

# CJCLS Newsletter

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## *See you on the listserv and/or at Midwinter!*

The best way to get started in CJCLS is through the listserv! Community college librarians and other academic librarians share questions and information, some of which can lead to best practices. To join the CJCLS listserv, go to <http://lists.ala.org/wws/info/cjc-l>. You can look forward to increasing opportunities to participate in the work of CJCLS virtually. Check out the CJCLS website for more information on the section and its committees, task forces, and activities.

We hope to see a number of you at the ALA Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia this January. We will kick off with the **CJCLS Dinner** on Friday night, a good chance to meet new colleagues or greet old friends at a local restaurant. This time our dinner will be held at the Pompeii Restaurant. All members of CJCLS and guests are welcome! Register for the dinner as a "pre-registration event" through the ALA Midwinter Program website.

There will be a **CJCLS Hot Topics Discussion Group** at Midwinter on Saturday at 1:30, topics and places to be announced closer to the date. This will be the third hot topics group---back by popular demand.

--Ellen Sutton, Editor and Past Chair

### *Important dates for ALA Midwinter in Philadelphia*

Friday, Jan 11	6:00pm	CJCLS Dinner
Saturday, Jan 12	8:00-10:00am	Executive Committee I
	1:30-3:30pm	Hot Topics Discussion Group
	4:00-6:00pm	CJCLS/NCLR Discussn Grp.
Sunday, June 24	10:30-12:00	CJCLS All-Committees Mtg.
	4:00-6:00pm	ACRL Membership Meeting
Monday, June 25	8:00-10:00am	Executive Committee II



## *News and Announcements*

### *CJCLS will support and host an Emerging Leader in 2008*

Elda Collier, a Reference Librarian from Austin Community College, was selected as an ALA Emerging Leader for 2008 and has been awarded \$1,000 from the CJCLS budget to attend the upcoming annual conference. Elda received her MSIS from the University of Texas at Austin in 2006. To read more about the program, go to [http://wikis.ala.org/emergingleaders/index.php/Main\\_Page](http://wikis.ala.org/emergingleaders/index.php/Main_Page). In addition to our financial support, the CJCLS Executive Committee will introduce Elda to CJCLS conference activities and provide leadership opportunities in CJCLS.

### *CJCLS to provide scholarships for ACRL e-learning Webcasts*

ACRL will fund 40 scholarships of \$50 each to subsidize CJCLS member's participation in ACRL's online seminars focusing on new technology. Information about ACRL e-learning Webcasts is at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/elearning.cfm>. Watch for details on this award on the CJCLS listserv. **The deadline for scholarship applications will be December 1, 2007.**

### *Take a survey on digitization activities in community college libraries*

Your experiences and practices with digitization are sought! Your participation is needed in this survey conducted by CJCLS member Mary Ann Laun of Pasadena City College. Her survey, which was adapted from one conducted by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, will identify activities and trends in digitization by community college libraries and will help community college librarians determine where to focus their digitization efforts in the future. The survey contains 22 questions, and you are asked to collaborate with your colleagues in your institution and submit one response per institution. Visit the survey at <http://tinyurl.com/24aeaa>.

### *Do you know the next winners of the CJCLS/EBSCO Learning Resources and Library Achievement Awards?*

These two annual awards recognize significant achievement in the areas of community college library programs and leadership. A citation and \$500, donated by EBSCO Information Services, will be presented to the winners at the CJCLS/EBSCO Awards Breakfast at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Anaheim. **Nominations are due December 7, 2007.**

#### ***CJCLS QUICK REFERENCE***

To join the CJCLS listserv, go to <http://lists.ala.org/wws/info/cjc-1>

To visit the CJCLS website, go to <http://www.acrl.org/cjcls/>

To send an item for publication in the CJCLS Newsletter, contact Ellen Sutton, CJCLS Newsletter Editor, at [suttone@cod.edu](mailto:suttone@cod.edu)

## *ALA Annual, June 2007—CJCLS Highlights from Washington, DC*

### ***CJCLS Annual Program on Gaming a Great Success:***

George M. Needham, Vice President of Member Services at OCLS and Paul James Gee, Tashia Morgridge Professor of Reading at University of Wisconsin-Madison spoke on *Gaming, Information Literacy and the College Student* at the CJCLS program.

