

STS Committees

Assessment: Examines and summarizes the current patterns and trends related to the assessment of libraries.

Publications: Coordinates the Section's publishing activities in all formats; serves as a resource for the publishing needs of STS committees.

"Participation in STS provides excellent opportunities to network, create and influence policy at the national level, and develop leadership skills. One learns and grows as a contributor to the exciting opportunities in STS." – Donald G. Frank, Portland State University

Conference Program Planning: Plans and organizes the Section's Annual Conference programs, reception, and local library and museum tours.

Continuing Education: Coordinates and promotes continuing education efforts; sponsors the Sci/Tech Library Mentors program and assesses continuing education needs.

Organization & Planning: Provides long-range direction for the Section; proposes new activities, and updates the STS Manual as needed.

Government Information: Focuses on monitoring and improving access to sci-tech government information.

Membership & Recruitment: Develops and implements Section recruitment activities. Creates and updates a recruitment brochure.

Nominating: Creates a slate of candidates for the Executive Committee by recruiting nominees for officers and informing potential candidates of the responsibilities of the office.

Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural Sciences: Solicits nominees, evaluates bibliographies, and presents the Award.

Research: Plans conference forums; investigates and provides a forum for librarians to share ideas about new directions in science librarianship, research in progress and current topics of interest.

Subject & Bibliographic Access to Science Materials: Serves as a channel/clearinghouse for concerns, problems, issues relating to bibliographic access to materials; proposes projects, and presents them to the Planning Committee.

"ACRL Science Technology Section is important for the opportunities that it offers its members. It provides us with a structure to meet, talk with and learn from and with our colleagues and other leaders concerned with STM information. The Section gives its members the opportunity to participate actively in STS programs and activities and the enhanced opportunity to collaborate with our colleagues in an effort to make information more understandable and useful." – Barton Lessin, Wayne State University

STS Discussion Groups

College Science Librarians: A forum for discussion of issues relevant to college science librarians.

General: Discussions on issues of concern to science and technology librarians not under the responsibility of any standing committee or other discussion group.

"Membership in STS has provided me with a peer group that has proved an invaluable resource on a day to day basis. Through STS I've met other sci/tech librarians whose expertise has informed my own practice. I know I can call on my STS colleagues whenever I have a question; our listserv has been especially useful when I need to know what others are thinking or doing about a specific problem." – Julie Hurd, University of Illinois at Chicago

Issues in Sci-Tech Library Management: Lively discussions on topics of interest to all science and technology librarians, but particularly those who manage or supervise.

Publisher & Vendor Relations: A channel for exchanging information between science and technology publishers and vendors and science and technology librarians.

Science & Technology Information: A forum for discussion of issues pertaining to scientific and technical information.

What is STS?

STS was established in 1961 to provide a forum through which librarians in scientific and technical subject fields can achieve and maintain awareness of the impact and range of information with which they work. STS provides access to this information and promotes collaboration among its members through its various publications and committees.

Communication

STS web site: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/sts>.

STS-L Listserv: A moderated forum to discuss issues of interest to science and technology librarians, provide a link between STS leaders and members, and serve as a distribution point for STS publications. (Send "subscribe STS-L" to listserv@listserv.utk.edu to join.)

ISTL, *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship*: An electronic journal for science and technology librarians, published since 1991. Available at <http://www.istl.org/>.

STS Signal: The newsletter of STS, published twice a year, with news of Section business and programs.

Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural or Natural Sciences

The Oberly Award was established in 1923 in memory of Eunice Rockwood Oberly. This biennial award is given in odd-numbered years for the best English-language bibliography in the field of agriculture or a related science. The award is funded by an endowment created by individuals and vendor contributions, including the U.S. Agricultural Information Network, the Agway Foundation, Associates of the National Agricultural Library, the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, and the Cargill Information Center.

Benefits of STS Membership

- Opportunities for networking with colleagues in the field.
- Varied opportunities for professional development and committee involvement.
- Engaging programs and discussion groups.
- Access to publications and communication with other members.

Join us!

To become a member of STS, ACRL, and ALA contact:

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Look for the **JOIN ACRL** link!

Membership in two sections is included with your ACRL dues.

Get involved in STS!

Join us at STS meetings, discussion groups, and programs at ALA.

Volunteer for an STS Committee using the volunteer form linked from the Committees page of the STS web site.

Contact a committee chair or the current STS chair for more information – names and e-mail addresses can be found on the STS web site.

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Science & Technology Section

The Science & Technology Section is a unit of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association
<http://www.ala.org/acrl/sts>

