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In this mid-summer issue, you will find

- The President's Piece by Brett Cloyd
- A reminder about the ILA/ACRL Public Relations and Advocacy Grant deadline
- Information about ILA/ACRL sponsored sessions at the Fall conference
- A feature article from the Mentoring Committee about a mentor/protégé pair
- News from ILA/ACRL libraries

## President's Piece

Becoming President of the Iowa chapter of ACRL has created many unexpected opportunities. The Chapter's Spring Conference is the signature event of the year. Keynote speaker Steven Bell from Temple University engaged the audience with his session "Designing the Future-Proof Library: Here's how we do it!" Steven offered some provocative ideas, a visually stimulating presentation, and also facilitated small group discussions. The discussions generated useful ideas for attendees to "take back" what was learned. During the pre-conference Social, I was able to eat dinner with Steven and a few colleagues. It's always good to hear more intimately from a visitor. Sharing some thoughts and a meal with him and my Iowa friends was a warm occasion.

Throughout the day I was heartened by the generosity exhibited by presenters and attendees alike. The concepts of sharing, networking and collaborating were in full force. The sessions I attended included a good amount of attendee participation and give & take with the presenters. Everyone seemed willing to learn. I was glad to be there that day.

Looking toward the fall, the chapter will be sponsoring [several sessions](#) at the Fall ILA Annual Conference. This is always a good time to come together and learn from colleagues around the state and professional types (i.e. school, public, and academic libraries). That we will be in Des Moines, center of Iowa, should draw a good crowd and I will look forward to seeing many of you there.

During the last 2 months I've struggled with some personal health issues. Fortunately, I am able to work with a thoughtful and professional board that has been able to step up and complete their responsibilities. So thank you chapter Board for all of your work so far this year.

I hope this message finds you well and doing good work.

Brett Cloyd  
President, ILA/ACRL

## **Still Time to Apply!**

You still have time to apply for the ILA/ACRL Public Relations and Advocacy Grant! A \$500 grant will be awarded to the best public relations proposal and the monies will be used to implement the project.

Applicants must be from Iowa academic or research libraries. The deadline is July 31, 2009. Applications should be submitted by mail or email to: Mary Heinzman, Committee Chair, St. Ambrose University Library, 518 W. Locust St., Davenport, IA 52803, or email to: [heinzmanmaryb@sau.edu](mailto:heinzmanmaryb@sau.edu).

Applicants must submit a 500-word essay that describes the applicants' interest in the grant and how the grant will benefit their library's public relations/advocacy initiatives. The applicant should describe the library's current program and provide a time line for carrying out the grant proposal plan.

The ILA/ACRL Awards Committee will select the grant proposal winner based on the quality of the grant proposal through a blind ranking process.

The ILA/ACRL Awards Committee will select the winning grant proposal by September 30 and the grant winner will be announced at the ILA/ACRL general business meeting during the ILA Annual Conference in October.

Winners will be given 12 months to spend the grant and to make progress on their public relations/advocacy project. The winning project director will submit a report to the ILA/ACRL Awards Committee within two months of the end of the grant period.

The application form can be found on the ILA/ACRL website at: <http://www.iowaacrl.org>.

*- submitted by Mary Heinzman*

## **ILA/ACRL sponsored sessions at the ILA Annual Conference 2009**

ILA/ACRL Fall Program Committee: Dan Boice, Steve Ostrem, Amy Paulus, Elaine Settergren

We hope you can join us at these ILA/ACRL sponsored sessions at the ILA Annual Conference to be held in Des Moines on October 22 and 23, 2009! Be sure to check back for updated information at: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/events/fall2009> and stay tuned for more details in the September issue of the ILA/ACRL newsletter!

### **Collective Advocacy: Engaging Public Libraries in the Open Access Movement**

Thursday, October 22nd at 2:00pm

Heather Joseph, Executive Director, SPARC (Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition)

<http://www.arl.org/sparc/about/staff/joseph.shtml>

Faye Chadwell, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Content Management, Oregon State University

<http://osulibrary.oregonstate.edu/staff/chadwelf>

### **Rights Stuff: Decoding Publisher copyright transfer agreements**

Thursday, October 22nd at 3:30pm

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### **Humor in Libraries: Making fun at work and staying productive**

Friday, October 23rd at 10:20am

Fred Gertler, Former Assistant Dean of the University Library, University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA.

- Submitted by Amy Paulus

## 1 Focus on Mentoring: Leslie Ross and Kari Weaver

In 2008, ILA/ACRL formed an ad hoc Mentoring Committee to foster mentoring opportunities for librarians new to the field of academic librarianship. The Committee soon developed the Mentoring Program which matched experienced academic librarian mentors with protégés beginning their professional careers. Each participant in the Matching Program agreed to make a year-long commitment to develop their relationship. Mentors were asked to attend a training session, meet with their protégés, encourage onsite visits, and share their professional knowledge and expertise. This article highlights the experiences of one of the first mentoring pairs, Leslie Ross, Reference and Instruction Librarian at St. Ambrose University Library, and Kari Weaver, Information Literacy Librarian at Wartburg College in Waverly.



