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From the President

ILA/ACRL's Executive Board has been hard at work, planning an exceptional year of activities for Chapter members. I'll touch on a few of those activities in my message this time.

First, I'm happy to announce that the Chapter's listserv, IA-ACRL, is up and running. A brief summary of what we envision for this list, as well as instructions for joining the listserv, are found elsewhere in this issue. We expect traffic to be fairly light on this list, so you needn't feel it will flood your mailbox. Help us spread the word about IA-ACRL by sending the address to individuals or by posting it on appropriate listservs. E-mail me (mary-mcinroy@uiowa.edu) if you would like an electronic copy of the announcement and instructions to send out. If you do send the announcement out, please copy me so I can avoid excess duplication in posting.

Second, and this is a result of the first activity I mentioned, the Executive Board has made a change in the distribution policy for the paper version of the Newsletter. We intend to post an electronic copy of the Newsletter on the IA-ACRL list, beginning with this issue. Last fall we found that the cost for printing and mailing three issues of the paper newsletter to all persons listed in the Directory had exceeded \$1000. The Board, after considerable debate, took the difficult decision to limit mailing of the paper version only to members of the Chapter. Please note, therefore, that this will be the last issue of the Newsletter that will be distributed to non-Chapter members in paper format. We remind those who have an ongoing interest in ILA/ACRL activities, but who haven't yet joined the Chapter, that joining is as simple as checking the box on your ILA renewal form. If you need a form, please see the renewal reminder below for address information. At present, there is no charge for adding ILA/ACRL affiliation. Taking measures to reduce costs will help keep this so.

Third, I want to bring you up to date on our possible joint 1998 spring conference with Nebraska. Our conference pre-planning session was held on February 25. Vice President / President-Elect Mary Beveridge, Executive Board members Bob Rose and Daria Bossman, and I met at Drake with a group from Nebraska to discuss such issues as length of conference, division of tasks and any profits, and the possibility of obtaining funding from the national ACRL for 1998 conference programming. I expect we will have more news to share with you at the business meeting in April.

This brings me to the Spring Conference, which will be held on April 25 in Iowa City at the Iowa Memorial Union. First, I would like to note the appointment of a new member, Ellen Neuhaus (UNI) to the Spring Program Committee. A summary of Conference plans may be found below. Please use the enclosed form to register for a very full day of activities. See you there.

Finally, those of you who mark their calendars early should record that the 1997 ILA Fall Meeting will be held in Sioux City, October 8-10. See you there, too.

Mary McInroy
1997 ILA/ACRL President

Choose It or Lose It: Controlling Our Future. ILA/ACRL Spring Conference, University of Iowa, Iowa City, April 25, 1997

The 1997 ILA/ACRL Spring Conference, "Choose it or Lose it: Controlling Our Future," will be held at the Iowa Memorial Union at the University of Iowa on Friday, April 25th. Registration for the Conference will be from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and the program will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The keynote speaker will be William Miller, ACRL President and Director of Libraries at Florida Atlantic University. His topic will be "Gearing Up While Looking Backward." He will also be a member of a morning panel that will discuss publishing and library purchasing.

Afternoon sessions will offer contributed papers discussing distance learning from a community college perspective, design of a for-credit information retrieval course for undergraduate students, and a session on "New Age OPACs: Prototypes and Possibilities." A guest speaker from the Iowa State Library will discuss the SILO Project. The afternoon will also offer participants the chance to hear a panel of Iowa librarians discuss the recent national ACRL conference in Nashville. Finally, two opportunities will be offered for tours of the new Information Commons at the University of Iowa's Hardin Library for Health Sciences.

Please be sure to read the inserts in this Newsletter for directions to the Conference, registration form, and other useful information. Those arriving early may wish to consider the informal group dinner being held in Amana at the Ox Yoke Inn Thursday evening (April 24).

More detailed and updated information about the Conference may be found at this URL:
<http://www.uni.edu/neuhaus/ilanews2.html>

John Goodin, Luther College
Chris Neuhaus, University of Northern Iowa

ILA/ACRL Spring Conference Scholarships

Once again, scholarships are being made available to attend the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference. The scholarships for this conference will be limited to library science students in Iowa and will cover the registration fee for the conference. The scholarships are given in memory of Patricia Foley, ILA/ACRL President, 1983-84.

If interested in applying for a scholarship, please send a letter or e-mail, including name, address, library school program in which enrolled, any previous involvement with ILA/ACRL (meetings attended, committee service, etc.), and a statement describing your professional goals and why you would like to receive the scholarship to:

Bob Rose, Associate Director of Library Services
Rod Library
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613-3675
e-mail: Robert.Rose@UNI.EDU)

The deadline for receipt of applications will be April 11.

Have You Joined ILA/ACRL for 1997?

