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## President's Piece

You continue to energize and inspire me!

On June 4, I received an email from Linda Kopecky, ACRL Chapters Council chair, inviting us to participate in the "Best of Chapters" session at ALA. She stated, "Your chapter was one of the standouts in the latest issue of Chapter Topics." Linda wanted us to highlight our recent activities and show how we support ACRL at the local level. At late notice, John Pollitz graciously volunteered to give the presentation. But without the work of Linda Scarth who submitted our chapter update for publication in the Chapters Topics, (<http://www.ala.org/acrl/ct/ctv23n1.html>) we would not have been noticed. Thanks John and Linda! But most importantly, thanks to each and every one of you the ILA/ACRL chapter makes a difference. You should be proud!

One of the most active groups in our chapter is the Spring Conference Committee. Many, many thanks go to Sandra Keist, chair, Mary Heinzman, Gail Bonath, Corey Williams Green, Lisa Stock and Jennifer Davis, who put together an excellent program. We welcomed Bob Rose back to Iowa and his keynote presentation "Blurring the Lines: Partnering across Organizational Boundaries to Achieve Results" gave us many ideas and questions to ponder. (For those of you who missed it, the PowerPoint is available: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/conference/2002/BlurringtheLines.ppt>.) The sessions also received rave reviews. I only wish I could have seen them all. Everything was terrific-even the food got high marks!

Even though we are halfway through the year, and we have accomplished so much, there are a few opportunities and activities still to come. The 2002 Iowa Library Association Conference (Successful Libraries: It's All About Us!) will be held October 9-11 in Des Moines. ILA/ACRL will be sponsoring a session with Julia Blixrud, Director of Information Services, Association of Research Libraries. Her presentation is entitled, "Where's the Evidence? Discovering the Measures that Make Up a Library's Contribution to Student Learning Outcomes." A panel session will follow. Mark your calendars, as this will be another great conference.

I hope that you are as proud as I am to be a member of ILA/ACRL. If you haven't joined yet, it is not too late! If you have joined and want to be more involved, fill out our volunteer form: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/volunteer.html>. John Pollitz, Vice-President/President Elect will be looking for volunteers this summer to serve on committees. I can't say enough what a joy it is to be a member with all of you.

*-Rachel Crowley, Morningside College, ILA/ACRL president*

## **ILA/ACRL Scholarship Recipient**

Each spring ILA/ACRL provides a scholarship to attend our spring conference to a new librarian. This year's recipient was Ericka Raber from the University of Iowa Libraries. Her comments are below.

The ILA/ACRL Conference was a wonderful opportunity for me to attend educational sessions, and I enjoyed visiting with colleagues from across the state. This event provides an excellent forum for the discussion of issues important to the field of academic librarianship. I was particularly inspired by discussions about the typical one-shot instructional sessions and what should be taught when you have the students for such a brief period of time. I left the conference feeling pleased with my decision to become an academic librarian, and I look forward to expanding my involvement in professional activities in the future.

## **ILA Fall Conference**

Visit the ILA web site (<http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/>) for the latest information on the Fall Conference, to be held October 9-11 in Des Moines. This year's theme is "Successful Libraries: It's All About Us!" Speakers include

- John W. Berry, ALA immediate past president, speaking on "The Shock of the New: the Future of Libraries and Library and Information Workers"
- Michael Michalko, author of Thinkertoys and Cracking Creativity, speaking on "Breakthrough Creative Thinking"
- Carla Stoffle, Dean of Libraries, University of Arizona
- Debra Marquart, Professor of English, Iowa State University

## **Blixrud to Speak at ILA Fall Conference**

How does the library contribute to student learning? What is the librarian's role in this process? How can we know what our contributions to student learning are? These are some of the important questions that Julia Blixrud will address in her talk "Where's the Evidence? Discovering the Measures that Make Up a Library's Contribution to Student Learning Outcomes."

Julia's talk promises to be informative and stimulating. She will use a detective theme to see how we ferret out information from our campuses about student learning, and what libraries can do with that information to develop programs that engage the faculty and also allow us to evaluate our contributions to the learning process. Julia will suggest ways that librarians can become involved with campus assessment activities to ensure that we are included in campus efforts to

define learning outcomes. There will be some discussion of information literacy and information technology fluency as examples of evidence.

Julia Blixrud has been with the Association of Research Libraries since December 1996, serving now as Director of Information Services. Her responsibilities include shared planning and development for ARL's New Measures Initiative, and planning for publications and communications activities for ARL. Julia is also the Assistant Director for Public Programs for SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition. Serving in that capacity since August 1999, she is implementing a grassroots educational program aimed at scientists, librarians, and society publishers. She also holds an adjunct faculty appointment at the University of Kansas where she is assisting the Chief Information Office with quality service projects. Julia's 25-year career in the library community has included positions at CAPCON and MINITEX library networks, the Council on Library Resources, and the Library of Congress. Her interests and professional activities include technical standards, cooperative programs, intellectual property, and scholarly communication.

