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FROM THE CHAIR

Chapter Council Colleagues,

For those of you who were not able to attend ALA Midwinter 2014, I wanted to re-
port back that we had some very productive meetings in Philadelphia – more about
this later...

First, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Danielle Whren
Johnson (Maryland) for her leadership as Chair last year. She is continuing on the
Executive Committee as Past Chair, and assisting with a number of initiatives. We
welcome to the Executive Committee, Caroline Fuchs (Greater New York Metropoli-
tan Area), Vice Chair/Chair Elect; Tasha Cooper (Eastern New York), Secretary; and
Laura Heinz (Texas), Chapter Topics Editor. Ryan Gjerde (Iowa) continues as our
Listserv Manager.

Highlights of our meetings at ALA Midwinter:

*ACRL Leadership (Mary Ellen Davis, Executive Director; Trevor Dawes, President;
and Karen Williams, President-Elect) appeared to fill us in on initiatives this year –
financial literacy and data management, as well as the 3 three foci that came out of
the ALA Executive Board Strategic Planning Retreat – advocacy for value of libraries
and librarians, information policy, and professional and leadership development.

*ACRL Presidential candidates, Ann Campion-Riley (University of Missouri-St.
Louis) and Rickey Best (Auburn University-Montgomery) presented their candidacy,
aspirations and philosophy for office. Look for their personal statements elsewhere in
this issue.

*A Chapters Council Communications Subcommittee (Steiner, Gjerde, Gregory, and
Heinz) was appointed to enumerate communication vehicles; what information we
hope to share and with whom; to articulate our goals; identify overlap with chapters

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and ACRL National; and bylaws implications pertaining to any of the above. They will submit a report by ALA Annual 2014.

*Orientation for new chapter leaders continues to be a focus, as the orientation toolkit develops further through the dedicated efforts of Tasha Cooper and Stephanie Davis. Plans are underway to offer a second Chapters Council Leadership Orientation webinar in May – be on the lookout for an announcement and details.

*Chapter Leaders Mentoring Program has been initiated, and anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact any member of the Executive Committee (Kong, Fuchs, Gregory, Heinz, Johnson, Cooper).

*Thanks to a proposal from the New England Chapter, we are pursuing an initiative to have a presence at the ACRL 2015 Conference in Portland.

*Chapters Council (Fuchs, Kong, and Cooper) will be developing a program proposal for submission to the ACRL 2015 Conference.

*The Chapters Structure Survey Group (Kong, Johnson, Mathson, and Miles) was created to survey members regarding their conference practices and organizational structures.

*The Executive Committee will be working with ACRL staff regarding the posting of chapter annual reports, as well as the possibility of a virtual meeting at the next ALA Midwinter or sometime in the fall or spring semesters, between conference dates.

*The first “Best Practices” chapter presentation was conducted on vendor sponsorships in California, (the Power-Point presentation will be appended to the minutes of the Chapters Council meeting, as well as included in an upcoming blog post). This led to some interesting discussions among attendees on a number of related issues. Chapter representatives are encouraged to submit proposals (to Les Kong) for presentation at ALA Annual (possible topics include: membership recruitment, conference planning in large, regional, and multi-state chapters, and leadership succession).

As you can see, a busy, but very productive set of meetings!

Best,

Les Kong

Chair, ACRL Chapters Council

ACRL @ ALA Annual Conference

June 2014

ACRL President's Program



Speakers: David Eisler and Michelle Singletary

Saturday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Financial Literacy at Your Library

The program will bring together leaders in financial advising and higher education to discuss ways in which college students especially can learn how to more effectively manage their finances. In addition, the program will highlight ways in which librarians and libraries can partner with others on and off campus to aid our students in these endeavors.

Preconferences

Note: Pre-registration is required for all preconferences. Visit www.acrl.org (click on "Events & Conferences" for details).

Tuesday, June 24 – Friday, June 27, 2014,

Las Vegas, Nevada

55th Annual RBMS Preconference

Retrofit: Exploring Space, Place and the Artifact in Special Collections

The annual RBMS Preconference will consider the broad metaphorical themes of space, place, and the artifact in the special collections milieu inspired by the RBMS pre-conferences and meetings of the early 1960s. Join us to learn, discuss, share, and contemplate. See the preconference website at <http://www.preconference14.rbms.info/> for more info.

Friday, June 27, 2014, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

iPad, YouPad: Circulating iPad Collections in Academic Libraries

Learn how your academic library might employ a lending collection of iPads to empower faculty in the classroom to accomplish discipline-specific learning outcomes and prepare students for the workplace. Join a team of academic librarian presenters to learn how they planned, implemented, and assessed the use of a collection of iPads in their library. Be inspired by their example to seek funding, imagine opportunities to collaborate with campus and community partners, and pursue a circulating collection of your own.

Friday, June 27, 2014, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Maximize Your Professional Time: Strategies to Cultivate a Habit of Scholarship

Many academic librarians hold appointments for which they are expected to conduct research and report their findings through presentation and/or publication. Unfortunately, some of us are challenged by a lack of time management skills and poor writing habits. During this interactive preconference, learn how a series of interrelated strategies and practices can help improve productivity and cultivate a habit of scholarship. Topics include setting goals, determining priorities, generating plans, mapping plans to a calendar, establishing a habit of daily writing, monitoring progress, creating and using effective daily to-do lists, making work social, saying no, and letting go.

Programs

ACRL 101 & Membership Meeting

Saturday, June 28, 8:30 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

ACRL leaders will meet with first-time attendees and explain how to get the most out of the ALA Annual Conference experience as well as opportunities for engage-

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ment with ACRL. A membership meeting (30 minutes) will be followed by the orientation program.

ACRL Programs at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference

ACRL will offer 19 "must see" programs at the 2014 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago!

Complete program information is now available on the ACRL Web site at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/conferences/confsandpreconfs/annual/acrlac2014>. Contact Megan Griffin at mgriffin@ala.org for more information.

e-Learning from ACRL

ACRL offers a number of online learning opportunities to meet the demands of your schedule and budget. Visit <http://www.ala.org/acrl/onlinelearning> to see the full schedule of online seminars and live Webcasts.

