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Letter from the Chair

I just love this time of year - don't you? I love the changing colors, pumpkin everything, and the cooler temperatures. This time of year is also the marker of the beginning of another academic year with a fresh cohort of students and where there is so much energy on campus that anything seems possible. I look forward to bringing this energy and excitement as Chair to the Arts Section this year.

The Section has been busy, especially at the Annual Conference in Las Vegas this past June. I want to give a few shoutouts to some of our members for their work:

Much thanks to **Diane Kachmar and the team** who put together the "ArtsVegas: Everything You Wanted to Know and More" in Las Vegas at ALA Annual. Speakers were a combination of artists, gallerists, and librarians who discussed the Las Vegas arts scene and the intersecting communities which form a part of this art nexus. Diane also led the Arts District walking gallery tour.

The **Dance Librarians Discussion Group** organized a meeting with special guests, Su Kim Chung (Head, UNLV Special Collections Public Services) who talked about their dance collections including materials used in the [Showgirls](#) digital collection, and Nancy Hardy, a former dancer on the Strip who appeared in *Les Folies Bergere*, *Lido de Paris*, and *Jubilee!*

The **Publications & Research Committee** put together a Presentation Forum at the Las Vegas Annual meeting where participants learned how to develop a visiting artist lecture series, how to transform a library hallway into a gallery space for art and inquiry, and how to lead research sessions for performing arts students.

Thanks to the contributors of the ArtsGuide especially to **Bridget O'Donnell** (editor), **Claudia Covert**, **Ariel Turner**, and **Lauren McDonald**. The ArtsGuide gets better and better every year!

Our webmaster, **Caroline Caviness**, worked with ALA staff to redesign our website (<http://bit.ly/1BH9HDp>) to make it easier to navigate so that you can stay connected to the activities of the Section.

Much love to **Sara Harrington** for her leadership as the Chair of the Section last year and her current work as Past Chair.

Some changes are ahead that you should know about, including:

As the Section continues to re-evaluate the best ways to communicate with the membership, we are considering a **change to the format of this Newsletter**. We are trying to balance the Newsletter as the official activities log of the Section as well as a format that is relevant in today's world.

With email as the ubiquitous format for communication on most campuses, the Strategic Planning Committee will be looking into **updating our listserv** to make it easier for members to sign up. Currently, we are investigating an ALA-hosted listserv. Once we make the switch, all members will be asked to sign themselves up (as it is not possible for us to do that for you).

We love our membership and would like to create more opportunities for everyone to engage with each other in order to discuss topics of interest. Therefore, we are investigating **developing more activities** for sharing, learning, and fun. These activities may be digital or in person at the Annual meeting.

Letter from the Chair, continued...

If you have ideas or comments regarding any of these possible changes, please feel free to contact me; I would love to hear from you!

Before we know it, the Midwinter Conference will be before us. Again this year, the Section will be holding all of our activities virtually. I look forward to engaging with you all then and working with you all this upcoming year!

Ngoc-Yen Tran
Chair, Arts Section

ACRL Arts annual meeting minutes

The ACRL Arts Section Executive Board and General membership annual meeting minutes can be found in ALA connect here:

<http://connect.ala.org/node/64165>.

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Register at <http://conference.acrl.org/> by February 15, 2015 and **save 20%!**

Kickstart the Future of ACRL

You definitely know that we are celebrating ACRL's 75th Anniversary. You probably know that ACRL was ALA's first official division. You might know that Phineas L. Windsor was first president of ACRL as a self-governing division. I hope you know that to celebrate and honor this Anniversary ACRL is conduct a major fundraising campaign to raise money for scholarships to ACRL 2015. ACRL seeks to raise \$50,000 by December 31, 2014, to provide 75 additional scholarships for these members to attend the conference to be held March 25-28, 2015, in Portland, Oregon.

We've already raised more than \$33,000 during the advance phase of the campaign. Now we invite you to pay it forward and invest in the profession's future leaders (and their libraries) as they seek to advance learning and transform scholarship in the 21st century. With your contribution (of any amount), we can ensure the future vitality of the profession, the association, and the diversity of our conference.

This is also a great opportunity for ACRL committees, sections and groups to show their support by establishing group scholarship goals. Some of those that have already established group goals include: the College & Research Libraries Editorial Board, Distance Learning Section (DLS), Education and Social Sciences Section (EBSS), Literatures in English (LES), Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS), Research and Scholarly Environment Committee, Science and Technology Section (STS), University Libraries Section (ULS), and the Value of Academic Libraries Committee. A page on the 75th Anniversary website acknowledges all group contributions. We have made great progress towards our goal but we are not there yet. Please consider making an individual donation or encourage your group to get together to fund a scholarship or commit to achieving 100% Board participation. For more information on how to get involved visit the Scholarship Campaign FAQ page at http://acrl.ala.org/acrl75/?page_id=278. Help ACRL kickstart the future with your contribution.

Steven Bell, ACRL 75th Anniversary Campaign Chair

Did You Know?

ACRL members can view full contact information for all ACRL section committee rosters (<http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections>) by logging into the ACRL Web site.

Subscribe to the ACRL Arts Section listserv

To subscribe, send an email to LISTSERV@lists.uakron.edu.

Leave the subject line blank. In the body of the email type: SUBSCRIBE ARTS-LIB [first name] [last name]

Visit the website

www.ala.org/acrl/arts/

ACRL Arts member news

Sara Harrington is serving with Carroll Wetzel Wilkinson as co-chair of the ACRL Instruction Section's Standards for Proficiencies for Instruction Librarians and Coordinators Revision Task Force.

Eric Kidwell has been appointed Huntingdon College's Title IX Coordinator, in addition to his regular responsibilities as Professor and Director of the Houghton Memorial Library.

Kai Alexis Smith has been appointed Librarian-in-Residence at the University of Notre Dame.

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Call for Award Nominations

Excellence in Academic Libraries Award

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Academic/Research Librarian of the Year

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Information for many other award opportunities can be found on the ACRL Web site:

<http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards>

or by contacting Chase Ollis at (312) 280-2521 or collis@ala.org

DEADLINE: December 5, 2014