

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: 2013, Seattle, WA

Report for Annual Conference _____

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,

Others Present: Jamie Hug 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 Annual Meeting 2012 (Anaheim, CA) and the agenda for Midwinter Conference 2013
- Ann Eubank discussed the School Library Task Force is launching a campaign, School Libraries at the Common Core of Education.
- Task force is developing a national advocacy campaign to address the reduction and deprofessionalization of school library instructional programs on students and student achievement.
- Discussed the NCES' data on the school library survey.

Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

Two programs at Annual Conference 2013

- Measuring Up: Developing New Metrics for Assessing Library Performance - July 1st, 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 30th, 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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