If you haven't yet sent in your dues, now is the time to renew. Don't forget to check the box indicating ACRL membership. It's free! If you don't have a brochure, contact Naomi Stovall, ILA Executive Administrator by phone, (515) 243-2172 or by e-mail: iabib@acad.drake.edu If you know of someone new to academic librarianship in Iowa, please send their name and address to:

Daria Bossman
Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Library
Morningside College
Sioux City, Iowa 51106
e-mail: dlb001@alpha.morningside.edu

IA-ACRL Listserv

IA-ACRL is a new electronic mailing list for Iowa's academic and research librarians. It provides quick dissemination of news and announcements concerning the Iowa Chapter of ACRL. In addition, IA-ACRL provides a forum for issues of broader interest to Iowa's academic library community such as discussions of reference/research issues, news of legislative initiatives, job openings, and staff development opportunities.

SUBSCRIBING TO THE LIST

Send message to: majordomo@list.uiowa.edu

Message content: subscribe ia-acrl

If you have questions about this list, please send them to Mary McInroy by e-mail: mary-mcinroy@uiowa.edu

So You Would Like to Serve on a Committee, Eh?

The ILA/ACRL Nominating Committee is looking for quite a few good men and women to serve on ILA/ACRL committees and to stand for election as officers in 1998. Volunteer forms will be

available at the Spring Conference and will also be sent out as part of the July Newsletter. In the meantime, please be thinking of committees or positions that might interest you or a colleague. A list of all committees can be found in the front of the 1997 Directory.

Mary Beveridge

Vice President/President-Elect and Chair, Nominating Committee

ACRL Chapters Council at 1997 ALA Mid-Winter

Mary Beveridge and I attended the mid-winter Chapters Council meeting in Washington, D.C. last month. Much emphasis was given during the meeting to one of the main initiatives in the ACRL Strategic Plan: increasing governmental and legislative awareness and activities by academic librarians. Our chapter already has appointed its governmental representative (Dottie Persson, University of Iowa), and she will pass on to the membership, via postings on the IA-ACRL listserv, any legislative news or items requiring action on our part.

Discussion also focused on the need of many academic librarians for training in effective lobbying of representatives and senators on both national and local levels.

Much of the tension from last summer's Chapters Council meeting has subsided, but there is still a strong interest, on the part of a core group of people, in working toward more productive relations between the Chapters Council and ACRL; and at the very least in improving communication among the chapters themselves. Questions about the national group may be directed to ACRL President Bill Miller, keynote speaker during the Spring Conference in Iowa City on April 25.

Mary McInroy

1997 ILA/ACRL President

Government Documents Workshop

The Iowa Library Association's Government Documents Roundtable will sponsor a workshop on June 6, 1997, in the Senate Committee Room (Room 22) of the State Capitol. Tentatively the program will cover THOMAS (federal information on the Internet) and Iowa legislative electronic materials. For additional information please contact:

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1997 Directories Still Available

IACRL still has a number of copies of the 1997 Iowa Academic and Research Libraries Directory for sale. Institutions and individuals may order copies from the Directory Committee chair:

Ross Petra
Rod Library
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, Iowa, 50613-3675.

The price of the Directory is five dollars. Checks should be made payable to Iowa Library Association--ACRL.

African-American Women in Iowa Project

Launched in August, 1995, the African-American Women in Iowa project is now well underway at the Iowa Women's Archives in the University of Iowa Libraries. This initiative, directed by Kathryn M. Neal, is intended to document the lives of African-American women in the state. By collecting the personal papers and organizational records of African-American women, the Archives will help document the experiences of a group largely ignored in earlier histories of Iowa.

So far, more than two dozen collections have been donated from women in such occupational fields as education, social work, the performing arts, and domestic work. Among the materials are the papers of Mason City native Esther J. Walls.

A graduate of the University of Iowa, Walls was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1948. Denied a teaching position, she found a job in the Mason City public library which sparked her passion for librarianship. Walls earned a master's degree in library science from Columbia University and went on to build an extensive career as a library administrator. At the time of her retirement in 1988, she was Associate Director of Libraries at the State University of New York (SUNY) / Stony Brook. Walls's papers, which include photographs, scrapbooks, correspondence, and publications, primarily document her college years and professional life.

An advisory board assists in developing the project's collections. Future endeavors will include conducting oral history interviews with selected women as well as continuing to extend the range of the archives.

Kathryn M. Neal
Iowa Women's Archives
University of Iowa Libraries

Library News From Around the State

Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR)

Ellen Fox is BCR's new Internet and Database Services trainer. She is responsible for teaching most of BCR's Internet-related and reference database workshops and assists in administering BCR's Internet service and World Wide Web site. She will be in Iowa March 11-14 and May 13-15 conducting Internet Workshops.

--*Joan Leysen*

Clinton Community College

Cindy Hoogheem, Library Director at Clinton Community College, Clinton, announced the receipt of a \$20,000 grant from Clinton County Gaming Commission. The grant will be used to establish a local area network in the library. Current plans are for the transition to the client-server network to take place in late May.

--*Genny Yarne*

Iowa State University

Glenn McMullen resigned in July as Head of Special Collections in Parks Library to accept a position as Curator of the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Collections and Team Leader for Collection Development and Management at Louisiana State University.

