CJCL/EBSCO Learning Resources Leadership Award winner Linda Baker, of El Centro College, accepts the award alongside EBSCO representative Matt Andros and CJCLS chair David Wright at the awards dinner during ALA Annual in Chicago.

Do You Know the Next CJCLS/EBSCO Award Winner?

Nominations for the next round of awards are due on December 6th! Previous winners have included:

A "Library a la Carte" program that used an electric utility cart for outreach. The cart brought the library to students, providing individualized reference assimtance and research instruction at high-traffic areas around campus like the Student Center.

An individual who delivered a prodigious amount of information literacy instruction while also developing instructional web pages and winning awards for excellence in teaching and innovation.

See Page 5 of this newsletter for further information.
Guide to the Affordable Care Act

Open enrollment began on Tuesday, October 1, 2014 and will continue through March 31, 2014. However, by January 1, 2014, most individuals will be required to have health insurance. To educate yourself and the people you serve, take a look at these online resources which explain the different aspects of the healthcare law.

HealthCare.gov

Healthcare.gov is the federal government’s marketplace website. In addition to providing a platform for finding information about the new law, directing consumers and businesses to state-run health insurance exchanges and enrolling consumers who live in states that chose not to set up exchanges.

Localhelp.healthcare.gov provides a way to find local help for the Affordable Care Act by typing in city/state or zip code.

HealthLawHelper

Healthlawhelper is Consumer Reports’ website which explains the law and provides a guide for enrolling.

The National Network of Libraries of Medicine (nnlm.gov) has regional medical libraries people can turn to for further resources and advice.

For example, the Pacific Southwest Region (Nevada, California, Arizona, Hawaii, and Guam) has a guide on the ACA here: guides.nnlm.gov/psr/aca/california

The UCLA School of Law has a libguide about the legal aspects of the ACA: libguides.law.ucla.edu/ppaca

The IRS has a page devoted to tax provisions related to the Affordable Care Act.
CJCLS at ALA Annual in Chicago

The full minutes from the CJCLS Executive Committee meeting in Chicago are available on ALA Connect.

The Hot Topics session was a resounding success, with over thirty attendees discussing assessment, digital resources, and the National Library of Medicine databases. The National Council for Learning Resources, our liaison to the American Association of Community Colleges, is looking into ways that libraries can contribute to the "Reclaiming the American Dream—Community Colleges & the Nation’s Future" report. David Wright created a twelve-step guide to hosting the annual awards dinner which will help future chairs of the Awards Committee.

The Membership/Communications Committee has created a Facebook page and promoted CJCLS at a few library schools. The Library Technical Assistant (LTA) Education Committee is focused on spreading awareness of library technician programs, connecting online with LTA program coordinators, and reaching out to underserved library staff who may be interested in their LTA education options.

CJCLS also co-sponsored a session with the Distance Learning and Instruction Sections entitled "Is It Worth It? Assessing Online Instruction."

Bring the ACRL Standards Workshop to You

Bring the one-day workshop, “Planning, Assessing, and Communicating Library Impact: Putting the Standards for Libraries in Higher Education into Action,” to your campus or consortia. The workshop is led by one or two expert presenters at locations across the country upon request. Libraries in higher education are increasingly required to demonstrate their value and document their contributions to overall institutional effectiveness. The Standards for Libraries in Higher Education is a framework for library planning and assessment that can be used for a variety of circumstances including annual planning, program review, and accreditation self-study. Through presentation, discussion, and group activities, learn how to use the Standards to communicate your library’s impact. Contact Margot Conahan, Manager of Professional Development, at mconahan@ala.org; 312-280-2522, to discuss dates and locations, pricing, and for complete workshop details.
HAMBURGER STEW

This issue’s recipe for Hamburger Stew comes to us courtesy of Sybil Stringer, a librarian in the Nursing/Allied Health Library at Hinds Community College in Jackson Mississippi. The exact origin of the recipe is unknown, but it has been a favorite in Sybil’s family for years.

INGREDIENTS
2 lbs ground beef
½ lb link sausage (optional)
2 medium yellow onions, chopped
4 14.5 oz cans stewed tomatoes
8 medium carrots, sliced
4 celery ribs, sliced
2 medium potatoes, peeled and cubed
2 cups of water
1/2 cup uncooked rice (white or brown, can even substitute pasta if desired)
salt and pepper to taste
1 clove of garlic, minced

DIRECTIONS
Cook beef, onion, and garlic over medium heat then drain.
Add tomatoes (with liquid), carrots, celery, potatoes, water, rice, salt and pepper; and bring to a boil.
Reduce the heat and cover and simmer for 20-30 minutes, or until vegetables and rice are tender.
Uncover and simmer for 20 minutes or until thickened.

ACRL 2015
Submit a proposal for ACRL 2015 in Portland, Oregon! The Call for Participation will be available in November of 2013. Watch the ACRL website for details!

TWO-YEAR TALK
A blog just for community college librarians! Inspired by a discussion on the CJCLS listserv.

web site usage data (June 5th-6th) - what web usage data do your collect and report?

retention terms for periodicals, compiled responses (July 18th) - how long do you keep your print periodicals? Tracey Johnson of Shawnee Community College compiled responses to an earlier inquiry on the listserv.

An introduction and request for help (August 6th-7th) - an honest discussion about scheduling and how to handle being open when a limited number of staff are available.

Archives Question (September 4th-25th) - a discussion on creating archives at Community College libraries which ended with a great crash course on archiving written by Heather Shaw of Northeast Texas Community College.

This newsletter was made with free and open source software, including Scribus and the Tango Icon Library.
Community College Learning Resources & Library
Achievement Award

CJCLS/EBSCO COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEARNING RESOURCES AND LIBRARY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

These two annual awards recognize significant achievement in the areas of programs and leadership.

Nominees for the program award should demonstrate significant achievement in development of a unique and innovative learning resources/library program.

Nominees for the leadership award should demonstrate significant achievement in advocacy of learning resources/library programs or services, or leadership in professional organizations that are associated with the mission of community, junior, or technical colleges.

Individuals or groups from two-year institutions, as well as the two-year institutions themselves, are eligible to receive awards. Nominations will be kept on file for three consecutive years.

Each Award: $500 and plaque sponsored by EBSCO Information Services

Nominations due
December 6, 2013