When Leslie Ross and Kari Weaver decided to participate in the first year of the ILA/ACRL Mentoring Matching Program, they were both interested in learning from a fellow librarian and cultivating a professional relationship with a new colleague. Leslie, in her role as mentor, looked forward to helping a new librarian transition comfortably from an academic to a professional setting. She also wanted to learn something from someone with fresh ideas and a lot of energy. Kari recently relocated from Rhode Island to begin her first professional position at Wartburg, and she felt that becoming a protégé could help her network with librarians in Iowa. Kari had experience in a large, research library, and was hopeful that a mentor could also help with the transition to a small liberal arts college environment.

The Mentoring Committee facilitated a meeting for the first 2008-09 mentoring pairs at the 2008 ILA Annual Conference in Dubuque, and it was there that Leslie and Kari met for the first time. They continued to get acquainted over email and by phone, and Leslie visited Kari at

Wartburg in December. It was around that time that the two discovered Facebook as a way to communicate on a professional and personal level. Kari was able to travel to St. Ambrose in May to visit Leslie and do some job shadowing.

When asked to describe her experience with the program and partnership, Kari responded, "My experience with the program and partnership has been overwhelmingly positive. Leslie has been instrumental in helping me make the adjustment to the smaller environment at a liberal arts college and navigate many changes, both personal and professional, this year. As part of this, Leslie has proven to be an invaluable sounding board for new ideas and initiatives I want to try and is a constant voice of encouragement for my work."

Leslie also notes the value of her new relationship with Kari, "a dynamic and committed new librarian." When asked how their relationship has developed, Leslie offered, "I feel I have learned a lot from Kari that has/will contribute to my professional development."

At the outset of the Mentoring Matching program, both Kari and Leslie expressed an interest in cultivating a relationship with a librarian colleague. Upon reviewing responses to interview questions it is clear that not only did they succeed in cultivating a strong professional relationship, but they also have built the foundations of a lasting friendship.

ILA/ACRL Mentoring Matching Program information is available at: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/mentoring>. Consider becoming a mentor or a protégé. There is still time to apply for the 2009-10 season.

*- Submitted by the Mentoring Committee*

## **2 Private Academic Libraries**

### **CORNELL COLLEGE**

Laurel Whisler begins as College Librarian at Cole Library on July 1, 2009. Laurel earned a B.A. in music at Earlham College, an M.A. in music at Pennsylvania State University, and an M.L.S. at Indiana University. She has held administrative positions in libraries the past nine years. Most recently, she served as the assistant director of library services and reference librarian at Southern Wesleyan University in Central, South Carolina.

Mikki Smith, Interim Consulting Librarian for the Social Sciences, was admitted to the doctoral program at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where she will begin in fall 2009. She intends to pursue her research interests in library history and print culture for youth.

Jen Rouse, Consulting Librarian for the Humanities, received her MLIS in May from the University of Iowa. Jen also has an MA in English from Iowa State and an MFA in Creative Writing from American University.

Greg Cotton, Technical Services Librarian and Consulting Librarian for Visual Arts, has been re-elected chair of the board of trustees of the Bibliographical Center for Research in Denver for an additional 2 year term.

Mary Iber, Consulting Librarian for the Sciences, will be on sabbatical in the fall of 2009. Cornell College and Mount Vernon will enjoy the 2nd annual One Book, One Campus, One Community sponsored by Cole Library and Dimensions. This year our book selection is *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman, which won the 2008 Orion Book Award. In addition to many events, contests, and discussions, author, Diane Ackerman will give the Opening Convocation and a reading on campus on September 17. (More information about this program is available on our library's website at <http://www.cornellcollege.edu/library/one-book/>)

*- Submitted by Mary Iber and Linda Nelson*

### **DIVINE WORD**

Daniel Boice, College Librarian, has been accepted to be a Consultant-Evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association.

*- Submitted by Dan Boice and Linda Nelson*

### **MAHARISHI UNIV. of MANAGEMENT**

Maharishi University of Management Library Director Martin Schmidt and former Library Director Craig Shaw were instrumental in getting approval from the Maharishi University of

Management Academic Council for a campus-wide information literacy initiative. Every department is now required to include an information literacy component in at least one class.

To introduce the concept of information literacy to the Academic Council, Martin Schmidt and Suzanne Vesely, the reference librarian, prepared a rubric based on ACRL information literacy standards;

see <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/standards/informationliteracycompetency.cfm>. The rubric is intended to assist faculty and library staff with integrating information literacy into the course work. Suzanne also wrote an article, "What is Information Literacy?" for the April edition of the monthly M.U.M. Library newsletter. The article can be viewed at <http://public.box.net/mumlibrary> , which also archives past issues.