Pat Leigh, Manager of Parks Library's Biotechnology Project, resigned in August to accept a teaching assistantship with ISU's College of Education.

William Black, Associate to the Dean, resigned in August to accept as position as Administrative Services Librarian at the Todd Library, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Laurel Kristick, Physical Sciences and Engineering Reference and Instructional Services Librarian, resigned in January to assume the position of Physical Sciences Coordinator in the library at Oregon State University.

Joyce Lindstrom began a temporary appointment as Reference and Instructional Services Librarian in late August.

Eleanor Matthews, Head of the Reference and Instructional Services Department has announced her decision to retire on May 31, 1997.

Parks Library has restructured its Web site Have a look at <http://www.lib.iastate.edu> to see the changes.

Christopher Niemeyer, Reference and Instructional Services Librarian, has developed a method for those wanting to learn the American manual alphabet (used in sign language) which uses a

special font, a Windows word-processor and a piece of DOS freeware that Niemeyer developed. The entire process is illustrated at the following URL:

<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~niemeyer/fspell.html>

--Joan Leysen

Kirkwood Community College

Jill Miller retired as director of the Kirkwood Community College Library, Cedar Rapids, at the end of December. She will continue to work part-time at the Library, maintaining the archives.

Jerrie Bourgo became the new director. She has worked as a reference librarian for seven years at the Library.

--Genny Yarne

Legislative Service Bureau

The Bureau has completed legislative guides on the following topics: animal feeding operations, business franchise, education finance, gambling in Iowa, Indian gaming, legalizing acts, local referendum, separation of powers, and state taxation. Each guide provides a survey of the law, analysis of relevant court rulings, and fiscal information where appropriate. The Bureau anticipates updating these guides and issuing new ones annually. Copies of these guides may be requested from:

State Library of Iowa
State Documents Division
East 12th and Grand
Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

--Joan Leysen

Loras College

Doug Gullikson has been appointed Public Services Librarian at the Wahlert Memorial Library. He has previously worked at other libraries in Texas and Iowa and is a graduate of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Missouri.

--Linda Scarth

Marshalltown Community College

Betty Harrison, Marshalltown Community College librarian, is retiring after 34 years with the College and four years as high school/college librarian.

--Joan Leysen

Mount Mercy College

Joel Huebner became the Director of the Academic Computer Center in the Busse Library at Mount Mercy College in November 1996. He is working on developing the campus network which, among other things, will deliver a number of library services to offices and rooms throughout the campus.

Julia Kiple joined the Busse Center Library in June 1996. She is working in Reference, Archives and in Web page construction. She is a recent graduate of the University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science.

--*Linda Scarth*

University of Iowa Libraries

Shortly after the print version of this Newsletter went to press, International Studies Bibliographer John Bruce Howell passed away after a brief illness. John's many contributions, most notably in the area of African studies, were widely respected in the community of scholars. The University has lost a fine colleague and a good friend.

A number of new appointments have been made in Information, Research & Instructional Services (IRIS): Ken Clinkenbeard, Programmer Analyst; Lissa Lord, Team Leader for Research Services; Jim Loter, Team Leader for Electronic Services Support; Toby Lyles, Minority Research Librarian; Renee McKinney, Minority Research Librarian; Paul Soderdahl, Team Leader for the Libraries-Wide Information System and Multimedia; and Karen Zimmerman, Project Coordinator, Information Technology Learning Program.

Several new staff members have been appointed in the Hardin Library for Health Sciences: Jim Duncan, Head, Information Commons; Jonathan Miller, Project Director for the IAIMS (Integrated Advanced Information Management Systems) grant from the National Library of Medicine; and Teresa Wymore, Program Assistant for the IAIMS grant.

In the Government Publications Department, Michael Levine-Clark has accepted the position of State, Foreign, and International Documents Librarian. Marianne Ryan Kapfer has left the University Libraries to continue advanced graduate studies.

--*Jeff Dodd*

University of Northern Iowa

Beth Clausen joined the staff of Rod Library on January 13, 1997 as Documents & Maps Reference Librarian. Beth comes to UNI from the University of Southern Mississippi. Ellen Neuhaus assumed the position of MultiService Center Librarian on January 13, 1997. Ellen previously served as a library assistant in the Center and as adjunct professor in the Library Science Department.

--*John Wynstra*

Vennard College

Trudy Harwell, Library Director at Vennard College, University Park, reported that the library received more than \$700 from a book sale consisting of 18,000 donated items.

--*Genny Yarne*

Veterans Administration Medical Center, Medical and Patients Libraries

Clare Jergens, Chief Librarian, retired on January 3, 1997.

--*Joan Leysen*

Some Useful ILA/ACRL Web Sites

The Home Page: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/>

The Directory: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/97dir.html>

The Newsletters: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/iacrldir/News.html>

Spring Conference Virtual Reference Desk: <http://www.uni.edu/neuhaus/ilaref.html>

Spring Conference Announcements: <http://www.uni.edu/neuhaus/ilanews2.html>

Spring Conference Registration: <http://www.uni.edu/neuhaus/ilareg2.html>

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