2015 ACRL Conference in Portland, OR

March 25-28, 2015



Call for Participation and Registration

The call for participation is for the 2015 ACRL conference is now open! For more information on registration rates and deadlines, and to submit your proposals, see the conference website at <http://conference.acrl.org/>

Calling All ARCL Chapter Leaders!

Are you looking for a way to become a more active member of ACRL Chapters Council? Why not consider running for Office! We'd love to have you!

At our June 2014 meeting at ALA Annual Conference in Las Vegas, we will be electing two Executive Officers: Secretary and Vice-Chair. Candidates for either position must commit to attending ALA Midwinter and Annual Conferences during their terms of office.

The position of Vice-Chair is a three-year commitment, beginning also in July 2015, followed by a year of service as Chair, and then as Past-Chair immediately after. These are successive one-year terms. Additionally, this officer will also be expected to attend the ACRL Leadership Council at these conferences. Other duties as Vice-Chair include: organizing the Chapters Dine-Around Social at Midwinter and Annual; organizing Chapters Council Officer nominations and elections; and other duties as needed, including contributing to [Chapter Topics](#) newsletter.

The term of office for Secretary is one year, beginning in July 2015. This is a great way to get involved in Chapters Leadership without a long-term commitment. The Secretary is responsible for the minutes of the Chapters Council meeting and work session at Annual and Midwinter, and may be called upon to contribute to the Chapters Council blog, and other social media outlets.

Candidates for both positions will be required to send a brief bio, a position statement and a photo by early May. For more about these and other ACRL Chapters Officers positions, please refer to the ACRL Chapters Council Officers Manual here: http://www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/ACRL%20Chapters%20Council%20Officers%20Manual%20January%202014_0.pdf

Feel free to nominate yourself – or someone else that you feel would make an excellent Chapters Council Officer!

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to email me at fuchsc@stjohns.edu. I'm happy to set up a phone-call conference with you. I look forward to hearing from you.

Caroline Fuchs
ACRL Chapters Council Vice-Chair

Candidates statements for Vice-President / President-elect of ACRL



Rickey D. Best
Collection Development Librarian
Auburn University
at Montgomery

As a candidate for Vice-President / President-elect of ACRL, I recognize the contributions that Chapters Council members have made to the association. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to participate in Chapters Council as a member, and in the officer positions. My participation in the efforts of Chapters Council to improve has benefited the association. The providing of instructional sections at no cost to local chapters has created the opportunity to solicit new members for the local chapters' and for ACRL nationally. Your efforts to create a mentor program that you are now undertaking will also be a benefit to the local chapters and ACRL nationally.

I believe that ACRL needs to discover new and better

ways to communicate and share information with Chapters Council, to understand policy proposals and the potential impact any proposals might have on the local chapters. If elected, I would like to create an opportunity to discuss issues with the Chapters Council leadership and with as many chapters as is possible. The exciting things you are all doing in your regions can benefit us all - if we are able to share the information. There is so much we can accomplish by working together – to identify best practices that will help us all.

I hope that I may have the opportunity to work with you in the coming years as we strengthen ACRL and continue to move forward in demonstrating the value of academic libraries to the educational process. I would be happy to address any questions you might have. Contact me at the address below and I will respond as quickly as possible. Please accept my thanks and appreciation for all that you do.

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Ann Campion Riley

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Soon, in 2015, the Association of College and Research Libraries will celebrate its 75th birthday, the anniversary of its founding. Occasions like that call for celebration, and usually also promote reflection. As I think about the upcoming ACRL elections, reflection on that anniversary and what ACRL has meant to its members over the years led me to think about how ACRL has affected me, and what it has done and can continue to do for its members and for the whole library profession.

Through the course of a career, in any field, people's needs change. For the early career librarian, job placement is often at the top of the list. The job list that ALA and ACRL maintains now is a primary source of job information, and is the successor to the ads that used to run in *American Libraries* and still sometimes run in *ACRL News*. Many programs at ACRL conferences have focused on successful job searches, both for candidates and employers over the years. Every time I have looked for a position in my career as a librarian, those job ads have been essential to me. Promotion and sometimes tenure questions usually quickly follow, and ACRL programs along with publishing opportunities in ACRL publications are key ways that members learn and share knowledge to address those issues. Certainly the presentation and publication opportunities the association offers have been important to many of us, with *College and Research Libraries* maintaining its role as one of the most prestigious journals in our profession. Continuing education is another key component, and that has historically been one of ACRL's strongest areas of service, in forms and venues too many to describe fully.

For many, management training follows closely on promotion concerns, and again, ACRL has been right there with programming. One very successful program, the Harvard ACRL Leadership Institute, has been in operation now for almost twenty years, giving librarians the benefits of high quality leadership training that is recognizable to campus leadership, many of whom have attended other Harvard graduate educational leadership programs. Boosting the credentials of library leaders through this connection is a great service for interested members, one that has helped many over the life of the program. Close behind job placement, continuing education, and leadership training has to be standards work.

Writing and promulgating standards for libraries, librarians, collections, information literacy, distance library services and other aspects of librarianship are crucial roles for our professional association. Many times in past years, librarians reached out to ACRL standards for libraries as essential lines of defense when controversy or budget slashing hit their campuses and institutions. Whether the library or librar-

ian were members or not, those standards were there for them to help guide the planning and formation of services or help save them when the budget wolf was at the door. In my work some years ago at a community college, those standards were a tremendous help. Perhaps most importantly for many of us, where would our profession be today without the information literacy standards that ACRL took the lead in writing? It is hard to imagine how much different libraries and our outreach to learning and teaching would be without that landmark work now almost twenty years old, and currently beginning the first comprehensive revision. Those standards have been the bedrock for many as we began our careers and took our first library leadership positions.