Since the information literacy initiative began in April, the number of requests for information literacy sessions has more than doubled. This is compared with the entire previous year.

- *Submitted by Suzanne Vesely*

## **ST. AMBROSE**

Rebecca Bartlett is the new Head of Technical Services at St. Ambrose University. Rebecca started her new position in June. Rebecca comes from the Cedar Rapids Public Library and was a member of the group named as "Librarian of the Year" by Library Journal in 2009.

- *Submitted by Mary Heinzman and Leslie Ross*

### 3 Regents Universities Library News

#### University of Northern Iowa

There's certainly a lot happening at the University of Northern Iowa's Rod Library. Take a look:

- Two new members of the Rod Library staff are Katie Cory, Library Assistant at the Multiservice Desk of Access Services Department and Angela Cox, Library Assistant in the Technical Services Department.
- Rod Library has recently installed a text messaging service for those users who prefer to text their reference questions. In addition, we continue to promote and inform patrons of library services, databases, and displays through our Notes for the Stalled, a quarterly newsletter posted in the restrooms in the library.  
See <http://www.library.uni.edu/news/newsletter.html>. Also, check out Rod Library on YouTube: [http://www.youtube.com/view\\_play\\_list?p=5D544C870F23C136&search\\_query=rod+library](http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=5D544C870F23C136&search_query=rod+library)
- Rod Library and the University of Northern Iowa welcome Wartburg College Library as the newest member of the Cedar Valley Library Consortium. Rod Library staff have been working with Wartburg to effect a smooth migration to the CVLC Innovative Interfaces online catalog system. Wartburg's new online system will be available summer 2009.
- Digital gift plates have been added to bibliographic records for recently donated library materials. The gift plate can be seen by clicking on "View giftplate" in the bibliographic records. An example: <http://www.library.uni.edu/technical/images/digitalgiftplates/holocaust.jpg> can be seen from the bibliographic record for Inheriting the Holocaust: A Second-Generation Memoir at <http://unistar.uni.edu/search/X?SEARCH=inheriting%20the%20holocaust&SORT=D&searchscope=1>
- During 2008-2009, UNI librarians served on a number of university evaluation task forces as part of the Foundations of Excellence in the First College Year - <http://www.fyfoundations.org/>
- Coming soon to the Rod: Assignment Calculator!

- Submitted by Marilyn Mercado and Phil Jones

#### Iowa State University

##### Sustainability

In coordination with the overall ISU initiative Live Green!, the Iowa State University Library has formed a Library Sustainability Taskforce. The taskforce is focusing on the three areas of conservation, community, and communication, by auditing internal practices, by collecting resources to be used by other colleges and departments at ISU, and by communicating these efforts in various formats.

### Faculty Author Book Signing

Three ISU faculty members were featured speakers at a book signing at Parks Library on January 28. Dr. Jill Pruetz, Associate Professor of Anthropology with a specialization in Biological Anthropology; Dr. Jane Dusselier, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Asian American Studies; and Dr. Michael Bugeja, Professor and Director of the Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, all spoke about their most recent publications.

### Darwin Day

The ISU Library recognized Charles Darwin's 200th birthday and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his book *On the Origin of Species* on February 12, 2009, with two presentations by members of the Library's Science and Technology Department. Heather Lewin presented "Darwin and Culture," a survey of literature examining the culture in which Darwin's work was presented and the impact of his work up to the present on culture, including sociology, psychology, archeology, and literature. Lorrie Pellack spoke on "Darwin's Citation Impact," looking at Charles Darwin's publication record, examining the process involved in determining his citation impact, and comparing Darwin's citation impact to that of more recent researchers in ecology and evolutionary biology.

### LibQUAL+ Survey

Iowa State University Library wrapped up its fifth iteration of the LibQUAL+ survey of students and faculty in March. A total of 361 people responded to the survey, which measures patrons' ideas of the minimum and desired levels of library service in various categories and their impressions of how well the ISU Library delivers those services. To increase participation, a "LibQUAL+ Team" from the reference and circulation departments wore badges identifying the wearer as someone who could answer LibQUAL+ questions. After the survey was completed we held a prize drawing for participants including a grand prize of an iPod. The data derived from LibQUAL+ will be used to inform our strategic plan and possibly to institute new outreach programs for the Iowa State University community.

