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Letter from the Chair

Greetings!

Despite the desert heat and a few monorail slowdowns, the Annual Conference events were well attended and well received. At Council I, we had a presentation by several Emerging Leaders working on a project to recommend software for a collaborative space for members to share ideas and find potential collaborators on projects. There doesn’t seem to be a straightforward solution yet, so stay tuned.

The General Membership Meeting and Breakfast introduced the omelet bar – a welcome and unexpected variance from the usual conference fare, so a tip of the hat to past chair Matt Marsteller. The room was packed with both new and continuing members, as well as a few undecided attendees. I’m sure the stimulating conversation, great food, and prizes made a positive impression. Many attendees stayed for the Hot Topics Discussion Session on Electronic Lab Notebooks. This started with a couple of short presentations from people working e-notebooks on their campus, and followed with discussions at the tables.

It has been the usual whirlwind year for STS, capped with the Annual Conference in Las Vegas. And we have even more to look forward to – Midwinter in Chicago, Annual in San Francisco, and the 2015 ACRL Conference in Portland, Oregon. This is ACRL’s 75th Anniversary, so they have set a special goal to offer twice as many scholarships for attendees as they have previously. To this end, STS has pledged to raise enough money for two scholarships ($650 each, for a total of $1350) for STS members to attend. For more information on how to donate check out http://acrl.al.org/acrl75/?page_id=272. For more information on eligibility requirements and how to apply for the scholarships, click here: http://conference.acrl.org/scholarships-pages-162.php. Still have questions? ACRL has created a very thorough FAQ: http://acrl.al.org/acrl75/?page_id=278
Letter from the Chair

Sunday night was dinner at El Segundo Sol for fajitas, tequila, and flan served family style. Attendees mingled by playing “Who am I (scientist edition)?” Players had to guess the name of the famous scientist or engineer stuck on a label on their back by asking others yes and no questions. Thank you to member-at-large Annie Zeidman-Karpinski for planning a wonderful evening.

As always, our Monday morning program was a highlight. “Sticking with STEM: How the Academic Library Can Help to Retain Successful Students” discussed how can librarians assist with student diversity and retention in the STEM and health science fields at their institution. Speakers Carissa Tomlinson, Jan Fransen, and Joanna Jezierska brought a range of interesting perspectives. This was co-sponsored with the ACRL Health Sciences Interest Group. The Poster Session (http://www.ala.org/acrl/2014-sts-conference-poster-session) followed, with around fifteen posters displayed.

I want to end with a hearty thank you to all our members. Our members’ contributions to committees and task forces, as well as participation and attendance at the meetings is so vital to our success as a section. I am honored to be serving as the STS chair, and look forward to all the amazing opportunities to work with you this year. If you have questions, concerns, or comments, I welcome the chance to talk.

Wishing you a wonderful fall,

Marianne Stowell Bracke, STS Chair
Purdue University Libraries
It is a privilege and an honor to serve you as STS Vice-Chair for 2014-2015. I appreciate your confidence and will do my best to build on the STS legacy of engaged, supportive members working together.

As science & technology librarians, we’re facing some of the most interesting opportunities and complex challenges our profession has to offer. STS provides a structure through which we can all participate by applying our expertise, asking questions, sharing solutions, teaching our friends and colleagues, and exploring the future together. Whether you’re seasoned or a freshly minted, productively employed or looking for the right position, working in a large research university, a small college, or a corporate library, there’s a place for everyone in STS.

There are a variety of ways to interact with your STS peers and be informed about Section activities. In addition to reading STS publications (Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship, STS Signal) and connecting with your peers via the STS-L listserv, you can join the Section on ALA Connect: http://connect.ala.org/acrl_sts.

Attend the stimulating STS programs and events at the ALA Mid-winter Meetings and Annual Conferences to network with colleagues.

Perhaps the most rewarding means of developing your leadership skills and contributing to the vitality of STS is by working on a committee. I hope you’ll consider continuing as or becoming an active STS member, directly sharing your ideas, energy and skills, by volunteering for one of the STS Committees. There are a range of standing and ad-hoc Committees, discussion groups, and program planning groups in need of members. STS is cognizant of the time and financial limitations that affect many members, so there are even some committees that offer ‘virtual’ membership. Committee terms are typically for 2 years and, regardless of when you volunteer, appointments will begin July 1, 2015, the beginning of the new STS year.

Information about STS committees and discussion groups is here:

http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections/sts/stswebsite/committees/stscommittees
Letter from the Vice-Chair

There is usually a call for volunteers in the December issue of College & Research Libraries News and I will send out another call on STS-L after the 2015 Mid-winter Meeting in Chicago. If you’ve already made a decision about getting involved, you can volunteer now or at any time: http://www.ala.org/acrl/membership/volunteer/volunteer

Contact me at any time with your ideas, suggestions and concerns about how STS can continue to adapt and remain relevant, how you can reap maximum value from STS, and how STS can best support and serve all of you, the members.

Hope to see many of you at the upcoming STS events in Chicago and San Francisco in 2015.

Mary Linn Bergstrom
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STS Dinner at ALA-Midwinter

The STS Dinner at Midwinter is sponsored through the generosity of IOP Publishing.

The Dinner will take place at Howells & Hood (435 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL 60611) on Sunday February 1st from 6pm until 9pm (with food served around 6:30pm)

Registration will be announced in late October on the STS-L listserv.

For more information, please contact Annie Zeidman-Karpinski, or Moriana Garcia.
Are you a member of the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC), the United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN), National Science Digital Library (NSDL), International Association of Technological University Libraries (IATUL) or another sci/tech organization?