This reminiscing could go on and on, but just a few paragraphs serve to show how very central ACRL is to our work as academic librarians. Leadership work in collections, diversity programs, and many other tremendously important areas continues to come from ACRL today. Because we are a volunteer organization with a small, very dedicated staff, most of the work has been done by you, the members of ACRL, past and present. Every other year at our conferences, new members join us after attending, many proclaiming it the "best conference ever". Evaluations of the conference continue to glow year after year, as does the quality of the conference programs. Cost is always a concern (at one point some years ago, I felt I could only afford to join in conference years!), and keeping a balance between cost and quality is a difficult challenge that ACRL must continue to address.

Recently, from 2009-2013, I had the privilege of serving on the ACRL Board of Directors. (Thanks for electing me.) Over those years, the Board worked to keep up the services that ACRL is known for, and to extend and improve them through the strategic Plan for Excellence. The Association has grown the roadshow on scholarly communications, the immersion program for information literacy, and has approved some new standards during that time. Currently the Board is working on the issue of data curation and what many of our members need to learn about it, and what new services may be asked of some libraries. The hugely successful Value of Libraries initia-

tive, funded by the federal Institute of Museum and Libraries Services, will be the next ACRL project that provides key tools and information to librarians, as it has already begun to do. If any members out there has not read the first report or heard any presentations about the work, stop reading and go online to do that right now. (Look under its authors, Megan Oakleaf or Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe). It is amazing, important work for the future of libraries and the survival of our profession.

During some strategic planning sessions a few years ago, the ACRL leaders also worked on branding. A phrase that came out of some exercises was, “ACRL, the higher education association for librarians.” An alternate version was “the association for librarians in higher education.” Those of you who have participated in planning sessions know how these things go—lots of talking, small groups, voting with dots, etc. They are not a favorite activity for most of us. However, they are often useful, and the fact that ACRL is the primary professional group for librarians in higher education is a useful idea to articulate. Most members probably know that at some level, but we seldom think of it. As I look back over the achievements and activities of my time in ACRL, the centrality of ACRL to academic librarianship is very clear. The Association needs to continue to flourish and do its work through its members. The Association needs to keep working to learn and address the professional needs of its members. The Association works for members at every stage of their careers. I would like very much to be one of the presidents who have helped form the history and the future of ACRL.

Chapter Reports

Illinois

After a successful 2012 IACRL conference, enthusiasm was high for continued outreach through 2013. At-



tached is a photo from a successful social event held at ACRL in Indianapolis. Our chapter councilor, Gwen Gregory attended both ACRL work and social sessions at ALA 2013 in Chi-

cago and kept members informed about news from the national organization. Officers and volunteers designed T-shirts (for sale) and temporary tattoos (for free) and set up a booth at the Illinois Library Conference in October of 2013, where we were part of a successful social event known as a “Pub Crawl.” Fun was on the agenda that night as various librarian professional associations (public, special, YA and IACRL) sponsored each site that featured a trivia or question game and collectible pins. IACRL librarians entertained Illinois colleagues with questions from “Would You Rather” and gave out Tattooed Librarian pins. Now we’re preparing for the 2014 IACRL Conference to be held in March 2014. With two pre-conferences on Thursday, March 20 sponsored by the Consortium for Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) and the Health Sciences Librarians in Illinois (HSLI), and an open Thursday evening social event, our Friday March 21st conference, “Telling Our Story: Impact and Assessment” with keynote speaker Moe Hosseini-Ara is widely anticipated and promises to continue IACRL’s efforts in Illinois.

Submitted by Pattie Piotrowski
President of Illinois Chapter

Iowa

At the Annual Iowa Library Association Conference, held in Coralville, Iowa, October 15-17, 2013, the Iowa ACRL chapter co-sponsored 5 concurrent sessions. ACRL's Immediate Past President, Steven Bell, presented sessions on the Evolving Higher Education Role for Academic Libraries and Cutting Through the Noise, or how to better listen to and create conversations with our users. LYRASIS's Peter Murray presented on Open Source Library Applications and Linked Data. And finally, Jean Donham, Professor of School Library Studies at the University of Northern Iowa, presented on her research of high school students and College Research Readiness.

Ariana Santiago, Undergraduate Services Resident Librarian at the University of Iowa, was awarded the chapter's Annual Conference Scholarship, which recognizes a chapter member new to the profession, or new to the state.

Following the Annual Conference, Anne Marie Gruber of the University of Dubuque was elected as Vice President/President-Elect; Andrea Beckendorf of Luther College was elected as Secretary/Treasurer; and Carrie Dunham-LaGree of Drake University was elected as At-Large Board Member. They join Dan Chibnall of Grand View University, who assumes the role of chapter President for 2014.

The chapter's Spring Conference will be held on May 2, 2014, in Ankeny, Iowa. See <http://iowaacrl.org> for more information.

Submitted by Ryan Gjerde
Digital Initiatives Librarian, Luther College

Michigan

In October and November 2013, the Michigan Chapter Chairs conducted a survey of academic librarians in our state to gauge their interest in our newly revitalized Chapter and find out what folks would like to see the Chapter accomplish. In Michigan, the ACRL Chapter falls under the auspices of the Michigan Library Association (MLA) and only those librarians who are members of both ACRL and MLA are official members of the chapter. Through the survey, we sought to educate non-Chapter members about the dues structure of MLA and learn how often respondents attend MLA events among many other things.

Not surprisingly, half of the survey respondents reported irregular attendance at MLA conferences. However, 60% of respondents noted that they would be likely or very likely to attend stand-alone Chapter events. The Chairs found that information encouraging. Similarly, more than 20% of respondents expressed interest in getting more involved with the Chapter.

To that end, Chapter Chair Scott Garrison recently established an MLA/ACRL Chapter page in Facebook and set up a Chapter Twitter account (#mlacrl), so we can better communicate with both current and prospective members. The Chapter Chairs also hosted a social at the Marriott Hotel during ALA Midwinter. (See the photos from that event [here](#).) This was the third consecutive ALA Conference at which we have held such an event. In addition, the Chapter Chairs are currently planning our first ever virtual Chapter business meeting on April 2nd, and the Chairs will play active roles in the annual MLA Academic Libraries Conference on May 29th-30th in East Lansing.