## **Report to ACRL Chapters Council**

ILA/ACRL was invited to participate in a "Best of Chapters" session at the Chapters Council meeting during the ALA Conference in Atlanta this June. ACRL Chapters Council Chair, Linda Kopecky, invited "standouts" from the latest "Chapter Topics" newsletter to show how chapters are representing and promoting ACRL at the local level, highlighting the variety and quality of activities. Along with representatives from two other chapters, Delaware Valley and New England, Vice President/President-elect John Pollitz provided a brief report on the highlights of our recent activities. John focused on the ILA/ACRL web site and our past two conferences. He reported that we had created an information literacy "Best Practices" page that served as a clearinghouse to share resources created by different Iowa information literacy programs. Members of Chapters Council were given the URL for the ILA/ACRL web site. He also reported on recent support from the ILA/ACRL for the State Library's efforts to broker a statewide contract for EBSCOhost. The short presentation also highlighted our recent spring conference and participation in the ILA fall conference, noting our ability to bring in nationally respected speakers.

The "Chapter Topics" newsletter is available at the national ACRL web site: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/ct/>. ACRL president Helen Spalding hopes for a strong representation from the national membership at the ALA Annual Conference in Toronto, June 2003.

## **Community College News**

### **Hawkeye Community College**

Robert Chittenden has a new position at HCC, beginning July 1. His new job title is Executive Director of Research, Planning and Instruction Services. Jan Dellinger, Services and Systems Librarian, has assumed the library director responsibilities.

## **News of the Iowa Private Academic Libraries**

### **Loras College**

Following a year and a half of construction, the 90,000 sq. foot, \$18,000,000 Loras College Academic Resource Center opened its doors July 8. Loras has scheduled a dedication ceremony on September 4, 2002. In addition to the Loras Library, and the 3,500 sq. ft. Barnes and Noble College Bookstore, the Academic Resource Center will be the site for key academic support offices, including

- The Loras Archives
- Center for Dubuque History
- Writing Lab
- Math Lab
- Learning Disabilities Center
- Honors Program Center
- Tutorial Areas (peer tutoring in all subjects)
- Two electronic multi-purpose classrooms
- One electronic bibliographic classroom
- Three seminar classrooms

The facility will offer seating for 511. The library portion of the building will consume 65,540 sq. feet.

### **Kaplan College, Davenport**

Kaplan began a new quarter July 15, with 511 students and two new associate degree programs, Paralegal and Criminal Justice. The college is preparing for an NCA visit/evaluation in February of 2003. Graduation was held July 13 and, for the first time, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Management program received degrees.

### **St. Ambrose University**

In April Dorothy and Gwen Hennessey came to O'Keefe Library to talk about their experiences during the six months they spent in federal prison for trespassing on government lands while protesting the School of the Americas in Georgia. On July 10, O'Keefe Library sponsored an evening with Marcos McPeck Villatoro. Villatoro is a graduate of the University of Iowa Writers

Workshop and holds the Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair in Writing at Mount St. Mary's College. His latest novel, Home Killings, won the 2002 Latino Literary Hall of Fame Book Award at Book Expo America and a silver medal in the Foreword Magazine Best Books of 2001.

Jennifer Davis, with assistance from the rest of the library staff, has been busy working on the development of an RFP for the QuadLINC integrated library system. Jennifer is working closely with other local librarians to draft the language describing the functional requirements for a third generation automation system.

Barb Kuttler represented St. Ambrose University in the Quad City Libraries Bookin' It Precision Book Cart Drill Team. The spectacular drill team participated in the Quad City St. Patrick's Day Parade where they won the award for "Most Unique," the Colona, IL. Memorial Day Parade, and the East Moline, IL. Fourth of July Parade.

## **News of the Iowa Public Academic Libraries**

### **Iowa State University**

ISU has an opening for an Instruction Coordinator/Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian. This faculty position includes working reference in the ISU Library as well as coordinating library instruction. A position description can be found at [http://www.iastate.edu/~hrs\\_info/jobs/4academic.htm#023290](http://www.iastate.edu/~hrs_info/jobs/4academic.htm#023290).

The ISU Library has outsourced public photocopying to the ISU Printing Services effective July 1. Old photocopy machines have been replaced with new machines featuring digital-photocopying technology. The new Library photocopy machines will take bills, change, and ISU ID cards in payment.

As part of the campus-wide effort to provide students, faculty, and staff with wireless Ethernet technology, 22 wireless access points have been installed in the ISU Library, completing the project of providing access to wireless laptop computing in the ISU Library.

