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President's Piece

You energize and inspire me!

I continue to be amazed at the rapid pace the 2002 standing and ad hoc committee members and chairs have devoted to ILA/ACRL already this year. In November, Jane Campagna, past president, led us in a smooth transition meeting of past and present executive board members. I am certainly grateful for all of her hard work in 2001. She did an excellent job!

Everything seemed to magically come together last fall as the Nominating Committee contacted many of you to help serve as committee chairs or members. The committees were rapidly filled due to your willingness to serve. Thank you! Also, congratulations go to John Pollitz (Vice-President/President-Elect), Stephen Dew (Secretary/Treasurer) and Jean Donham (Member-at-Large) who are your newly elected ILA/ACRL officers and Betty Rogers who is the Vice President/President-Elect of ILA.

Although I do not want to repeat the newsletter, I would like to highlight major accomplishments that have recently taken place. So far this year...

- The Directory Committee led by Susan Moore has published the 2002 ILA/ACRL Directory.
- The Bylaws Committee (ad hoc) led by Ann Ford has gathered a list of recommended changes and is ready for a vote in April.
- The Database Committee (ad hoc) led by John Pollitz has compiled a list of subscribed databases by institution type.
- The Information Literacy Committee (ad hoc) led by Jean Donham has created an excellent web resource on this topic (see below).
- The Electronic Communications Committee led by Chris Neuhaus has been keeping our homepage up-to-date with all these activities. Thanks!
- The Spring Conference Committee led by Sandra Keist is planning a great conference in Newton on April 19th entitled "United We Succeed: Partnering with Purpose" with Helen Spalding, ACRL's 2002-2003 president, as our keynote speaker.

Librarians across the country and within our organization are focusing on the theme of developing new relationships. So as we eagerly await the Spring Conference, I ask you to ponder these questions. How might librarians develop partnerships in Iowa, across the country, and around the world? How might ILA/ACRL help facilitate these relationships? Our future is created by each of us, so let's energize, inspire and learn from each other!

—Rachel Crowley, Morningside College, ILA/ACRL president

United We Succeed: Partnering with Purpose

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference.

Where: DMCC in Newton, Iowa

When: April 19, 2002

This year's theme is "United We Succeed: Partnering with Purpose." We are very pleased to announce our keynote speaker: Helen Spalding, Vice President/President Elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Following the conference theme, her presentation is entitled "New Realities, New Relationships." Ms. Spalding received her MLS from the University of Iowa, and since 1985 has been Associate Director of Libraries at the University of Missouri—Kansas City. As ACRL President, she plans to bring visibility to the contribution that librarians make in higher education, scholarly communication, and civic development. More information about Helen Spalding is available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/prespage02.html>.

Visit the ILA/ACRL web site at <http://www.iowaacrl.org/> for registration information. Interested in presenting a paper? The Call for Papers for this year's conference is also available at the web site.

If you have never been to an ILA/ACRL Spring Conference or have been working in Iowa less than 3 years, you can apply for a scholarship and receive up to \$100 towards your registration and travel costs! Scholarship application forms are available at the web site.

Please plan on joining us for another excellent conference!

—*Sandra Keist, Grand View College, Spring Conference committee chair*

Committee Reports

ACRL Chapters Council

ACRL Chapters Council met at ALA Midwinter, Sunday, January 20, 2002. The meeting started with a welcome and introduction of the Chapters Council officers by Linda Kopecky, Chapters Council Chair. After approval of the June 2001 minutes, Larry Hardesty, Conference Chair, discussed the ACRL 11th National Conference to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina from April 10–13, 2003. He encouraged everyone to attend and remind other librarians of the opportunities to participate. The deadline for submission of contributed papers is May 31, 2002. Those wanting to present posters have until November 1, 2002 to apply and roundtable organizers have until early January 2003 to apply.

Reports and updates of various ACRL committees, officers and staff were presented. ACRL presidential candidates Tyrone H. Cannon and John Popko were introduced. A Candidates Forum and Luncheon followed the Chapters Council meeting.

