

About the Community and Junior College Libraries Section

ACRL's Community and Junior College Libraries Section provides the resources—ideas, programs, discussion forums, and networking opportunities—to support the development of community and junior college librarians.

CJCLS has five goals:

- 1 Recognize** the contributions to education and scholarly advancement made by community and junior college librarians and enhance their standing and that of their libraries.
- 2 Advocate** for institutional change to enhance learning, teaching, and research.
- 3 Serve** the field as an inclusive organization specifically geared toward community and junior college libraries.
- 4 Support** advanced learning through program development and planning.
- 5 Lead** the way in creating, expanding and transferring the body of knowledge of community and junior college librarianship.

How to Get More Involved

Visit the Community and Junior College Libraries Section web site at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/cjcls>. You will find all the information you need on getting involved under “Committees and Volunteer.”

CJCLS gave me the opportunity to serve on a national level in capacities I never thought possible. It provides community and junior college librarians with a voice and a place in ACRL and ALA.

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About ACRL

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is the foremost organization of academic and research librarians and other interested individuals. ACRL is dedicated to leading academic and research librarians and libraries in advancing learning and scholarship.

ACRL has 17 interest-specific sections that provide professional development through newsletters, discussion lists, specialized programming, preconferences, and awards.

ACRL Sections

- African-American Studies Librarians
- Anthropology and Sociology
- Arts
- Asian, African, and Middle Eastern
- College Libraries
- Community & Junior College Libraries
- Distance Learning
- Education and Behavioral Sciences
- Instruction
- Law and Political Science
- Literatures in English
- Rare Books and Manuscripts
- Science and Technology
- Slavic and East European
- University Libraries
- Western European Studies
- Women's Studies

How to Join ACRL and the Community and Junior College Libraries Section

ACRL dues include two section memberships at no additional cost. If you have questions about ACRL membership or would like more information on becoming an ACRL member, please contact us by phone or e-mail. To join ACRL, complete a paper application, call one of our courteous membership specialists at (800) 545-2433 (press 5), or visit www.ala.org/acrl and click “Join ACRL.”

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COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGE LIBRARIES SECTION



Advancement

Professionalism

Unique community

Recognition

Specialized resources

The purpose of the **Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS)** is to contribute to library service and librarianship through those activities which relate to libraries and learning resources centers and services and which support the educational programs in community and junior colleges and equivalent institutions.

Visit **CJCLS** online at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/cjcls>.

What do members of the Community and Junior College Libraries Section do?

Participate nationally in issues related to community and junior college libraries.

Plan programs related to community and junior college libraries for ALA and ACRL conferences.

Share ideas through discussion forums, such as Community and Junior College List (CJC-L) electronic discussion list and topical meetings at conferences.

Produce resources to guide practicing community and junior college librarians.

Network with like-minded colleagues

Enhance their knowledge of community and junior college librarianship and develop new skills.

What are the benefits of joining the Community and Junior College Libraries Section?

Advancement

With more than 1,300 members from a variety of community and junior college libraries, CJCLS members have a unique opportunity to increase knowledge and expertise, while making contacts with colleagues who share similar interests and experiences. CJCLS members have opportunities to lead committees, speak at programs, and publish in ACRL publications. The Library Technical Assistant Education Committee enhances the skills of non-Masters library employees.

Professionalism

CJCLS is dedicated to developing members who are recognized as flexible, dynamic, and progressive leaders in their institutions and scholarly communities.

Recognition

CJCLS provides the recognition that you and your library deserve. Membership in CJCLS provides valuable exposure for individual members and their libraries through conference programs at ALA Midwinter Meetings and Annual Conferences.

Specialized Resources

Members stay up-to-date with the latest trends in community and junior college library services. The CJCLS Newsletter is published twice a year in paper and electronic formats. CJCLS Guide Series Monographs encourage and sponsor ACRL publications relating directly to two-year academic institutions, modeled after the ACRL CLIP Notes. CJCLS has compiled a list of reviewed web tutorials which in our judgment are appropriate for community and junior college students.

If you're a community college librarian, this is the section in ALA to be involved with. There's no better place than CJCLS to connect with your colleagues in community and junior college libraries. My membership has given me the opportunity to serve at a national level in our association, develop professional relationships, and make a difference for our libraries. The information exchanged has been invaluable to me and to the faculty and students I serve.

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Unique Community

CJCLS members are active nationally in issues related to community and junior college librarianship. The section sponsors programs at the ALA conferences, hosts forums to inspire idea sharing, produces documents and standards that guide practicing librarians, and provides opportunities for virtual and face-to-face committee service. Members can join the Community and Junior College List (CJC-L), a thriving exchange on community and junior college librarianship. One member wrote, "CJC-L is the most practical, down-to-earth, and interesting library listserv I belong to. The questions and answers deal with real day-to-day library topics and the listserv is a great way to get quick replies to questions about your library." CJCLS offers an array of committees, task forces, and discussion forums dedicated to community and junior college librarianship, including conference program planning, awards, leadership, library technical assistant education, membership and communications for all types of community and junior college librarians.

Whether you are starting a whole new library or are a veteran at one institution, you can find valuable networking through the section's listserv and camaraderie. Opportunities abound for professional development and involvement at the national level."

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