One very surprising outcome of our survey was the discovery that 73.5% of respondents reported **being**

unfamiliar with or uncertain about the ACRL Plan for Excellence. Only five respondents acknowledged being familiar with the Plan and/or having implemented aspects of it at their respective institutions. From this, the Chairs recognized that we have much to do to build and sustain our Chapter, as well as represent and promote ACRL to academic librarians throughout Michigan.



Michigan Chapter ALA Midwinter 2014



If any Chapter leaders are interested in reviewing the questions we posed on our survey, we will be happy to share that information with you. Please contact Stephanie Mathson at maths1sm@cmich.edu.

Submitted by Stephanie Mathson
Chapter Chair-elect, 2013-14

Minnesota

Nearly 150 academic librarians gathered on April 26 for ARLD Day 2013 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. The Academic and Research Libraries Division (ARLD) of the Minnesota Library Association serves as the ACRL state chapter for Minnesota. ARLD Day is our annual one-day conference.

Our keynote speaker, Jenica Rogers, inspired the audience to actively manage the terms of licensing agreements and relationships with publishers. As one attendee noted, "I really enjoyed her enthusiasm and her challenge to not accept doing things the way we have always done them." Several subsequent sessions followed the conference theme of Changing Collections: Advocating for Our Future, including sessions on E-Book Rights Advocacy and Licensing E-Books. There were options for library instruction on hot topics like flipping the classroom and MOOCs. Lightning rounds highlighted videogames, digitizing Hubert Humphrey's documents, and reducing the size of reference collections.



2013 ARLD President Amy Springer with Keynote Speaker Jenica Rogers

Minnesota cont.

During ARLD Day, Shane Nackerud received the 2013 Academic Innovators Award for his work on two library assessment projects. Shane is the Technology Lead for the eLearning Support Initiative at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.

In addition to ARLD Day, our chapter held several other events during 2013. ARLD hosted a complimentary viewing of a live ACRL e-Learning webcast, Sparking Innovation in Your Library, in June at the University of Minnesota. The ARLD Business Meeting in October featured a poster session. Among the topics were Championing DRM-Free eBooks, Dispelling the Myth of the APA Monster, and Making a Distinguished Faculty Member's Publications Freely Available. In December, ARLD sponsored a dialogue, "Mindfulness in the Library," hosted by Minneapolis Community & Technical College Library.

The Minnesota Chapter had an active and successful 2013, and planning is already underway for 2014. For more information on our chapter and our events, visit our website.

Submitted by Randi Madisen
Minnesota ACRL Communications Officer

Mississippi

Greetings from the Magnolia State!

The ACRL chapter in Mississippi had an active year in 2013. Our annual spring workshop was held on May 24 in Jackson, Mississippi and focused on embedded librarianship in academic libraries, featuring great presentations by reference and instruction librarians from the Mississippi State University Librar-

ies: Mr. Brad Brazzeal, Ms. Rachel Cannady, Dr. Deborah Lee, and Ms. Greta Wood.

Our fall program took place during the Mississippi Library Association annual conference on October 17 in Biloxi, Mississippi and featured an excellent presentation by Ms. Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Professor/Coordinator for Information Literacy Services & Instruction from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Lisa's presentation was entitled "Creating Academic Library Value Through Collaboration: Extending Information Literacy in Partnership with Student Affairs."

An election for new MLA-ACRL officers was held in December, and the 2014 officers are:

Bob Wolverton (Mississippi State University), Chair
James Kennedy (Hinds Community College), Vice-Chair

Steve Haller (University of Southern Mississippi), Secretary

We look forward to another active year in 2014!

Submitted by Bob Wolverton
Chapter Chair, 2014

Nebraska

The Nebraska Library Association held its annual conference on 9-11 October 2013 at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE. This year's theme was *Advocacy: Make the Connection*. Our section sponsored several talks, which are detailed below.

On Thursday, C&U sponsored five sessions. Marty Magee (National Network/Libraries of Medicine) spoke about the importance of clear communication in order to better advocate for libraries. Her presentation included resources and examples to aid in writ-

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ing for business purposes such as grants, budgets, and reports. Holly Duggan (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) showed how to design online learning tutorials, and showed several free resources that were available (including Prezi, Flogster, and Jing).

Jenny Bossaller, Peter Johnson (University of Missouri) and Annette Parde (Nebraska Wesleyan University) presented on how to inspire student employees and non-professional staff. This presentation was co-sponsored with the Special & Institutional section. Jennifer Harvey and Rochelle Krueger (University of Nebraska-Kearney) presented on how they were able to establish relationships with various colleges on campus to facilitate on-site assistance to both students and faculty. Sue Ann Gardner (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) spoke on how to assist scholarly authors as they publish their work.

On Friday, C&U sponsored another five sessions. Katherine Walter (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) presented on the Nebraska Portal, developed by Center for Digital Research in the Humanities at UNL as well as area scholars and libraries. Co-sponsored with the Public Library and Trustee section. Sheryl Williams (University of Nebraska Medical Center) and Dee Urwiller, Janet Wilke, and Susan Mueller (University of Nebraska-Kearney) discussed preparing for a disaster in the library, using practical advice from their own experience with wind damage in 2013.

Rene Erlandson (University of Nebraska-Omaha) and Rob Ross (OCLC) presented on how to manage system migration from a traditional system to one “in the cloud.” Katherine Walter, Margaret Mering (University of Nebraska-Lincoln), and Tom Mooney (Nebraska State Historical Society) presented on their collaboration in cataloging and developing finding aids for three major railroad archival collections. This presentation was co-sponsored with the Special & Institutional section. Margaret Mering (University of

Nebraska-Lincoln) presented on her experience in the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions and the issues surrounding serial publications at the international level in the IFLA’s Serials & Other Continuing Section.