### ***Hot Topics Discussion Group:***

CJCLS' second Hot Topics in Community College Libraries focused on two topics: 1) electronic technologies for reference and teaching and 2) advantages and challenges of providing textbooks in community college libraries.

Some of the topics included in the reference technologies discussion included **virtual reference**: pros and cons of Instant Messaging, doing virtual reference within a consortium, counting virtual reference statistics; **technology for library instruction**, for simulations, software demonstrations, and scenario-based training; and using technology in working with faculty, such as getting library resources into course management systems and using citation software like Noodletools.

Slides from the program and summaries of the hot topics discussions are available on the CJCLS website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/cjcls/conference/index.cfm>.

## **Photos from ALA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC**

All photos by Imogene Book



Members of the Program Planning Committee for Annual 2007  
From left, Rebecca Schreiner (Chair), Mary Ann Scheble, and Ann Coder

## Photos from ALA Annual Meeting, cont.



From left, David Dowell and Mary Carr, CJCLS/EBSCO awards recipients, EBSCO representative Mary Sue Hoyle, and Matt Burrell, CJCLS Awards Committee chair



### Current and Past CJCLS Chairs

From left, Mary Carr (2004-05), Christine Godin (2005-06), Ellen Sutton (2006-07), Kenley Neufeld (Current Chair), and Lora Mirza (Chair Elect)

### ***Apply now for the Excellence in Academic Libraries Award***

Your library may be the next community college library to receive this prestigious award, sponsored by ACRL and Blackwell's Book Services. **The deadline for application is Friday, December 7, 2007.** This is a wonderful award that can be a tremendous morale builder for staff and give your library great visibility on campus. It also serves the professional community in terms of sharing what your library is doing that is progressive and successful. The wide variety of community college libraries receiving the award in the past include Ann Arundel Community College (Maryland), Austin Community College, City College of San Francisco, College of DuPage (Illinois), Hostos Community College/CUNY, Pierce College (Washington state), and Richland College (Dallas).

Each winning library will receive \$3,000 and a plaque, to be presented at an award ceremony held on each recipient's campus. The winners also will receive special recognition at the ACRL Presidents Program during the ALA Annual Conference. For information on this prestigious award, and to help you prepare to apply for this award this year, visit the Excellence in Academic Libraries Award at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlawards/excellenceacademic.cfm>

### ***New book on library management is relevant to community colleges***

*It's All About Student Learning: Managing Community and Other College Libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, edited by David R. Dowell and Gerald B. McCabe (Libraries Unlimited, 2006) "brings together administrators, consultants, and practitioners that give useful, cogent information and advice to the new and not-so-new administrative heads of community college and college libraries," according to Rebecca Schreiner in her recent review in *Portal: libraries and the academy* (Vol. 7:3, 2007). This is a rare look at library management in the community college context, and should prove useful to new and seasoned managers alike.

### ***Information Literacy courses in community colleges—recent survey on our listserv***

A recent survey on the CJCLS listserv by Oregon librarian Tracy Scharn yielded useful information from over fifty respondents. Half of the respondents answered yes to having a stand-alone credit course. The predominant number of credits for the courses is 1, and 19 librarians reported that their course was transferable. In addition, comments to the question of whether a credit course has been offered and to open-ended questions about what has or hasn't worked well for your course provide interesting insight from various institutions. Tracy invited interested community college librarians to email her for a file of the results: [TScharn@cgcc.cc.or.us](mailto:TScharn@cgcc.cc.or.us).

### ***CCSSE to add questions about libraries' contributions to student engagement***

Several members of CJCLS have been working with a task force of the ACRL called the College Student Surveys Project Group to get a set of questions about libraries added to the Community College Survey of Student Engagement. Bonnie Gratch-Lindaur of that task force has been leading the effort to include questions similar to those that were being tested for the National Survey of Student Engagement, intended for four-year colleges and universities. So far, the questions have been formulated and submitted, though progress on their implementation has been slow. Watch for news of this project on the CJCLS listserv.

### ***How about social networking? Check this out!***

Interested in learning more about social software? Now you can teach yourself everything you ever wanted to learn at <http://blogswikisandmore.pbwiki.com/FrontPage>, the new wiki, put together by Jennifer Kelley, Resident Librarian at College of DuPage. The **Blocks, Wikis & More** wiki is full of explanations, links, examples, videos, tutorials and more. It's your one-stop-shopping clearinghouse of social software information. Jenn says, "Dive in!"

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