U of M), “DAMned If You Don’t: Building an Open-Source Digital Asset Management System at the University of Manitoba”
Char Myhre, senior reference & instruction librarian (North Dakota State University), “Mixed Messages - Contrasting Views on Social Media”
Lisa Martin, business and government documents librarian (University of North Dakota), “Social Media by Committee: Implementing Social Media in the Library with an Eye to the Future”

Char Myrhe, immediate past chair, presides over the 2012 Annual General Meeting.
One of the highlights of this year’s symposium was Nicole Michaud-Oystryk’s presentation on the major renovations currently underway in the Elizabeth Dafoe Library. Michaud-Oystryk spoke about the research and planning that the University of Manitoba Libraries have done in moving forward with a learning commons -- including the steps taken to prepare staff for a single service desk. The Elizabeth Dafoe Library is the largest of the libraries at the University of Manitoba, which serves the research, study, and teaching requirements of the faculties of Arts (Humanities, Social Sciences); Education; Environment, Earth, and Resources; Human Ecology; Nursing; Kinesiology and Recreation Management; and Social Work.

The chapter’s annual general meeting was held during the midday break, when the 2012-2013 officers and executive committee members were announced:

James Kominowski, chair (Univ. of Manitoba)
Mary Hegle Drewes, chair-elect (Univ. of N. Dakota)
Char Myhre, immediate chair-elect (N. Dakota State University)
Janet Rex, secretary (Univ. of N. Dakota)
Jan Horner, treasurer (Univ. of Manitoba)
Jim Sutherland, member-at-large: (ret., University of Manitoba)
Lenard Lawless, webist (Univ. of Winnipeg)
Sally Dokter, legislative liaison (University of North Dakota)
Wilbur Stolt, non-commercial registered agent (University of North Dakota)

Submitted by James Kominowski, chair
University of Manitoba

Ohio

The ALAO Annual conference, “Impact Factor: The Value of Academic Libraries” was held October 25-26 in Wilmington. Pre-conference and conference keynote speakers included:

First Be Valuable Then Be Valued: Academic Library Impact—Lisa Hinchliffe is a past-president of the Association of College and Research Libraries as well as the current co-chair of the association’s Value of Academic Libraries Committee. Hinchliffe is also coordinator for information literacy services at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, professor in the University Library, and sometime-adjunct in the university’s library school. In her keynote talk, Lisa Hinchliffe discussed the many challenges that academic librarians face in responding to user needs and the duel imperatives we have of providing value to our users and documenting that value to better understand and serve our institutions.

Academic Libraries: A View from the Top Challenges, Impact Value—University administrators from three types of institutions (state, private, and branch) discussed the value of academic libraries, offering insight on the greatest challenges and threats to academic libraries and suggestions for how they think libraries can make the biggest impact. The panel included:

Sue Polanka, ALAO president and panel moderator (Wright State University Libraries)
David R. Hopkins, president (Wright State Univ.)
Thomas Skill, assoc. provost & CIO (Univ. of Dayton)
Whitney Womach Smith, faculty director (Miami University-Hamilton)

Two pre-conferences were held this year:

2011 Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award Given to John J. Burke—John J. Burke, library director and associate librarian (Gardner-Harvey Library at Miami University Middleton) was the recipient of the Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award during the 2012 Annual Conference. Past president Brian Hickam presented the award, citing Burke’s long service to ALAO as president, member, and chair of the Support Staff Interest Group, the Research and Publications Committee, and other committees, as well as for his presentations at ALAO workshops, annual, regional and national conferences.

Other Awards Announced at Annual Conference:
Research Awards
Maureen Barry, Wright State University
Stacey Brinkman, Miami University
Jacqueline Johnson, Miami University
Ann Marie Smeraldi, Cleveland State University

Student Presenter Grant
Carissa Thatcher, Southern State Community College

Support Staff Presenter Grant
Emily Brubaker, Heidelberg College

ALAO Continuing Education Grant
Bridget Faricy, University of Toledo

Distance Learning Visionary Award
Kenneth Burhanna, Kent State University

The conference program may be accessed here.

Ohio Library Support Staff Institute—OLSSI has announced that it will hold its 12th annual conference July 28-30, 2013 at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio. OLSSI 2013 will have a “mystery/noir” theme.

Submitted by Katie Blocksidge
Chapters Council Representative