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ACRL 2023 is coming!

The ACRL 2023 Conference will be held March 15-18, 2023, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania around the theme of “Forging the Future.” See page 7 for more information.
Dear STS members,

As I begin my year as STS Chair, I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve, and for your continued support and commitment to our Section. I am particularly grateful for all volunteers currently serving on the STS Executive Committee, Council, Committees, and Task Forces, as well as for presenters and moderators, editors and reviewers, and mentors – all of whose contributions help make STS such an amazing organization. This past spring and summer, we offered 10+ wonderful virtual programs and a well-received in-person social gathering at the ALA Annual Conference (special thanks to John Meier and Larayne Dallas for organizing this!), published a number of excellent articles and blogs, updated valued LibGuides, mentored librarians, and much more!

With all that we have to offer, one of my goals for STS this year is to improve communication about Section activities. We are piloting STS Monthly Communications and developing a calendar of STS and other science librarianship-related events. Sent out via ALA Connect, the monthly communication includes information about STS programs and calls for presenters, STS news and resources, EDI readings/videos, and minutes from STS Council and Committee meetings. There is an STS Member Spotlight section, and the Membership & Recruitment Committee invites any new or current members interested in being featured to complete their submission form. There is also a link out to a crowdsourced STS Members News & Accomplishments document where we encourage you to share news about new jobs/retirements, awards/honors, publications, and more. I anticipate there will soon be an announcement in our monthly communication to introduce the STS calendar our STS Publicity Officer (Amanda McCormick) and STS Professional Development Committee (co-chaired by Kirstin Duffin and Laurie Neuerburg) are working together on.

In case you missed the August issue of our STS Monthly Communication and the earlier ACRL Insider announcement about it, the ACRL Board of Directors has approved the Companion Document to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. This is fantastic news and I want to congratulate the STS IL Framework Task Force (co-chaired by Carl DiNardo and Britt Foster) and thank them for all their work on this important document that will now officially guide information literacy in STEM. If you have been using the Companion Document, please consider sharing about your experience by leading an online chat sponsored by the STS Information Literacy Committee. The same Committee collects information literacy resources and I expect that assessments related to the Companion Document will be a focus of their work this year.

Another goal I have for STS this year is to ensure that inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) – an STS Core Value – remains in the forefront of our minds in all Section work. In the recent past, this has been the case with STS programming, from choosing topics related to IDEA to incorporating IDEA in rubrics for selecting presenters, and from providing live captioning (big thanks to Elsevier!) to sharing recordings of virtual programming. We have also been more intentional about IDEA when promoting Section activities beyond STS, when making Section committee appointments, and when identifying a slate of Officers for our annual elections. I expect us to continue to do this and more in the upcoming year. I would like to ask all STS members to help by engaging in IDEA practices, including recruiting a diverse membership and creating an inclusive, welcoming, and accessible environment, resulting in members and potential members feeling a sense of belonging. Please consider reaching out to the STS EDI Officer (Andrea Baruzzi), STS EDI Committee (co-chaired by Nick Cunningham and Sara Gonzalez), or myself if you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations. Thank you.

Bonnie Fong
STS Chair
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Letter from the Chair Continued

I know some of you may be wondering if we will have in-person programming at the 2023 ALA Annual Conference or if STS programming will be virtual again this year. This is a decision currently being discussed in STS committees and I promise to share this information with you as soon as it is available so you can plan accordingly. Looking further into the future, STS Past-Chair (Hannah Gascho Rempel) is leading the STS Programming Modalities Task Force this year to identify possible options moving forward based on member needs. Please be on the lookout for opportunities to share your thoughts with the Task Force.

As we continue to adjust to the new “normal” in our personal and professional lives, as it concerns COVID-19, the Great Reshuffle, and other big changes around the world, I hope we will all try our best to practice patience, be flexible, and give each other (and ourselves!) grace. I think we are all trying our best. Please take it easy and please take care.

Best,
Bonnie
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Letter from the Vice-Chair

Hello STS!

STS has been a defining force in my library career, and I am excited to be able to serve as vice-chair of our amazing section. When I went to my first ALA Annual Conference, STS events were the ones that really spoke to me as a librarian. The people and the programming helped me discover new ways to approach my work. This felt especially important to me as I was and am the only science librarian at my institution. Covid has changed so much about our work and how we gather as colleagues, but I hope and believe STS will continue to serve and thrive as a resource and as a welcoming place for science and technology librarians. Our membership is truly our greatest asset.

In the theme of thriving, I have really enjoyed seeing people’s new jobs, research output, and academic accomplishments in the monthly STS Communication. Please continue to share your achievements!

I have been a member of many STS committees since joining over a decade ago, and I love getting to know a new set of librarians each year. For the past 2 years, sharing with the College Science Librarian Discussion Group committee what was happening in my library and hearing over Zoom about other science librarians’ work life served as a professional lifeline for me. I hope that your committee has gotten a chance to meet, gotten to know each other, and started to plan for the year’s activities. Please continue to consider inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility (IDEA) at the start of each program or initiative you plan, so that it can be at the forefront of all that STS is doing. If you are not on a committee and want to participate more actively in the section, reach out!

Rachel Hammelers
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Letter from the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Letter from the Vice-Chair Continued

It feels far away, but it will not be long until I am calling for committee and committee chair volunteers. I would be happy to discuss your interest; you can email me at rachelhamelers@muhlenberg.edu.