Submitted by Billie Cotterman
ACRL Chapter Liaison, College and University Section, Nebraska Library Association

New England

Greetings from the ACRL New England Chapter! Since our last report our chapter has continued to focus on providing high quality professional development and networking events for librarians in our region. We held our 2013 Annual Conference on May 10, 2013 at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. This sell-out event, which was attended by more than 320 librarians from New England and afar, was themed *Communities in the Cloud, the Commons, and the College*. Lynn Sutton, Dean of Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University was our keynote speaker and perfectly set the tone of the conversation for the day. Her library won the ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in 2011 – clearly in part due to superior community building. After the morning keynote was a satisfying day of speakers, panels, posters, vendors, and networking with colleagues. The conference included our popular student-pairing program, in which library school students and professional librarians are matched for the day, appointments for resume review, and a ride-share program.



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During the conference business meeting outgoing President, Leslie Button (UMass Amherst), thanked the Conference Planning Committee, officers, SIG chairs, and committee chairs for their hard work over the past year and handed over leadership of the chapter to incoming President Eleta Exline (University of New Hampshire). Results were announced for the election of new 2013/2014 officers (Phil Waterman, Vice President/



President Elect, Assumption College and Karin Heffernan, Member-at-large, New England College) as were recipients of chapter scholarships and awards (Best Paper

Award, Angela Locknar,

MIT Libraries; ACRL National Conference Scholarship, Jeanette Lundgren, Becker College; Annual Conference Scholarship for Library School Students, Shelley Gayler, Texas Women's University; Continuing Education Scholarship, Ruth Alcabes, Springfield Technical Community College). Laura Hanlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) announced the creation of a new scholarship to honor the life of Christine Drew, a much loved and much missed member of our chapter. The Christine Drew Scholarship will support a member of ACRL/NEC to attend one track of ACRL Immersion. The scholarship includes a registration and travel stipend up to \$1000 to attend the ACRL Immersion program and complimentary registration and a travel stipend to attend the ACRL/NEC Annual Conference.

The Conference Planning Committee, led by Vice President and Chair Phil Waterman, has been busy planning our 2014 Annual Conference, themed *We're*



All in This Together: Strengthening Librarians Through Professional Development. The event will take place May 9, 2014 at College of the Holy Cross and feature keynote speakers Susanne Markgren and Tiffany Eatman Allen, authors of *Career Q&A: A Librarian's Real-life, Practical Guide to Managing a Successful Career*. The outstanding schedule of sessions and posters is now available, and

registration is open: <http://conference2014.acrlnec.org/>. Our colleagues from other chapters are welcome to attend this always-popular event!

Throughout the year our chapter's special interest groups develop, plan, and coordinate events on a variety of topics of interest to our members:

The Access Services Group (ASIG) held its spring event - *Say Whaaaaat??? Communication in Access Services* - on June 14, 2013 at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. The morning session was entitled *Interpersonal Communication with Focus on Libraries* and presented by Diane McNamara (Bentley University). The afternoon was devoted to roundtables and panel discussions on varied topics, including social media and networking, library staff development, "saying no," and student training. More than 50 people attended this event. ASIG's next conference, *CO-EXIST: Workplace Culture*, will be held February 21 at College of the Holy Cross. Featured speakers are Michael Krasulski, an editor of *Twenty-First-Century Access Services: On the Front Line of Academic Librarianship* and Brian Greene (Northeastern University), who will speak on Northeastern's reorganization and the changes in Access Services that accompany the library's move into the digital era.

The Collection Development Interest Group (CDIG) and Electronic Resources Interest Group (ERMIG) co-sponsored *Cutting edge Issues in Licensing: Text Mining, MOOCs and More* held at Northeastern University, Boston, MA on April 25, 2013. M.S. Vijay Kumar (MIT) provided an overview of developments in online, open education in a talk entitled *Open Education on the Move: New Pathways for Learning*. Ryan Cordell (Northeastern University) presented *Why Humanists Need Data: New Uses for Electronic Archives* where he discussed his digital humanities project using nineteenth century U.S. newspapers. Jolee West (Wesleyan University) presented *Tipping Point: MOOCs, Copyright and the Challenges and Rewards of Wesleyan's Coursera Partnership* where she described her experiences doing copyright research for Wesleyan's MOOCs. Next was Kyle Courtney (Harvard Law School) with *Making the Legal Case for Transformative Fair Use: MOOCs and Text Mining* in which he discussed the recent HathiTrust case (The Authors Guild,

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Inc. et al v. Hathitrust et al) and the concept of text mining as transformative fair use. The program's final speaker was Celeste Feather (LYRASIL) with *The Consortial Arena: The Challenges of Negotiating Cutting Edge Licensing Provisions*. Feather discussed her role at LYRASIL as the lead negotiator for the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Licensing Initiative. This day-long event was attended by more than 50 people.

Approximately 50 people also attended CDIG's program "Creating Community with Digital Collections: A Conversation about Curation and the Public Good," which was held

at Tufts University, Medford, MA on December 13, 2013. The program highlighted two digital



collections designed and created to engage community, illuminating the larger issues surrounding digital collections. The featured panelists were Dan Cohen, Executive Director of the Digital Public Library of America and Elizabeth Maddock Dillon, co-director of the NULab and co-founder of *Our Marathon Archive* at Northeastern University. The conversation was moderated by Michael Leach (Harvard University).

On March 13, 2013 the Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG) held its *DigiCamp '13* at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI. This low cost half-day conference featured a community-driven format where each technology related session was designed and delivered by attendees. *DigiCamp '14*, featuring the same unconference format, will be held on March 14 at Simmons College.

