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President's Piece

Spring Conference

Once again the Spring Conference was a great success thanks to the conference planning committee chaired by Jane Campagna and the local arrangements committee headed up by Mary Anne Knefel. For those who arrived early, the Thursday night gala and tour was a real treat. After dinner at the historic Bricktown Brewery, everyone boarded the Dubuque Trolley for a tour of the three academic libraries that grace the city. With 95 attendees, we had a good turnout for an event on Iowa's east coast. Ralph Elliot, a Connecticut lawyer with First Amendment expertise, provided a keynote address that engendered many questions and ongoing discussion throughout the conference. It was valuable to hear a perspective from outside the profession. Evaluations came back with very positive reactions to the presenters and topics covered. The food even scored well on conference evaluations! Congratulations to everyone participating in the planning and presentation of the conference.

Strategic Plan

On July 9, the Executive Board met at Cornell College to begin formulating a new strategic plan for our organization. Our goal was to arrive at a set of achievable goals and objectives that would be closely tied to the strategic plan of the Iowa Library Association. This first meeting was taken up with identifying our goals and agreeing on some activities we can undertake in the next two years to advance our organization. We will be making more concrete steps towards this in the next few months. We identified responsibilities for current committees and have recognized the need for two ad hoc committees. Many of you will be hearing from us asking you to help support the activities that will grow out of the strategic planning process.

Fall Conference

Be sure to catch the ILA/ACRL programs at the Fall ILA Conference, which will be meeting October 15–17 at the Crowne Plaza & U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids.

"Digital Reference: Now What?" Joseph Janes, Associate Professor, Information School, University of Washington. Thursday, October 16, 11:05–11:55 a.m.

"Digital Reference: The Iowa Experience." Marcia Keyser, Drake University; Steve Ostrem, University of Iowa; Kris Stacy-Bates, Iowa State University. Thursday, October 16, 2:00–2:50 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

For those of you who want to increase your commitment to the advancement of the profession, remember the ILA/ACRL is always looking for a few good people. Contact Ellen Neuhaus and volunteer to become a committee member. The volunteer form is available at http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/volunteer.html

—John Pollitz, St. Ambrose University, 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 James O'Gorman from the O'Keefe Library, St. Ambrose University. His comments are below.

"I was honored to receive this year's scholarship. As a new academic librarian, I appreciated the opportunity to meet other academic librarians and to discuss with them the issues and dilemmas the profession is presently facing. Although I took an indirect path to academic librarianship, my experiences thus far have validated my vocational decision. To me the conference was like a working vacation. I got to travel, relax a bit, and still had the good fortune to learn some valuable information."

ILA Fall Conference

Visit the ILA web site (http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/) for the latest information on the Fall Conference, to be held October 15–17 in Cedar Rapids. This year's theme is library leadership, "Planting the Seeds: Growing Leaders for Tomorrow." Speakers include: Mitch Freedman, immediate past president of ALA; noted library consultant Maureen Sullivan will conduct a pre-conference on leadership; and an invitation has been extended to Senator Russell Feingold to speak on the USA Patriot Act.

The programs ILA/ACRL is sponsoring include:

"Digital Reference: Now What?" Joseph Janes, Associate Professor, Information School, University of Washington. Thursday, October 16, 11:05–11:55 a.m. Janes, founding director of the Internet Public Library, will discuss progress to date in the digital reference arena and assess future developments. For more information about Joe Janes, see http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/lectures/janes.html

"Digital Reference: The Iowa Experience." Marcia Keyser, Drake University; Steve Ostrem, University of Iowa; Kris Stacy-Bates, Iowa State University. Thursday, October 16, 2:00–2:50

p.m. The three panelists will respond to Joe Janes' presentation and highlight digital reference initiatives in Iowa academic libraries.

Please join us for these two thought-provoking and informative programs!

Report from ACRL Chapters Council

There were a good number of hearty Iowans who attended the ALA Conference in Toronto. John Pollitz represented the Iowa chapter of ACRL at the Chapters Council meeting Sunday morning. Here are some points that he took from that meeting.