ACRL is sponsoring an ACRL Legislative Luncheon on the 28th Annual National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. on May 6, 2002. More information is available at <http://www.ala.org/washoff/legislateday.html>.

Everyone is reminded of the national ACRL web pages on the ALA website. There is a roster of Chapters Council officers, committees and state ACRL organizations at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/roster.html>. The Chapters Council's newsletter, Chapter Topics, is available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/ct/>.

Lynne Bradley of the Washington, D.C. office of ALA (<http://www.ala.org/washoff/>) spoke about some of the issues currently being worked on by those in that office. She mentioned appropriations and copyright issues along with the impact of the TEACH Act (<http://www.ala.org/washoff/disted.html>) and the implications of the USA Patriot Act (<http://chronicle.com/free/v48/i25/25a03101.htm>) on the business records of all types of libraries. All colleges and universities should have a procedure for dealing with requests for information. The institution's attorneys should offer guidance as existing policies are reviewed and new ones written and all staff including student workers should be trained on the procedures to be followed.

Other issues of note for academic libraries in the political arena are *Eldred v. Ashcroft*, the challenge to the Copyright Term Extension Act now before the Supreme Court (<http://www.ala.org/washoff/copyright.html>) and everyone's perennial favorite, UCITA (<http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita/index.html>).

—*Linda L. Scarth, Mt. Mercy College, Chapters Council representative*

Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee

The ILA/ACRL Board has proposed modifications to the ILA/ACRL Bylaws. You can view these proposed modifications at <http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/bylaws/revision02.html> . A discussion and vote on the proposed bylaw modifications will take place during the Spring Conference business meeting, held at lunch, on April 19, 2002.

—*Ann Ford, University of Iowa, committee chair*

Ad Hoc Committee on Best Practices in Information Literacy

Iowa-ACRL has a new task force at work on ways to share information about the best practices in information literacy programs. Task force members are Susan Vega Garcia (ISU), Chris Neuhaus (UNI), Kathy Magarrell (UI), Barb Kuttler (St. Ambrose), Kyle Winward (SECC), Daria Bossman (Morningside), Jane Campagna (Scott CC), and Chair Jean Donham (Cornell).

The task force's charge is to facilitate dialog about information literacy and develop a best practices clearing house. The association's website has been an obvious place to provide information about best practices, and Chris Neuhaus has wasted no time in posting links to useful websites regarding information literacy. Take a look at the web page

(<http://www.iowaacrl.org/il/>) to see resources he has identified there. Categories of information include Best Practices–Iowa; Directory of Associations and Organizations; Best Practices–National/International Forums; Listservs and Conferences; Bibliographies; Standards; Definitions; and Web Resources.

The committee hopes to use a session at the Spring Conference as a forum for exchange of information about best practices in information literacy. We will continue to work to identify ways in which we can both support and disseminate ideas for improving the information literacy programs in Iowa academic libraries.

—*Jean Donham, Cornell College, committee chair*

Directory Committee

The 2002 Iowa Academic and Research Libraries Directory is now available. The directory is published in print every two years, and updated between times on the ILA/ACRL web site. Free distribution of the directory to ILA/ACRL members will take place at the Spring Conference. Cost of the directory for non-members is \$5.00.

—*Susan Moore, UNI, committee chair*

Community College News

Scott Community College

Scott Community College Library is participating in the "Let's All Read Hunger for Memory: The Education of Richard Rodriguez" campaign. The campaign is part of the Super Author Project, sponsored by Quad City Arts and made possible by grants from the Illinois Humanities Council, Humanities Iowa, and Scott County Regional Authority. Scott Community College Library will hold a book discussion on April 3, 2002 in the Student Life Center. Copies of the book will be provided to participants.

Libraries and other institutions from across the United States have participated in the Let's All Read Project. The purpose of the project is to encourage community discussion about books and to provide citizens an opportunity to meet with a popular author.

