

American Library Association  
Committee Information Update

Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to submit an update of their activities within one-month after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter:

Report for Annual Conference 2013

Name of Committee: Committee on Research and Statistics

Committee Chair: Anne Houston

Committee Members Present: Anne Houston (chair), Stephanie Reynolds, Kit Keller, Ann Weeks, Xiaorong Shao, Ron Peterson, Linda Hofschire, Bede Mitchell, Melissa Johnston, Teresa (Terry) Darr, Ann Eubank, Jamie Hug (Census),

Others Present: Tai Phan, Laura Hardesty, Cindy Sheckells, Jamie Hug, Courtney L. Young (ALA Council Liaison), Kathy Rosa (ALA Staff Liaison), R. Norman Rose (ALA Staff Liaison)

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:

- **Approved minutes** from Midwinter Meeting 2013 (Seattle, WA), **the agenda** for Annual Conference 2013
- **Discussed possible NCES changes for the Academic Library Survey and the Schools and Staffing Survey.**
- **Discussed ALA Executive Board** report: Community Engagement focus groups at Annual Conference; ALA has applied for a grant to train librarians in the field to engage with their communities to identify community aspirations and drive innovation. ORS surveyed members, asking for a definition of what they consider their community; 3% chose ALA.
- Ann Ewbank discussed the School Library Task Force is launching a campaign, School Libraries at the Common Core of Education.
- **Discussed the two 2013 Annual Conference sessions**
  - **Measuring Up: Developing New Metrics for Assessing Library Performance** - July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, 10.30 AM - 11.30 AM. How can academic and public libraries develop new metrics that give a more complete picture of library effectiveness? Our speakers will include Rachel Fleming-May from the IMLS-funded Lib-Value project; and Kathy Rosa, Director of the ALA Office of Research and Statistics.

- Co sponsoring **Do those Evaluation Statistics mean anything with ASCLA, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 8.30 AM - 10.30 AM. Description:** "The quality and rigor of program evaluation in library services lags behind other related fields, including education and social services. The problem is complex as it involves technical, administrative and cultural challenges. In this session, staff from the Institute of Museum and Library Services Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation will discuss strategies for improving the capacity of libraries to use evaluation by creating a network linking those producing evaluation with those who use the information to make better decisions. "

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:

Submitted by: Kathy Rosa, Staff Liaison

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