- At some point the new ACRL website will have a "members-only" section with official documents, white papers, and the complete contents of C&RL News and College and Research Libraries, along with other information aimed at ACRL members.
- C&RL News is always looking for artwork for its front cover.
- Incoming president Tyrone Cannon addressed the group. The theme for his presidency will be partnership; faculty, staff, and community. He also discussed the effort to revise the ACRL strategic plan. He will be sending out information on the strategic plan and asking chapters for comment.
- This fall expect to see the first call for proposals for the 2005 ACRL Conference in Minneapolis. It was mentioned that there is always a shortage of proposals dealing with technical services issues.
- Chapters were encouraged to nominate members for the annual awards.
- Last November in C&RL News (vol. 63, no. 10), there was a report from the "Focus on the Future" taskforce. That group identified seven top issues facing academic libraries. ACRL is asking the chapters to keep the issues alive. They are calling on us to discuss the issues, create local solutions and feed information to ACRL for inclusion in a national white paper. The issues are listed below.

  ### Top issues for academic libraries
  1. Recruitment, education, and retention of librarians.
  2. Role of the library in the academic enterprise.
  3. Impact of information technology on library services.
  4. Creation, control, and preservation of digital resources.
  5. Chaos in scholarly communication.
  6. Support of new users.
  7. Higher education funding.

- Finally, three chapters reported on their activities of the last year. The Wisconsin chapter had a particularly interesting idea. They assign a mentor to the scholarship winners to their conferences. This mentor helps the winner meet people and get the most out of the conference.

A Message from the Nominating Committee

Please consider getting involved with ILA/ACRL!

ILA/ACRL is seeking individuals who wish to get more involved in the organization. Committees and elected positions will be finalized this fall for the 2004 year. Committee membership and officer positions are for the calendar year (January–December).

Please consider volunteering by completing the ILA/ACRL Volunteer Form located on our website at http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/volunteer.html

List of ILA/ACRL committees (two-year terms)

1. Newsletter Committee (publishes the newsletter)
2. Directory Committee (revises and distributes the membership directory)
3. Membership Committee (organizes the annual membership drive)
4. Nominating Committee (arranges nominations and conducts the fall election)
5. Fall Program Committee (plans program for fall ILA Conference)
6. Spring Program Committee (plans Spring Conference)
7. Awards Committee (selects scholarship recipients for conferences)
8. Electronic Communications Committee (creates and maintains the ILA/ACRL website and listserv)

List of ILA/ACRL Executive Board positions

1. Vice-President/President-Elect

2. Secretary/Treasurer

3. Member-at-Large (two-year term)

4. Legislative Network Chapter Representative (ex officio, non-voting)

5. ACRL Chapters Council Representative (ex officio, non-voting)
   In addition, each ILA/ACRL committee chair is also on the Executive Board

For detailed information about committees and offices go to the ILA/ACRL website at http://www.iowaacrl.org/ and click on "ILA/ACRL Organization."

—Ellen Neuhaus, Nominating Committee chair

Plugging Holes in the Archives

The ILA/ACRL archives are held in the Special Collections Department of the University of Iowa Libraries. Recently, it has come to the attention of the Executive Board that there is a gap in holdings in that collection. If you have any of the following, please send them to the address given below:

ILA/ACRL Newsletters:
- (1992) v. 2 nos. 1, 2 & 4
- (1993) v. 3 nos. 3 & 4
- (1994) v. 4 all issues
- (1995) v. 5 no. 4

Programs from the Spring Conference, 1992–1995
Minutes of the Executive Board, 1992–1997
Iowa Academic and Research Libraries Directory, 1992–1994

Also, if you have other documents that you think should be in the archives, please send them to:

Susan Moore
Cataloging Dept.
Rod Library
1227 W. 27th St.
University of Northern Iowa
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Thank you!