News of the Iowa Private Academic Libraries

Central College

Central College librarians are planning a second Information Literacy Faculty Workshop for May 2002. The first workshop was held May 2001. Using Iowa College Foundation faculty technology development grant funds, the three-day workshop helps faculty renew and upgrade

their library information retrieval and evaluation skills within their disciplines. Librarians collaborate with participants to define information literacy generally and then to integrate information literacy components into existing courses of the faculty member's choice. For further information, contact Robin Martin (martinr@central.edu).

Cornell College

Cole Library at Cornell College has recently contracted with Serials Solutions. Using the list of database aggregators we subscribe to, Serials Solutions provides us with a list of all of our full-text electronic format journals. We were surprised to learn that we hold around 9,000 titles. That compares to owning under 1,000 titles in print format.

We chose the HTML format option with links to the databases where the journal is located. We requested that Serials Solutions also add a link to our OPAC for the titles we hold in print, so those will not be overlooked in our quest for full-text titles. We are finding that we are making fuller use of the resources we have. Our reference desk has used this much more than we thought we would in helping students find the resources they need.

Drake University

Drake University is pleased to announce that the SIRSI Corporation's Unicorn product has been selected for the Cowles Library and the Drake Law Library as the new integrated library management system (ILS). Planning and implementation for this migration is currently underway with the goal of "going live" in mid-June 2002. Both libraries are excited by the prospect of bringing this evolutionary system to the Drake community before the beginning of the next academic year.

Marcia Keyser is the new Coordinator of Information Resources at Cowles Library. She comes to Iowa from Texas A&M University—Kingsville, where she was a Reference & Education Materials Librarian. Although she considers herself a generalist, her areas of specialization are English and Education. In her new position at Cowles Library, she will be participating in faculty outreach, establishing an electronic reserves service, and many other activities.

Karen Wallace, Circulation/Reference Librarian at the Drake Law Library, and Sharon (Shay) Baker, former Associate Professor of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa, recently had a book published by Libraries Unlimited. The title, *The Responsive Public Library: How to Develop and Market a Winning Collection*, has a public library focus but includes much information on promotion, relationship marketing, staff development, partnerships, and other aspects of marketing applicable to academic libraries as well.

Cowles Library Gets in the Mix for Endowed Lectureships

Drake University's Cowles Library has found itself in a unique situation when it comes to lectures. In 1996, the University was given \$1.5 million for an endowed lectureship. The purpose was for a "major and original lecture on a topic of international significance."

In 1999 Cowles Library began hosting an afternoon event with the speaker called “Informal Conversations.” Near the end of 1999, the Cowles Library administration was asked to administer the lecture since it was growing in popularity and workload. Currently, a committee is appointed by the University President to select speakers and give general direction, but the planning of the event is left to the library administration. The next lecture will feature Ken Burns on April 10, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at the Drake Knapp Center. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Library Destroyed on September 11 Gets Help from Drake Law Library

Seven boxes of duplicate books in the Drake Law Library were shipped off the end of December to the Ferdinand Gallozzi Library of the U.S. Customs Service, which was destroyed during the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Since the attacks, the Gallozzi Library has relocated from 6 World Trade Center to 1 Penn Plaza and started to rebuild its collection by requesting books from libraries across the country. The Drake Law Library noticed a request for Words and Phrases (a set of 58 bound volumes and 40 pamphlets) in a “Needs and Offers” list. Drake had acquired a duplicate of this set through donations and so was able to offer the set to the Gallozzi Library. In addition to sending six boxes filled with Words and Phrases, the Law Library also is contributing another box of duplicate copies of assorted books requested by the Gallozzi Library.

Kaplan College (Davenport)

The February 15, 2002 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education contains an article on Kaplan, Inc.’s purchase of the Quest Education Corporation, our parent company. Kaplan College, Davenport campus, will offer two new programs beginning in the April 2002 quarter—paralegal and criminal justice. The library collection has expanded to include the two subjects. The library has partnered with Quad City Arts and the Let's All Read Project to provide copies of *Hunger for Memory* by Richard Rodriguez to all faculty and staff members. Kaplan will hold discussions of the book during Friday Morning Breakfast Club meetings of staff and faculty as a staff development project.