I am a summer-lover, but this fall has unexpectedly pulled me in with its cooler temperatures, students on campus, and having a set schedule. It is my busiest time of year, and even if it is yours as well, I hope that it has provided some benefits. STS exists as a place to find collegiality, guidance with sticky problems, and ideas on where to eat in any college town across the U.S. and Canada. We need your input and time to continue to have a diverse, innovative, thriving section. Thank you for all that you do! I am excited to meet and work with many of you this year.

Sincerely,
Rachel Hamelers, STS Vice-Chair
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Data Curation & Assessment Committee

STS's Data Curation and Assessment Committee met mid September to discuss plans for the coming year, including a webinar on using OSF for various purposes, and a YouTube video for STS committees looking to submit data to the new STS data repository on OSF.

Submitted by Kristin Adams

Membership & Recruitment Committee

Sheena Campbell, co-chair of the M&R committee has designed a new membership infographic for STS. All are welcome to share it in promotion of STS.

Want to make more connections in STS? Consider sharing your profile in our New & Current Member Spotlight. A couple of profiles will be published in each STS Monthly Communication. This is a great way to share your work and seek collaborators. Sign up using this form.

Submitted by Catherine Lantz

STEMM Librarianship Resources Committee

The STS STEMM Librarianship Resources Committee shares heartfelt thanks to our previous co-chair Samuel Putnam, Director of Dibner Library at NYU who recently stepped down from his committee role in July 2022. Thank you for your leadership! Amanda McCormick, Sciences Librarian at the University of Buffalo, has now assumed the vacant co-chair role and is working alongside co-chair Kimberly Jackson, STEM Librarian at The Claremont Colleges and our new and existing committee members to meet our committee goals.

We look forward to all the new posts that will be published this year to the STEMM Librarianship Resources Committee blog and are actively seeking guest writers who may wish to contribute. If you are interested in writing on a STEMM topic that you believe may benefit the ACRL and wider scholarly community, let us know!

If you are interested in science topics from a librarian perspective, such as platforms, tools, pedagogy, and classroom equity, visit the STEMM Librarianship Resources Committee blog at https://insidescienceresources.wordpress.com/

Submitted by Kimberly Jackson & Amanda McCormick
ACRL Books

ACRL books provide timely and practical advice and thought-provoking research for academic library workers worldwide. Some recent titles:

- *Designing Libraries for the 21st Century*
- *Intersections of Open Educational Resources and Information Literacy*
- *Learning in Action: Designing Successful Graduate Student Work Experiences in Academic Libraries*
- *3D Data Creation to Curation: Community Standards for 3D Data Preservation*
- *Embracing Change: Alternatives to Traditional Research Writing Assignments*

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ACRL NEWS

ACRL 2023, Forging the Future, March 15 – 18, 2023, Pittsburgh, PA

Higher education has changed dramatically over the last few years. Academic libraries are addressing an increased emphasis on remote learning, rising calls for social justice, and an acknowledged need for flexibility that supports a sustainable work-life balance. At ACRL 2023, we will explore these issues and more around the theme of Forging the Future. If you are interested in finding strength in a community of academic library professionals, discussing our mutual issues while crafting innovative ways to solve them, enhancing relationships with faculty, and re-engaging with students, we welcome you to join us in Pittsburgh or virtually! Registration opens in October, and proposals for select session types are being accepted through October 14, 2022. See the ACRL 2023 Conference Website for details.

RBMS 2023, A New Kind of Professional, June 27 – 30, Indiana University Bloomington

The need for greater focus on diversity, equity, and accessibility in all areas of Special Collections work, from hiring to acquisitions to researcher services, requires us all as practitioners to rethink how we recruit and retain special collections workers. This conference will explore how we educate both new and established workers at a time when the need to reframe and reimagine our collections and audiences is even more vital. The call for proposals will be announced this fall and registration will open in the spring. Watch rbms.info for details.
ACRL NEWS

ACRL Off-RoadShows

Bring robust online learning directly to your library, chapter, or consortium with ACRL’s virtual Off-RoadShow workshops! Led by expert presenters over multiple days, these online workshops are based on our popular in-person RoadShow workshops and support academic library professionals in tackling the greatest issues facing the profession. Workshop hosts can work with presenters to adapt the content to their institutional contexts. Schedule a virtual workshop for your library or organization today. Organizational members of ACRL receive a 10% discount off the hosting cost!

ACRL Online Learning

ACRL’s live webcasts and multi-week online courses are designed to meet the demands of your location, schedule, and budget. Learn more about these events on the ACRL website.
Project Outcome

Project Outcome is a FREE online toolkit designed to help libraries understand and share the impact of essential library programs and services by providing simple surveys and an easy-to-use process for measuring and analyzing outcomes. Participating libraries are also provided with the resources and training support needed to apply their results and confidently advocate for their library's future. Project Outcome’s standardized surveys allow libraries to aggregate their outcome data and analyze trends by service topic, program type, and over time. Sign up today at https://acrl.projectoutcome.org/.

Benchmark

Benchmark is the newest tool for data-driven planning and advocacy in academic libraries. Launched by ACRL in late 2021, Benchmark provides enhanced access to ACRL annual survey data from 1998-2020. With Benchmark, you can illustrate ongoing activities and usage in a compelling fashion for different audiences, as well as generate key metrics for strategic planning, budget justifications, annual reports, fundraising, and more! Benchmark is also where you can contribute your library’s data to national surveys to further research and advocacy. Login to your free account today to complete the 2022 Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey, which includes trends questions on the topic of post-Covid library service and workplace trends!
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