A five-year project is now underway to equip 100 ISU academic and administration buildings with high-speed communications wiring. In this project, approximately 6000 miles of new wiring will be installed and approx. 9000 miles of old wiring will be removed. Parks Library is currently being rewired, one of the first buildings to be upgraded.

### **Professional Staff Changes**

Collin Hobert, Head of Monograph Copy Cataloging, has elected to take early retirement on July 1, 2002, after 33 years of service in the ISU Library.

Service awards were issued to the following ISU Library faculty and staff

- 30 years - Ivan Hanthorn, Chris Kading, Jerie Schwartz
- 25 years - Karen Craft, Debbie Kester, Joan Mueller
- 15 years - Barbara Brown, Corinne Brown, Marlene Matthewson, Gerry McKiernan, Kathy Christian
- 10 years - Norma Dowell, Edward Goedecken, Janet Richardson, William Wiese

## **University of Iowa**

This spring UI Libraries implemented its InfoLink service, a means of accessing full-text journals from within subscription databases and soon, within the online catalog (InfoHawk). InfoLink enables access to roughly 8,000 full-text journals directly from citations in such online services as EBSCOhost, Web of Knowledge, Ovid-Online, ProQuest and OCLC FirstSearch. Article-level access is available with most electronic journals, in some cases access is to the journal home page, and where there is no full text available InfoLink defaults to a search of the library catalog for print and microform holdings. Access via additional online services will become available as database vendors and journal publishers embrace the OpenURL standard upon which InfoLink is based.

### Professional Staff Changes

#### Departures

Ellen Hammond, Librarian III, Bibliography, effective June 3, 2002

Charmaine Henriques, Librarian II, Government Publications, effective May 24, 2002

#### Retirements

Charlene Lehman, Librarian II, Reference, effective April 30, 2002

Dick Eimas, Librarian III, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, effective May 31, 2002

#### Promotions, Transfers, etc.

- Lisa Martincik, Information Arcade, Librarian I to Librarian II, effective July 1, 2002
- Paul Soderdahl, Information Systems Support Team, Librarian II to Librarian III, effective July 1, 2002
- Sandy Ballasch, Librarian III, appointed Interim Head of Access Services, effective May 1, 2002
- Steve Ostrem, Librarian II, Government Publications, transfer to Reference, effective August 15, 2002
- Dan Stout, Instructional Technologist, RIS, transfer to the Information Arcade, effective April 1, 2002

## **University of Northern Iowa**

In May, Dean of Library Services Marilyn Mercado and I participated in an ongoing academic exchange program that exists between the University of Northern Iowa and the Herzen State Pedagogical University in St. Petersburg, Russia. During our 18-day visit we presented a series

of five seminars on different aspects of American librarianship to librarians from around the city. We also presented "Creating an Impression: Integrating the Academic Library into Campus Life in the United States" at the plenary session of the 5th Annual Russian-American Scientific and Practical Conference on Modern Concepts of University Education, which was hosted by Herzen.

We had the opportunity to visit numerous libraries during our visit, including the Russian National Library, the Mayakovsky Public Library, the Library of the University of Finance and Economics, and the Library of the Academy of Sciences. During each library visit we were given an extensive tour and had the opportunity to discuss issues in librarianship with staff. Several of the libraries we visited hold extensive collections of rare books, which we were honored to be able to view. A highlight was being able to access books from Voltaire's personal collection, complete with his notes in the margins, at the Russian National Library.

It was interesting to be able to observe how Russian libraries operate, and to have the opportunity to discuss their practices. Although the poor economy hampers their ability for growth and innovation, several of the libraries we visited are implementing some impressive changes, mainly through assistance from the Soros Foundation. However, nearly all of the libraries we visited exhibited room for growth in the areas of preservation and automation/technology.

Since we plan on continuing the exchange of faculty and ideas between Herzen and UNI, we hope to be able to work with the Russian librarians to identify methods for improving library services within the budgetary constraints they face. And undoubtedly, being exposed to Russian library practices will continue to cause us to reflect on the effectiveness of our own methods as well.

Our Russian hosts were incredibly hospitable, and we enjoyed having the opportunity to meet the numerous Russian students who were kind enough to serve as guides and interpreters during our visit. Although the trip involved a great deal of work, we luckily had the opportunity to participate in many of the fabulous cultural attractions that St. Petersburg offers.

*-Becky Lutkenhaus, Documents and Maps Librarian, Rod Library, University of Northern Iowa*

#### Professional Staff Changes

Marilyn Mercado has been appointed Dean of Library Services at UNI, effective July 1.

Alan Asher is Art & Music Librarian and joins UNI from Sam Houston State University (Texas) where he served as Music Librarian.

Tim Bryant is Reference Librarian and Bibliographer and joins UNI as a recent graduate of the University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science.

## **Newsletter Committee**

Steve Ostrem (Chair), University of Iowa

Jan Dellinger, Hawkeye Community College

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