The New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) held its Spring Meeting on April 19, 2013 at Phillips

Academy, Andover, MA. Laura Saunders (Simmons College) presented the workshop *The Future of Information Literacy: Taking a Lead in Collaboration and Assessment*, which included interactive sessions and hands-on practice with assessment tools. NELIG's June 21 Annual Program, *Libraries, Librarians & Literacies: Information Literacy in Context*, took place at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. Keynote speakers Thomas P Mackey and Trudi E. Jacobson presented *Reimagining Information Literacy as a Metaliteracy: Empowering Learners for Participation, Collaboration, and Reflection*. The day included two workshops presented by the keynotes, eight breakout sessions, and time to connect with presenters and attendees. More than 100 people attended this event. On September 27 NELIG held its Fall Meeting at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, featuring the panel discussion *Playing Fair: Intellectual Property in the Age of Digital Research* with Arlene Bielefield (Connecticut State University), Martha Kelehan (Tufts University) and Greg Wallace (MassArt Library). The group's Winter Meeting on December 6 took place across three different campuses (Trinity College, Hartford, CT; Wheelock College, Boston, MA; and St. George's School, Middletown, RI) and featured 10 sessions where librarians shared lessons, described the lesson planning process, identified learning outcomes, and discussed assessment. On February 7, 2014 the group held its Spring Meeting featuring *When Speaking Feels Like Striking: Learning to Teach and Present Confidently* presented by Amanda Good Hennessey (Boston University). Amanda used her experience in as an actor and acting teacher to guide participants in the art of public speaking. NELIG's 2014 Annual Program will be held



June 6 at UMass Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA. *Teaching Across Difference* will feature key-

note speaker Yu-Hui Chen who co-authored an article with Mary K. Van Ullen - "Helping International Stu-

dents Succeed Academically through Research Process and Plagiarism Workshops.” The program will explore how instruction librarians negotiate and accommodate difference in their work.

The Scholarly Communication Interest Group (SCIG) held the program *New Roles for Supporting Digital Scholarship in Academic Libraries*, on June 19, 2013 at Northeastern University, Boston, MA. The day explored the various ways in which academic librarians are supporting digital scholarship on their campuses. Speakers were Nick Shockey (Right to Research Coalition/SPARC), Jean Bauer (Brown University), and Jen Ferguson (Northeastern University). On November 14, 2013 the SCIG held *Altmetrics: Help Your Researchers Measure Their Full Impact* at Northeastern University. Speakers Heather Piwowar (ImpactStory), Andrea Michalek (Plum Analytics), and Nettie Lagace (NISO) discussed new metrics based on the social web for analyzing and informing scholarship. Panelists Scott Lapinski (Harvard University), Megan Brooks and Adele Wolfson (Wellesley College), John Furfey (MBL/WHOI) and Lisa Palmer (UMass Medical) shared their experiences in using altmetrics to advance scholarly communication.

The Women’s Studies Interest Group (WSIG) recently conducted a survey of members in order to understand their interests. Results will be used to develop programs in the coming years.

The Leadership Development Committee is presenting a program March 7, 2014 called *Numbers and Spreadsheets and Budgets (Oh my!)* at College of the Holy Cross. Tracey Leger-Hornby (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and Diane Klare (Wesleyan University) will give practical information targeted to those with little financial background on developing budgets as a means of setting priorities and communicating needs. Case studies and hands on activities will provide the opportunity to practice and explore strategies in a safe environment.

The New England Chapter is looking forward to commissioning the design of a new chapter logo this spring and will redesign our website soon. Our chapter welcomes any opportunities to collaborate with other ACRL chapters on initiatives, ideas, and programs. Please let

us know if you’d like to start a conversation!

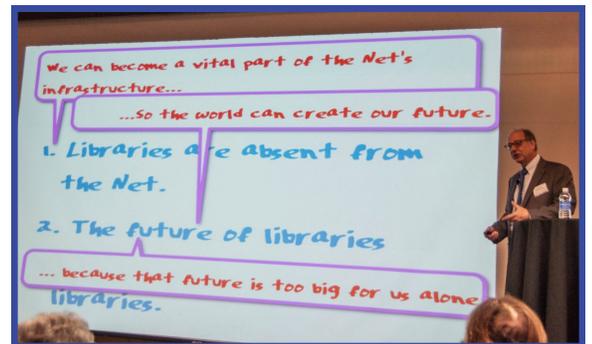
Submitted by Eleta Exline
Scholarly Communication Coordinator

New Jersey

The 15th Annual VALE/NJ –ACRL/NJLA-CUS Users’ Conference was held on January 10. The theme was “Libraries as Leaders: Off the Ropes and Into the Ring.” It was a full day of events and included 24 breakout sessions and 11 poster sessions. Attendance exceeded 300 for the first time and names were still on the wait list for conference.

We were honored to welcome David Weinberger as our keynote speaker, whose ad-

dress was titled “The Future of Libraries Won’t Be Invented by Libraries.” A foremost interpreter of technology’s impact on business and society, Dr. Weinberger gave a thought provoking presentation illustrating how technology, especially the Internet, is changing business and knowledge and what this means for libraries.



Dr.

Weinberger is a senior researcher at Harvard University’s prestigious Berkman Center for Internet & Society and is co-director of the Harvard Library Innovation Lab.

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He is also the author of several acclaimed books, including *The Cluetrain Manifesto: The End of Business as Usual* and his most recent, *Too Big to Know: Rethinking Knowledge Now That the Facts Aren't the Facts, Experts are Everywhere and the Smartest Person in the Room is the Room* bringing to light how information is transforming business and society.

Our chapter is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 10 programs at the 2014 New Jersey Library Association (NJLA) Conference, to be held June 20-24 in Atlantic City. Jeffrey Beall, Scholarly Initiatives Librarian, Auraria Library, University of Colorado, Denver has accepted our invitation to be our luncheon speaker and we are delighted that he will be visiting N.J. The Distinguished Service Award is presented at the luncheon and nominations are currently being reviewed. In addition, the Technology Committee will present the 'MacGyver Award' for librarians who have shown agility and tenacity to get work done using new and innovative technologies or existing technologies in a creative and innovative way. Two awards will be given; one to a four-year institution and one for a two-year institution. Nominees for the MacGyver award have been invited to present to members of the Technology Committee and Executive Board in early March.



We are also pleased to report that our chapter will continue to collaborate with the School of Communication and Information (SCI) at Rutgers on colloquium programs. Co-sponsors of the December program, Embargoes and Open Access, we are also co-sponsoring the February program, Copyright Beyond Print, along

with two additional programs later in the spring. We have also invited a representative from SCARLA (The Student College, Academic, Research Libraries Association at Rutgers University) to attend our monthly board meetings as a way of strengthening our relationship with the library school and its students at Rutgers.