Loras College

Loras College is nearing completion of its new 90,000 sq. ft. library, tentatively called the Academic Resource Center (ARC). The library will occupy about 75% of the space. In addition to the large allocation for stack space (500,000 volumes), there will be 10 group studies, 10 private enclosed studies, seating for over 500 students in upholstered seats, open carrels, and study tables, a faculty study, and three faculty research offices. The ARC will feature wireless network access and voice-over-IP telephony. Other elements included in the building are the institutional archives, the Center for Dubuque History, the Learning Differences Center, the Writing Lab, the Math Lab, the Honors Program, the Barnes & Noble Bookstore at Loras College, three electronic classrooms, and three seminar rooms. Construction will be finished in May 2002, with the collection move scheduled for late June. The new library will be fully operational for the opening of the fall semester.

St. Ambrose University

St. Ambrose has hired a new Head of Media Services. Debra Duly graduated from Western Illinois University in July 2001 with an M.S. in Instructional Technology and Telecommunications. Debra's undergraduate degree in Business and Computer Science is from St. Ambrose University. Her responsibilities include: purchasing and scheduling of media equipment; instruction on various software for faculty and students, both individually and in a workshop environment; producing customized multimedia presentations for faculty; and traditional media services such as binding, laminating, etc.

In October, O'Keefe Library and three other local libraries sponsored a month-long "Art of the Book Festival." The festival included workshops on papermaking, calligraphy, and book binding. Two lectures on book arts were held at St. Ambrose University and Augustana College featuring Paul Gehl from the Newberry Library and Timothy Barrett from the University of Iowa Center for the Book. The festival concluded with a book appraisal fair with Thomas Joyce, Chicago rare book dealer and "Dr. Rare" from HGTV's Appraisal Fair.

Librarians at O'Keefe Library have completed their first two semesters of teaching Information Literacy 101. IL101 is a one-credit class included within the general education requirements for all students at St. Ambrose University. During this first year, over 350 first-year students have completed the class. During the fall semester, eight sections of IL101 were presented within a Learning Community with three other linked classes. Next fall the library will be offering 13 sections of IL101 linked to Learning Communities. The curriculum for IL101 is based on the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education.

Wartburg College

Wartburg College's Vogel Library is one of 10 in the country chosen to participate in a national conference that will explore and develop information literacy programming. "We consider this a huge honor," said College Librarian Jill Gremmels. "We believe information literacy is the mission of the library. We've worked hard the past eight years to make that mission manifest in the services the library offers and the architecture of Vogel Library." The Association of College and Research Libraries Best Practices in Information Literacy Invitational Conference will take place June 11–13 in Atlanta.

Wartburg requires students to show proficiency in four literacy areas, including Information Literacy Across the Curriculum (ILAC). Since 2000, ILAC has been integrated into the Wartburg Plan of Essential Education and into each major. College librarians teach ILAC basics in five required Essential Education courses, in partnership with classroom faculty. In addition, each major at Wartburg has developed its own ILAC standards to reflect information literacy in the discipline.

IPAL Conference

Mark your calendars! The 2002 Iowa Private Academic Libraries (IPAL) Conference will be held Friday, March 22, at Wartburg College in Waverly. The program theme is "Getting Better

Together." Concurrent sessions will describe projects and explore possibilities for collaboration in three areas: collection management and retention review; a new and different way of handling reference statistics; and grant support for database subscriptions. The conveners promise not only information but also the opportunity to develop action plans for collaborative endeavors among IPAL libraries, leading to improvements and growth for all of us. Tours of Wartburg's almost-new Vogel Library will also be available, along with a delicious lunch and the IPAL business meeting. For more information, contact Jill Gremmels, College Librarian, Wartburg College at gremmelsg@wartburg.edu .

News of the Iowa Public Academic Libraries

Iowa State University

As part of the campus-wide effort to provide ISU students, faculty, and staff with wireless Ethernet technology, wireless "access points" are being installed in a variety of locations in the ISU Library system. Future plans call for additional access points on all five floors and seven tiers of the Parks Library.

The Technical Services Department underwent an assessment and major reorganization of their space.