—Susan Moore, Directory Committee chair

Community College News

Hawkeye Community College
Jan Dellinger assumed the position of Director of Library Services at Hawkeye in June.

Kirkwood Community College
Jerrie Bourgo, Kirkwood Community College library director, will retire on July 31, 2003. Arron Wings, who is currently library coordinator for the Kirkwood campus library in Iowa City, will become the new director August 1. Nancy Pickering was hired as an adjunct librarian this spring.

Southeastern Community College
Julie Russell began working as the learning resources coordinator at Southeastern Community College in July. Julie will begin working towards a library science degree with Texas Woman's University this fall and has been volunteering in the children's section at the Burlington Public Library for the past year.

News of the Iowa Private Academic Libraries

Briar Cliff University
Rachel Crowley, formerly of Morningside College, has now assumed the position of Director of Library Services at Briar Cliff University. Rachel reports, "I am extremely happy to be at BCU, and look forward to the new challenges and opportunities this job provides. I will miss MSC, but I have a great staff here, too."

Drake University
Members of the faculty of the Drake University Libraries, with the assistance of the Provost and university legal counsel, recently undertook several steps to improve the management of the confidentiality of library patron records. The Drake policy covering library confidentiality was revised in order to include new procedural steps prompted by provisions contained in the USA Patriot Act. All library staff who handle patron records received training on the revised policy and procedures. To view the revised confidentiality policies go to the following Web addresses.

For Cowles Library: http://www.lib.drake.edu/geninfo/confidential2.html
For Law Library: http://www.law.drake.edu/library/information/confidentiality.html

Morningside College
Diana Kaardal joined Morningside College's Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Library June 1 as the Circulation Manager. She recently moved to the Siouxland area with her husband and children. Diana was formerly children's librarian/assistant director at the Redwood Falls Public Library in Redwood Falls, MN. Diana will complete her master's in English literature from Minnesota State University—Mankato this fall. Diana replaces Susan Trisler, who moved from the circulation position to technical Services and is in charge of acquisitions and serials. Susan joined the Morningside College library team in the fall of 1996 and has held various part-time and full-time support staff positions over the last seven years. Susan replaces Jane Svatos who retired in March of this year.

Currently, Morningside College is conducting a search for a new Electronic/Technical Services librarian. See the Morningside College library web page for the position description: http://library.morningside.edu/

—Daria Bossman, Director of Library Resources

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St. Ambrose University

John Pollitz, director of O'Keefe Library, has been named chair of the national ACRL Membership Committee.

SAU-READ, a book discussion group for faculty, staff, and students led by reference librarian Barb Kuttler, has continued to be popular. Now in its third year, the group recently chose the reading selections for the upcoming year. They can be viewed at http://library.sau.edu/libgen/SAUREAD.htm

Mary Heinzman, Head of Reference, will be participating in the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians, August 4–8.

Jennifer Davis, Head of Technical Services, is on the Implementation/Training Team for QuadLINC, charged with facilitating the implementation of the new online library catalog from Sirsi. QuadLINC is the shared online catalog for the library consortium in the Quad Cities area. Tentative plans call for the new catalog to be ready in March 2004.

Sarah Vowells, writer and commentator for "This American Life" on NPR, will visit St. Ambrose University in September. She will give a presentation open to the public and also have a display of her work at O'Keefe Library.

O'Keefe Library has implemented a program to provide for purchase of student art work for the Library's collection on an annual basis. Each spring a piece of art by an outstanding senior art student at St. Ambrose is purchased and put on display in the library. The art becomes part of the library's permanent collection.

News of the Iowa Public Academic Libraries

Iowa State University

The ISU Library is pleased to announce that Hilary Seo has accepted the faculty position of Head of Preservation, beginning August 1. Hilary has been the Head of Preservation at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Kris Gerhard, formerly the ISU Library's Collections Officer has accepted the position of Assistant Director for Technical Services. Ed Goedeken, Humanities Bibliographer, has accepted the additional duties of Collection Coordinator.