Do you normally attend the conference of one of these organizations?

Would you like to be more involved in STS, or would if you “had the time”?

If so, the STS Liaison program could be a great opportunity for you!

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STS maintains a liaison program to encourage STS members to report on the meetings and activities of science and technology organizations. Liaisons have an opportunity to present to the community about what they’ve learned, as they help develop connections between librarians and other professions.

The STS Liaisons Committee has created an annual online forum in late spring which gives liaisons the chance to present on the organizations they work with to the STS community.

STS-appointed liaisons:
- Are needed for the organizations mentioned above
- Are expected to serve at least a two-year term (if possible)
- Attend the annual conference or meeting of their assigned organization
- Report back to the STS community

WANT TO BECOME A LIAISON FOR STS?
Let us know today to claim your organization!

(Organizations are claimed in the order of contact)

Contact: Maxine Schmidt (mschmidt@library.umass.edu) or Li Zhang (li.zhang@usask.ca)

Co-Chairs of the 2014 STS Liaisons Committee (http://www.al.org/acrl/sts/acr-stslia)

For more information, please visit http://www.al.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections/sts/stswebsite/liaison/STSLiaison
College Science Librarians' Discussion Group

The College Science Librarians’ Discussion Group has some new committee members, along with 2 returning members; the current committee is:

Barbara Harvey (Co-Chair), Cindy Li (Co-Chair), Pali U. K. De Silva, Nancy E. Frazier, and Paul Richard Hottinger

We are planning to develop a different format for our next program at Annual in San Francisco. We don’t know yet what the format will be, but stay tuned for updates!

Barbara Harvey and Cindy Li, Co-Chairs

STS Research Agenda Task Force

The STS Research Agenda Task Force is holding a forum at Midwinter 2015 on Sunday, Feb. 1, 3:00-4:00 pm to solicit feedback about the Research Agenda. The forum will include a brief overview of the results of our literature review and survey, a discussion of potential topics for the agenda based on those results, suggestions from the attendees for topics to be included/excluded, and recommendations regarding how to make the Research Agenda useful to the members of STS and other science and technology librarians. All STS members are encouraged to attend.

Andrea Baruzzi and Nestor Osorio, Co-Chairs

Science Resources: Discovery & Access Committee

The Science Resources Committee begins the year with new co-chair, Jennifer Roach, and with two new members, Joshua Bishoff and Angela Davis. With their help, we are reconsidering the work of the committee. We hope to identify a project which will address the committee’s charge and also provide a worthwhile service for the STS community.

Members of our committee are charged with providing “a forum for exchange of information relating to discovery of and access to science and technology resources” and identifying “concerns, problems, issues, trends, standards, and best practices.” While still in the early stages of planning, we are hoping to work on identifying barriers to discovery and access. Members have submitted their personal lists of concerns to create an extensive combined list. The next step will be to group these concerns to identify themes and then to find an “actionable” group. That is, we hope to find an area of concern to which we can help bring attention and, through that attention, improved discovery and access.

We are pleased to note that Committee member Sandra Barclay continues as STS’s representative to the international MARC Advisory Committee.

Jennifer Roach (jroach75@gmail.edu) and Larayne Dallas (ldallas@austin.utexas.edu), Co-Chairs
Revitalized STS Mentoring Program

Efforts to revitalize the STS Mentoring Program have borne fruit thanks to the participation of mentors and mentees, alike! The mentoring program pairs newer science and technology librarians with more experienced and accomplished colleagues. In the past fifteen months, the program has facilitated the establishment of eight new active mentoring pairings!

If you are new to science and technology librarianship and would like to benefit from the experience of your more seasoned colleagues, please visit the mentoring program webpage to learn more about this opportunity (the page is also linked directly off the STS home page under the Spotlight section). You may submit your mentoring request using the online form.

New mentors are also always welcome! There is increased need for those with experience in the following areas: assessment/altmetrics; data analysis/visualization tools; data management/data management plans; and scholarly communications/open access. If your skill set includes some of these things, please consider becoming an STS mentor!

The STS Continuing Education Committee also maintains a guide to professional development resources for science and technology librarians, linked on the spotlight section of the STS home page.

Uta Hussong-Christian, Mentoring Program Coordinator, ACRL/STS Continuing Education Committee

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Register at http://conference.acrl.org/ by February 15, 2015 and save more than 20%!

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Academic/Research Librarian of the Year
$5,000 and a plaque
Sponsored by YBP Library Services

Information for many other award opportunities may be obtained on the ACRL Web site:
http://www.ala.org/acrl/awards

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

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 conducting 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 $40,000 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
**Apply by Nov. 11 to Host ACRL 2015 Scholarly Communication Workshop as Road Show**

Today’s academic and research librarians increasingly act as change agents in the higher education community. Nowhere is this more true than in the realm of open access and scholarly communication. To help empower our community in accelerating the transformation of the scholarly communication system, ACRL is once again taking its popular scholarly “Scholarly Communications: From Understanding to Engagement” workshop on the road to five locations in 2015. The day-long workshop is led by two expert presenters at locations across the country, and the content is updated annually to meet the evolving needs of the community.

The program continues its cost-sharing model as ACRL is committed to underwriting the bulk of the expense for delivering the road show, and the cost for successful host institutions is $2,000. The application to host is now available. Apply **by Tuesday, November 11, 2014**, at 5pm Central. Find out more on the program website at [http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow](http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow).

**Did You Know?**

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