By invitation, three vendors of unmediated document delivery services demonstrated their products/services for library faculty and staff. Those products and services are being evaluated. A search is currently underway for a Physical Sciences Librarian/Assistant Professor. More information is available at http://www.iastate.edu/~hrs_info/jobs/jobs.html.

Olivia Madison, Library Dean, presented a paper at the International Conference on Electronic Sources, in November 2001, in Rome, Italy.

Gerry McKiernan has been appointed a member of the editorial board of The Serials Librarian.

Professional Staff Changes

George Covert, Information Technology Officer for the University Library and Associate Director for Technical Services at Academic Information Technologies, retired in January after 38 years of service at ISU.

Steven Johns has accepted the faculty position of Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian/Instructional Technology Librarian.

Karen Lawson, Assistant IT Officer, has been appointed interim Information Technology Officer.

University of Iowa

All friends and supporters of The University of Iowa Libraries are invited to join us in celebrating two important milestones, the acquisition of our four-millionth volume and the tenth anniversary of the Iowa Women's Archives. The celebration takes place Friday, April 12, 2002 from 7–9 p.m. in the Richey Ballroom at the Iowa Memorial Union. A tapas reception is included. This event is free but reservations are appreciated, call (319) 335-5867 or e-mail lib-friends@uiowa.edu.

Our distinguished guest speaker is Marian Rees, an award winning filmmaker and Iowa alumna. Ms. Rees is a strong advocate of the University Libraries and a contributor to the Iowa Women's Archives where she donated both her personal papers and documents from Marian Rees Associates, Inc. For more information about this event see <http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/friends/events.html>.

The University of Iowa Libraries and the Iowa Memorial Union have jointly opened Food for Thought, The Library Café, a coffee cart and snack bar in the Main Library that features hot and cold beverages, pastries, sandwiches and other items. The Library Café is located on the first floor, South Lobby, and is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. No service is offered on Saturdays or during semester intercessions. In order to protect collections and equipment, permitted and restricted dining areas have been designated in the library. Preferred dining areas include the first and second floor lounges and study areas. Prohibited areas include at or near computer stations, and at or near photocopiers, printers, microfilm readers or other equipment.

Professional Staff Changes

Appointments

Anne Gehringer, Temp. Librarian I, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Hardin Library, effective January 2, 2002.

Janet Hulm, Serials Acquisitions Librarian, CTS, effective April 1, 2002.

Michael Wright, Monographic Cataloger, CTS, effective March 1, 2002.

Departures

Sandra Phelps, Temp. Librarian II, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Hardin Library

Promotions, Transfers, etc.

Susie Marks, Librarian IV, from Coordinator, Access Services to Coordinator, Human Resources & Diversity Programs.

Janice Simmons-Welburn, Librarian IV, additional responsibility of Interim Coordinator, Access Services.

Sandy Ballasch, Librarian III, additional responsibility of Head, Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery.

University of Northern Iowa

Librarians Gundie Kersche and Ursula Steiger of the University of Klagenfurt, Austria will be visiting the Rod Library from April 18–26 and attending the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference as part of the ongoing exchange of librarians between UNI and UK

(<http://www.uni.edu/~caswell/klg/>).

This past year the Rod Library Marketing Committee has released a series of promotional online newsletters, which may be viewed at <http://www.library.uni.edu/newsletter/>.

Marilyn Mercado, acting Dean, and Becky Lutkenhaus, Documents and Maps Reference Librarian, will be spending May 9–27 on an exchange visit in St. Petersburg, Russia. During the first week of the trip, they will be making a presentation at the fifth annual ACIE-RGPU-UNI Conference on Higher Education. (That rather formidable set of acronyms stands for the American Councils for International Education, the Russian State Pedagogical University, and the University of Northern Iowa.) During the second week the two will be meeting with and providing seminars to librarians of the Russian State Pedagogical University and other area libraries. It is hoped that this trip will be the beginning of the establishment of a long term exchange agreement between RGPU and UNI libraries.

Positions Open

Reference Librarian, RIS (application deadline was 02/22/02).

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