The Board of Regents has formally approved promotion to Associate Professor and granting of tenure to Kris Stacy-Bates, Science & Technology Librarian. Also announced was the promotion to Full Professor of Kris Gerhard, Assistant Director for Technical Services and Ed Goedeken, Humanities Bibliographer.

A search is underway for two Science & Technology Librarians, one in the subject of Ecology, the other in Biology. See http://www.lib.iastate.edu/libinfo/reptempl/empl_stu.html for more details.

Later this summer the ISU Library expects to open a search for two Social Sciences & Humanities Librarians: a Subject Bibliographer for Fine Arts and an Instructional Technology Librarian.

Bob Sickles, Science & Technology Librarian, has announced his retirement. At 35 years of service, Bob is the Library's longest-serving faculty member.

The ISU Music Library's collection has been fully incorporated into the Parks Library.

The ISU Library's Ingenta Gateway for patron initiated (unmediated) document delivery service is now available to the public.

University of Iowa

The University Archives and the Information Commons in the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences are joining forces to create a new online database with historical information about the university's buildings. The Web site will trace the history of such facilities as Calvin Hall, which was constructed in 1884 and moved across Jefferson Street to its present location in 1905. A timeline has not been set, but archives staff hope to have the first batch of building records online late this summer. Records will include information about the building's date of construction, its name and use history, and selected images. The database will be linked off the archives' Web site when it is released.

The Special Collections Department recently created new space in the form of new compact shelving units added to their basement storage area in the Main Library. The installation replaced four ranges of old shelves with eight new ranges of compact shelving. This addition yields approximately 144 new sections of storage space, amounting to approximately 2016 linear ft. of new shelving for Special Collections. The project enables the Special Collections staff to prioritize a massive shift of materials, spread out collections that are currently severely cramped, and provide space for continued growth. Plans are underway to maximize the use of the space by moving manuscript collections, book collections, and materials in the University Archives to best serve the needs of users of the collections.

The MetaLib Implementation Team is at work preparing MetaLib (Ex Libris) portal software for release to library patrons this fall. The portal, likely to be titled "MyLibrary," will enable cross-database searching and de-duplication of results, patron-specified resource lists, and periodic alerts of new search results.

Central Technical Services has set new records in cataloging materials. Mary Monson, CTS Coordinator, writes:

"During the fiscal year July 2002-June 2003, staff in Central Technical Services cataloged 62,830 new titles and facilitated the batch loading of an additional 5,310 cataloging records into InfoHawk. This is the highest cataloging output recorded in the thirty years I have been informally keeping track for comparison purposes. The 62,830 new titles represent a 26% increase over last year's cataloging output. When you add in the batch loaded records, the total of 68,140 new cataloging records in InfoHawk is a 37% increase over last year. In addition, 124,035 new volumes and pieces were added to the collection. This is a 13% increase over last year. All of this was accomplished while staff juggled a variety of other tasks and special projects."

Professional Staff Changes

Additions
Min Tian, Chinese Studies Librarian, effective 07/01/03

Promotions
Sandy Ballasch, Interim Head to Coordinator, Access Services, effective 04/1/03
The following promotions were effective 07/01/03:
Stephen Dew, Librarian III to Librarian IV
Jim Duncan, Librarian III to Librarian IV
Kathy Magarrell, Librarian I to Librarian II
Wendy Robertson, Librarian I to Librarian II
Brian Thompson, Librarian I to Librarian II

Departures
Eeva Nikkanen-Hoch, Business Library, effective 06/13/03
Janice Simmons-Welburn, Director, Central Public Services, effective 08/07/03

Newsletter Committee
Steve Ostrem (Chair), University of Iowa, 2004
Barbara Allen, University of Northern Iowa, 2004
Karen Dole, North Iowa Area Community College, 2004
Mary Heinzman, St. Ambrose University, 2004
Steve Johns, Iowa State University, 2004
Marcia Keyser, Drake University, 2004
Linda Nelson, Scott Community College, 2003
Arron Wings, Kirkwood Community College, 2003