### LibGuides for Many Purposes

Since the ISU Library subscribed to Springshare's LibGuides platform, ISU librarians and staff have created 156 online resource guides with this tool. Most are in the categories of course instruction guides, subject-focused guides to reference tools, or information literacy guides. The ease of creating a LibGuide has led to the creation of guides for additional purposes, such as guides for student researchers in Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) programs, a guide on programs and resources for sustainability that fits in with the efforts of the Library Sustainability Taskforce (<http://instr.iastate.libguides.com/content.php?pid=26342>), and a guide to resources on the spread of the H1N1 influenza virus (<http://instr.iastate.libguides.com/swineflu>). ISU's LibGuides are accessible at <http://instr.iastate.libguides.com/index.php> and can be browsed or searched in several ways.

- Submitted by Kris Stacy-Bates

## **4 Community College News**

### **DMACC - ANKENY CAMPUS**

E-Reserves

DMACC Libraries successfully piloted an e-reserve project this past spring. Four courses placed materials on electronic reserve. This year the initiative will expand to entire Ankeny campus with other campuses offering the service in the fall of 2010.

One Book One College One Community

DMACC Libraries sponsored a college-wide One Book program in 2008-09. The selected title was *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. The program will continue again this year with *Hope's Boy* by Andrew Bridge.

*- Submitted by Rebecca Funke*

### **EASTERN IOWA / CLINTON CC**

Cindy Hoogheem retired at the end of June as Director of the Clinton Community College Library.

The Clinton Community College Alumni Association honors those that have made outstanding contributions during the year. This year marks the 28th year of honoring outstanding contributions to Clinton Community College.

The 2009 Outstanding Faculty/Staff member is Cindy Hoogheem. Throughout her 35 years at CCC, Cindy Hoogheem has been a prime example of commitment to students. Her nominators wrote, "Cindy serves as the adviser for Phi Theta Kappa which involves chapter meetings, two initiation ceremonies per year for new club members, nominations for the All USA Academic team, local fund raisers and attendance at state, regional and national conferences. In addition, Cindy is a mentor to the many work study students in the library.

She is willing to work with students one on one, and provides classroom library presentations to keep faculty and students current with the tools needed to be successful students. In the district, Cindy works on the Technology and Curriculum committees, and she gets her hands dirty as part of the CCC Landscaping committee. Not only is she active in the college, she is active in the community as well, serving as a board member for the Pregnancy Center and involved in her church."

*- Submitted by Nancy Bird Luikart*

## **EASTERN IOWA / SCOTT CC**

Linda Nelson, Scott Community College graduated from the University of Wisconsin SLIS and received her MLIS in December of 2008 and attended graduation ceremonies in May.

- *Submitted by Linda Nelson*

## **HAWKEYE CC**

Due to road construction on campus, many potential students and their parents access Hawkeye Center, the administration building, via the HCC library. It's a great opportunity for a first look at the library and first interaction with the library's friendly and helpful staff!

In other HCC news, the college has partnered with Mount Mercy College to offer an accelerated baccalaureate degree in Management and Applied Management. And, in the Fall Semester HCC will begin offering "Six on Saturday" (Saturday only classes.) These new programs/courses will be expected to provide new opportunities for the library to serve faculty and students.

- *Submitted by Judy Mitchell*

## **IOWA CENTRAL**

Iowa Central CC is breaking ground this summer on a student center that will include a new library. Construction is scheduled for completion on July 15 next year.. The library will move from its current windowless location on the third floor of a 40-year-old building to its new sunlit location before the fall semester 2010.

In addition to the library, the new facility will house the Student Success Center, a testing center, the bookstore, a student lounge, and a café. The new building will be located in the center of campus overlooking a small pond. The pond will provide geothermal heating and cooling for the building. Other green features of the new library will include passive and active solar heating, smart lighting, wind turbines, and triple-glazed glass.

- *Submitted by Dan Schiefelbein*

## **IOWA LAKES CC**

Lois Thelen is the new director. Brenda Colegrove retired at the end of June.

- *Submitted by Judy Mitchell*

## **IOWA VALLEY CC**

Rebecca Spriester has been hired by National American University in Sioux Falls, SD, and began there on July 7 as their Campus Librarian.

Rebecca shared that, "Retirement after 33 years of service to Iowa Libraries will be hard to do! It has been a life, a mission, and an honorable calling. I am proud of being part of Iowa' Academic Libraries and I believe they will continue to be leaders by embracing new technologies when progressive selection is done and by giving instruction and training on the new resources that are available to our patrons. And yes, Blogs are good!"

Contacts for Iowa Valley CC libraries will be Chris Russell, the college's CAO, and Linda Moore at Marshalltown CCC library.

- *Submitted by Rebecca Spriester*

### **NORTHEAST IOWA CC - Peosta Campus**

Preparations at the Peosta campus have begun to renovate the former industrial tech area for a new library. The first major meeting with the architects was in early June.

- *Submitted by Deb Seiffert*

### **NORTHWEST IOWA CC**

Rhonda Huisman has resigned and taken a new position at Purdue University in June. Nancy Filkins is the new Coordinator of Library Services.

- *Submitted by Judy Mitchell*