Submitted by Nancy Weiner

William Paterson University of New Jersey

Eastern New York

Greetings from Eastern New York!

This past fall, our chapter continued our popular brown bag lunch series, with discussions at multiple sites in our membership area. Discussions were held at the State University of New York at Albany, Clarkson University, and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. The topic was the possible benefits and pitfalls that Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) present to institutions of higher education.

Plans are underway for our spring conference, to be held at the State University of New York at Oswego on May 19. The focus of this year's conference will be the first year experience, and our keynote speaker will be Colleen Boff, Professor and Associate Dean of University Libraries at Bowling Green State University.

We welcome visitors to our events and questions about our Chapter. Please contact Jane Kessler (jkessler@albany.edu, current chapter president or any of the officers listed above. See our website at <http://www.enyacrl.org>

Submitted by Jane Kessler

University at Albany

Greater New York

The Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter of ACRL (ACRL/NY) held its Annual Symposium on December 6, 2013. This day-long event, titled “The Library as Knowledge Laboratory,” addressed the convergence of academic libraries and digital scholarship at a moment of changing expectations and scholarly behavior in higher education. Questions of how we adapt to a culture of participation, innovation and collaboration were explored from a variety of positions and points of view.

The keynote speaker was Susan Gibbons, University Librarian at Yale University. Her talk titled, “Aligning the Library into the University’s Knowledge Laboratory,” highlighted some of the current trends in higher education and how the library can influence campus-wide changes. Gibbons spoke about how the library supports and contributes to the university mission and needs to have an institutional orientation and develop an identity that is linked to that mission. Gibbons said that developing a system of evidence-based decision making allows the library to contribute to institutional priorities instead of becoming an overhead cost. She challenged library professionals to consider how library programs and services align with the priorities of the institution.



Susan Gibbons

Gibbons was followed by a panel of New York City digital humanists from Columbia University, NYU, NYPL and METRO. They discussed “Lab Culture: Incubating Digital Initiatives” in each of their institutions. Some of

the opportunities for collaboration and the challenges of scalability and sustainability working with digital projects were explored. There was a flurry of live-tweeting during this panel session which led to a parallel conversation concerning definitions of some of the terminology of digital scholarship.



Panelists taking a question from the audience

The afternoon sessions began with Adam Rogers of North Carolina State University, who talked about the evolution of the Makerspace in the Hunt Library and its role in fostering creativity and innovation. Starting a new service like this in an academic library required practical thinking about materials, user needs and the role of technology in the library.



Adam Rogers

The day ended with a talk by Tom Scheinfeldt, Associate Professor of Digital Media and Design, and Director of Digital Humanities in the Digital Media Center at the University of Connecticut titled, “Looks Like the Internet: Networks and the Future of Libraries.” Scheinfeldt’s theory is that experimentation happens at the “end nodes” and the success of projects like Omeka and other open

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source software depends on the creativity and innovation that happens in a decentralized network. Scheinfeldt challenged librarians to resist centralizing efforts that can stifle the development of innovative digital projects.



Tom Scheinfeldt

By all accounts the symposium was a great success and the speakers' talks provoked animated discussion on Twitter, recorded on the hashtag: #acrlny13. This activity led to 1694 tweets collected from the event which was presented as a Twitter archive visualization on our website. To learn more see; <http://acrlnysymp2013.wordpress.com/twitter/>

For more details about ACRL/NY 2013 Symposium, visit the dedicated website at:

<http://acrlnysymp2013.wordpress.com/>. Our chapter newsletter, *ACRL/NY Connections*, put out a special post-Symposium edition:

<http://acrlny.org/newsletter/connections-winter-2014/>

We are already underway planning the 2014 Symposium, which will take place on December 5, 2014 in New York City.

Legislative Liaison: Christina Harlow, Columbia University

Submitted by

Anice Mills, 2014 ACRL/NY President

North Dakota

The North Dakota –Manitoba ACRL Chapter held its annual spring symposium on April 29, 2013 at the University of North Dakota (UND), Grand Forks, with approximately thirty academic librarians from North Dakota and Manitoba in attendance. The theme of the 2013 symposium was *Liaison Librarians: What is the Role of the Liaison Librarian?*

Keynote speaker, Mary Feeney, Associate Librarian, Research Services Team, from the University of Arizona Libraries shared her experiences as the University librarians moved away from the common liaison model to one in which the collection development and research support team separated from instructional services. During the past year, the Research Services Team developed a new framework for communicating with and learning about the needs of faculty and students.

This year's presentations by chapter members were as follows:

A Round-Table discussion led by a panel of North Dakota and Manitoba librarians about what it means to be a liaison librarian in an academic institution. What are the traditional roles of the liaison librarian and what are the changing roles that some librarians are experiencing
Emma Popowich, Languages Librarian (Elizabeth Dafoe Library, U of M) presented "Embedded Librarianship: Participation in Academia as a Student and Librarian"
Asako Yoshida, Reference & Liaison Librarian (Elizabeth Dafoe Library, U of M) presented "Designing Student-Centered Learning Environments in Higher Education: A Potential Role for Librarians"

John, Tooth, Ph.D., Copyright Officer and Head of the Copyright Office (University of Winnipeg Library) presented "Copyright Liaison: The Role of the Library's Copyright Officer, University of Winnipeg"

The chapter's annual general meeting was held during the midday break when the 2013-2014 officers and executive committee members were announced:

Mary Hegle Drewes, chair (Univ. of North Dakota)
Nicole Michaud-Ostryk, chair-elect (Univ. of Manitoba)
James Kominowski, immediate past-chair (Univ. of Manitoba)

Andrea Lorenz, secretary (Mayville (ND) State Univ.) resigned

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Janet Rex, secretary (Univ. of North Dakota) appointed to fill vacant position

Jim Sutherland, treasurer (Univ. of Manitoba)

Lenard Lawless, member-at-large and webist (Univ. of Winnipeg)

Sally Dockter, legislative liaison (Univ. of North Dakota)

Wilbur Stolt, non-commercial registered agent (Univ. of North Dakota)

Submitted by Mary Hegle Drewes, chair (University of North Dakota)

Ohio

The ALAO Annual Conference, "The Changing Faces of Academic Libraries: Transforming, Reorganizing, Re-imagining" was held October 24-25 at the Kent State University at Stark.

