

# *CJCLS Newsletter*

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## *An Open Letter from Lora Mirza, CJCLS Chair*

Dear Colleagues,

As I write this, we have just learned of the passing of a star among us, a leader in intellectual freedom and protector of First Amendment rights—Judith Krug, Executive Director of the Freedom to Read Foundation and Director of ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom. Judith Krug inspired us all. As we develop library displays for Banned Books Week, which she founded, as we build our collections, as we offer resources with different points of view to our library users at the reference desk, we honor her memory. Every day of her life she promoted one of the core values of being a librarian—protecting freedom of speech—and we will miss her.

This year so many members of our section have stepped forward to get things done. You will want to come to our Friday Night Awards and Annual Dinner at ALA in Chicago to hear section leaders and contributors acknowledged by name. We will also recognize our award winners! I encourage you all to experience the joys of working within and for our section, the second largest in ACRL, as we promote community and junior colleges and the people who work in them and for them. CJCLS gives us all a sense of place within the division and within ALA.

We reflect your needs and concerns and we share through the listserv your collective knowledge and wisdom.

Peace!

*Lora*

Lora Mirza

CJCLS Chair 2008-2009

## *CJCLS Wants You!*

To volunteer for a CJCLS committee, go to the ALA sections website and click on the Section Committee Volunteer Form: <http://www.acrl.org/volunteer>. There are also CJCLS work groups that will allow ways to contribute to CJCLS virtually. Also, contribute to this newsletter by e-mailing Ellen Sutton at [suttone@cod.edu](mailto:suttone@cod.edu).

## *CJCLS Program and Hot Topics Discussions at ALA Annual 2009 in Chicago*

**Friday evening, July 10 Awards and Annual Friday Night Dinner** - A magical event for all and a great way to start your conference experience! (Details coming soon.)

**Saturday, July 11, 10:30-Noon: FYE: Connecting First-Year College Students with the Library.** Plan to hear nationally recognized keynote speaker Donna Younger and panelists from our own and other sections.

**Saturday, 3:30-4:30pm: Hot Topics in Community College Librarianship & CJCLS/NCLR Discussion Group:** David Wright and Alice Lubrecht respectively will bring us to the cutting edge in Hot Topics and also talk about liaison work with our AACC college presidents.

**Sunday, July 12, 10:30-Noon CJCLS All Committees Meeting:** Where the real action and planning and learning and networking take place! Note the later start time (we've listened to you!). Whether you are on a committee, would like to be on one, or want to meet your CJCLS colleagues or learn more about CJCLS, this is the place to be!

### ***Come to the CJCLS Program at ALA Annual! Can the First Year Experience work for Community Colleges? Come Hear What Our Experts Have to Say!***

The CJCLS Annual Program, co-sponsored by the College Library Section and the Instruction Section of ACRL, is on the First Year Experience FYE: "Connecting First Year Students with the Library." Donna Younger of Oakton Community College will be the keynote speaker, and the Lora Mirza, Georgia Perimeter Community College, will serve as moderator.

CJCLS will continue Hot Topics Discussion Groups at the Chicago ALA conference, from 3:30-5:30 Saturday, July 11. Come prepared with a topic you'd like to discuss.

### ***Winners of the CJCLS/EBSCO Learning Resources and Library Achievement Awards 2009***

Kenley Neufeld, library director at Santa Barbara City College, is the 2009 winner of the Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS) EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Leadership Award. The award honors significant achievement in advocacy of learning resources, as well as leadership in professional organizations that support the missions of community, junior and technical colleges.

"Kenley Neufeld's leadership and technology innovations have benefited Santa Barbara City College and the community at-large," said José Aguiñaga, CJCLS award committee chair and librarian at the Glendale Community College. "Kenley is an outstanding librarian role model that all should emulate in their daily library interactions." Neufeld's nominators praised his significant achievements in the advocacy of library programs and services and noted that since his arrival at the Santa Barbara City College in 2005, many dramatic and positive changes in the content of the library programs and in the atmosphere of the facility have occurred. They attribute these changes to his energy, insight and effort.

Neufeld has served on numerous ACRL committees, including a term as CJCLS chair in 2007-08. He earned his B. A. from the University of California-San Diego and his M.L.S. from San Jose State University.

Diana Fitzwater, professor and reference librarian at the College of DuPage, received the 2009 Community and Junior College Libraries Section (CJCLS) EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Program Achievement Award.

Again according to CJCLS Awards Committee's José Aguiñaga, "Fitzwater's initiative to coordinate the information literacy program at the College of DuPage is quite worthy of this award. What she has achieved since 1982 at her institution is outstanding. Her efforts towards embedding information literacy as a general education competency within the College of DuPage curriculum demonstrate her significant programmatic contribution to the College, on behalf of the Library." Fitzwater earned both her B.A. and M.L.S. from the University of Iowa.

These two annual awards recognize significant achievement in the areas of community college library programs and leadership. A citation and \$500, donated by EBSCO, will be presented to the winners at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago, at the CJCLS dinner, Friday evening, July 11. More information on the awards and recipients can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/acrlawards/ebscoawards.cfm>.

### ***2009 NCLR Administrative Leadership Award***

The 2009 NCLR Administrative Leadership Award winner was announced by Alice Lubrecht, chair of NCLR and Dean of Library and Information Resources at Harrisburg Area Community College on April 6, 2009. The winner, Dr. Dennis Bona, is the Vice President for Instruction at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, MI.

The National Council for Learning Resources (NCLR), one of the affiliated councils of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), gives the award each year to one community college administrator in the U.S. whose efforts have resulted in significant support for a learning resources program.

Lubrecht said, "Dr. Bona recognizes the importance of student-centered library services and has been a strong advocate for the resources the library has needed to provide the welcoming environment, cutting edge technology and community-inclusive programming that enhances the learning opportunities for the students at Kellogg."

### ***Third Totally Unofficial Award for cjc-1 Contributor of the Year***

I (current editor of this newsletter) am awarding the third annual "Totally Unofficial Award for cjc-1 Contributor of the Year" to Richard Shaw, Technical College of the Lowcountry, Beaufort, SC, who has consistently offered a reasoned, experienced, and generous perspective to fellow community college librarians' requests for information. Congratulations, Richard!

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