Now that fall is here, it’s always good to take inventory of what other libraries are doing. Here at Pepperdine we have been trying some interesting activities with our circulation student workers this semester. We have moved in the direction of electronic training and have created modules on customer service, time cards, policies and shelving. We have put these training modules on a libguide which also includes our circulation system, website, and news of the day. This way the student workers should (hopefully) have all of the information they need to be able to answer questions at the front desk.

We also have started a new gamification of the student worker job duties this semester. We are conducting a research study on whether getting points in a game and climbing up the game standings serves as a motivating tool for our circulation student workers. We’ll have the results at the end of the semester, and it will be interesting to see them. Speaking of games, I was inspired by a conference presentation to create a collection of board games our students can check out and take home. These same board games are made available during game nights held every semester as an alternative to the video games that are played tournament style.

All of the above activities have been done in house and at very little cost. One costly activity coming up is an extensive library renovation. I know when I was at midwinter last year at the Medium-Sized Academic Libraries DG we talked about library renovations among many other invigorating topics. Now our library renovation is getting nearer and nearer and it is interesting to see all the details come together. Our library was built in the 1970s as an administrative building and had one renovation in the 1980s. Now we have a chance to create a more cutting edge library with more study rooms and collaborative study areas.

I think about our jobs as college librarians and all the change we are involved in year to year and it truly is a very

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Call for Award Nominations

Excellence in Academic Libraries Award
$3,000 and a plaque
Sponsored by YBP Library Services
Deadline: Dec. 4, 2015
http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards/achievementawards/excellead

Academic/Research Librarian of the Year
$5,000 and a plaque
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CLS Innovation in College Librarianship Award
Previously $3,000
Sponsorship pending
Deadline: Dec. 4, 2015
http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards/achievementawards/cls
Upcoming Conferences

Opportunities for professional development and networking with other librarians within your field or discipline. If you would like to have a conference highlighted in the Spring 2015 issues, please let us know.

The librarian’s 1-stop resource for library conference planning—links are organized by region—USA & Canada and International. If you notice a conference isn’t listed, please submit to the site’s host, Doug Hasty.

ALA Midwinter—January 8-12, 2016, Boston, MA
http://2015.alamidwinter.org/

Annual Conference On The First-Year Experience, February 20-23, 2016, Orlando FL
http://www.sc.edu/fye/annual/

Computers in Libraries 2016, March 8-10, 2016, Washington, DC
http://computersinlibraries.infotoday.com/2016/

Electronic Resources & Libraries—April 3-6, 2016, Austin, TX,
http://electroniclibrarian.org/conference


Library Instruction West—June 8-10, 2016, Salt Lake City, UT (formerly LOEX of the West), http://campusguides.lib.utah.edu/liw16

ALA Annual—June 23-28, 2016, Orlando, FL (no website yet)

Learning Opportunities

Information about upcoming webinars on a variety of topics relevant to academic librarians. Feel free to share resources that might be of interest to others.

ACRL Online Learning—http://www.acrl.org/onlinelearning
Here you’ll find a variety of training opportunities including online courses and live webcasts.

ALA Online Learning, http://www.al.org/onlinelearning/
Select the subject area from the left side menu bar to see what is currently being offered. Among the subjects covered are collection management, Management Issues for Library Leaders

NISO webinars—http://www.niso.org/news/events/2015/webinars/ These webinars cover a variety of topics from Authority Control to managing e-resources.

WebJunction—https://www.webjunction.org/ Their tag line is “the learning place for librarians.” It is a free resource and offers a variety of papers and webinars that cover everything from leadership topics to accessibility issues.

Regional consortia, such as Amigos, https://www.amigos.org/all-courses and Lyrasis, http://www.lyrasis.org/Pages/Events.aspx offer a variety of classes, both in-person and online, covering everything from reference to cataloging to preservation to grant writing.

Kudos go to....

Samantha Thompson-Franklin, Acquisitions & Collection Development Librarian at Lewis-Clark State College in Idaho, promoted to full professor, beginning July 1, 2015.

Share your news with us. Submit your news—new job, promotion, etc., for the Spring Edition!
From the Chair, cont.

dynamic job. I am always surprised when people outside of the library profession think Librarians just sit and read all day.

I think it is always nice to take time and attend conferences to learn new things and see what is currently happening in the library field. This year we are going to Boston, MA for ALA Midwinter and Orlando, FL for ALA Annual. We have great CLS discussion groups at both conferences. The Leadership & Management Issues in College Libraries DG is an opportunity to explore current issues and trends in the administration of college libraries. The Medium-Sized Academic Libraries DG focuses on the unique challenges and opportunities afforded schools that aren’t small but aren’t big either. Details about the day, time, and topic of the discussion groups will be posted on COL-LIB-L and ALA Connect in the weeks leading up to the meetings.

If you have any suggestions for how CLS could better assist librarians who are serving or are interested in serving college campuses——or any questions about the section in general——please email me at Sally.Bryant@Pepperdine.edu. I would love to hear from you!

Spotlight—ALA/ACRL Resources

Various ALA and ACRL resources that you may or may not know about..... Let us know if you’d like to have a resource highlighted in the Spring 2016 issue.

ALAJoblist, http://joblist.ala.org/
—Job postings from the US and Canada that can be searched in a variety of ways. There is also a login portal for job seekers that allows for the posting of candidate profiles along with current resume that is searchable by employers.

—Accessible via the ACRL main page, left side menu bar. This is the place to find the various ACRL Guidelines and Standards, including guidelines for librarians with and without faculty status and a number of subject specific Information Literacy Competency Standards.

ACRL Metrics, http://www.acrl.ala.org/value/?p=613
—This is an “online subscription service developed by Counting Opinions in partnership with ACRL to provide comprehensive access to the annual ACRL Academic Library Trends & Statistics Survey data as well as the biennial National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) Academic Library Survey data.” Subscription information can be found here: http://www.acrlmetrics.com/package.php

Keeping Up With, http://www.ala.org/acrl/publications/keeping_up_with— an online current awareness publication from the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) featuring concise briefs on trends in academic librarianship and higher education. Each edition focuses on a single issue including an introduction to the topic and summaries of key points, including implications for academic libraries. Each issue is sent out via e-mail to ACRL members, however, this site has them all in one spot.
A Bit of Fun—Word Search

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