Dr. Nancy Fried Foster was the keynote speaker, with a talk entitled *Changing Libraries by Design*. A Senior Anthropologist at Ithaca S+R, Dr. Foster works on participatory design of library technologies and spaces. In her talk, Dr. Foster discussed a collaborative approach to library design with an emphasis on acting on the information that is gathered in participatory design processes.



2013 Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award given to Don Appleby

Don Appleby, Library Specialist and Building Manager, Bierce Library at the University of Akron, was the recipient of the Jay Ladd Distinguished Service Award during the 2013 Annual Conference. Past President Sue Polanka presented the award, citing Don's long service to ALAO as a Board Member at Large, member of the Conference Planning

Committee, and currently as the ALAO Treasurer.

Other Awards Announced at Annual Conference

Research Awards

Hilary C. Bussell, Ohio University

Christopher S. Guder, Ohio University

Jessica Hagman, Ohio University

Student Presenter Grant

Jamie Bloss, Kent State University Geauga

Support Staff Presenter Grant

Donald Pearson, Mount Carmel Health Science Library

ALAO Continuing Education Grant

Katie Foran-Mulcahy, University of Cincinnati – Claremont College

Kenneth Irwin, Wittenberg University

Teddy Award

Jeanne Langendorfer, Bowling Green State University

Distance Learning Visionary Award

Bridget Faricy-Beredo, University of Toledo

ALAO Diversity Scholarship

Conrad Pegues (Kent State University)

Robert Millspaugh (Kent State University)

Submitted by Katie Blocksidge

The Ohio State University at Newark

Central Ohio Technical College

Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Chapter of ACRL held its annual conference/workshop on October 25, 2013 in the beautiful Edmon Low Library seen below in Stillwater, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State University Libraries, in conjunction with the University of Oklahoma Libraries and the Oklahoma Chapter hosted the ACRL Scholarly Communications Workshop. The whole day workshop was led by William Cross, JD, Director of the Copyright and Digital Scholarship Center at North Carolina and Molly Keener, Scholarly Communication Librarian at Wake Forest University. This workshop was intended to provide a foundational understanding for participants and serve as a catalyst for change. Everybody who attended learned something new and received many ideas from the group activities. Part of the success was brainstorming and writing down ideas to some pointed questions.

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picture of the OK workshop taken from <http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow>

For additional information go to: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/issues/scholcomm/roadshow> if you are interested in bringing the workshop to your chapter.

Submitted by Dona Davidson
Oklahoma Chapter President

Oregon

ACRL's Oregon Chapter wrapped up another busy year in 2012-2013 by celebrating the election of its newest Board members in spring 2013. Congratulations to Hannah Gascho Rempel (Oregon State University) as Vice-President/President-elect, Tom Larsen (Portland State University) who retained the Member-at-Large position he was temporarily filling, and to Yen Tran (University of Oregon) who is our newest Member-at-Large. In addition, Elizabeth Brookbank (Western Oregon University) was appointed to represent the Oregon University System, Marika Pineda was appointed community colleges representative, and Janet Tapper rejoined the board as legislative representative. Arlene Weible also joined the board as the Oregon State Library representative. The Board extends its deepest gratitude to officers and appointees who rotated off the ACRL-OR Board: Jane Scott (George Fox University), Karen Munro (University of Oregon), Jim Homes (Reed College), Amy Hofer (Portland State University) and Stefanie Debner (Mt. Hood Community College).

This fall, the board recognized a significant contribution made by an Oregon academic librarian by selecting Todd Hannon (Oregon Health and Sciences University) as our 2013-2014 Award for Excellence winner. The award cited Todd's work with the Community Research Enhancement and Education Development (CREED) project, which played a vital role in translating librarianship into community empowerment and public health improvement. The board would also like to extend our congratulations to ACRL-Oregon's joint (OR/WA) conference scholarship winners, Carlyne Begin and Caroline McNabb.

A significant initiative this year for the ACRL-Oregon board is facilitating interprofessional dialogue between academic librarians and school librarians. The Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL) joined the Oregon Library Association (OLA) as its school library division in 2012, and as OLA's academic division, ACRL-Oregon is seeking new opportunities for school and academic libraries to collaboratively support a continuum of library services for students from elementary through post-secondary school. To this end, the ACRL-Oregon board funded the attendance of two ACRL-OR representatives at the fall 2013 OASL conference, and is also funding two scholarships for OASL members to attend the July 2014 Library Instruction West (formerly LOEX of the West) conference at Portland State University. The board hopes that these opportunities for exchange will help identify new areas for collaboration.

Submitted by Isaac Gilman
ACRL- Oregon President

Virginia

Officers for this year are: Candice Benjes-Small, Radford University, Chair; Rebecca K. Miller, Virginia Tech, Co-chair; Jennifer R. Whicker, Radford University, Secretary

For the past 5 years, our chapter has organized the academic track within the Virginia Libraries Association Annual Conference, held in September 2013 in Williams

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burg, VA. We had a number of great programs, including sessions on analyzing students' use of sources; library space planning; MOOCs; managing e-book collections; digital commons; open access; big data; and flipped classrooms.

Our spring program is scheduled for March 31, 2014 in Richmond. Lisa Hinchliffe will be the keynote for "Communicating the Value of Academic Libraries." We have a wonderful group of local presenters, and the program filled in 30 hours!

We are co-hosting a new conference for instruction librarians, The Innovative Library Classroom: <http://innovativelibraryclassroom.blogspot.com/>

We are also partnering with other sections of our state association on ventures such as a mentoring effort and a peer-reviewed issue of the association journal.

Submitted by Candice Benjes-Small
McConnell Library, Radford University