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## **Regents Universities Library News**

### **University of Northern Iowa**

The Rod Library held their annual staff retreat August 22nd with the theme "Planning for the Future". The day welcomed new staff members Jillean McCommons, Youth Librarian, Cindy Fitzgerald, Library Assistant ILL, and Rob Green, Web Developer. The retreat was filled with discussion of the future of libraries, the Grand Valley State University application for the award of Academic Libraries Award and the organizational structure of Rod Library.

## **Private Academic Library News**

### **Drake University**

Meredith Scherb, formerly Director of the Atlantic Public Library in Atlantic, Iowa, joined Cowles Library on June 2 as Knowledge Management and Operations Specialist. Meredith's degree is from the University of Iowa.

Drake University Archives and Special Collections at Cowles Library has hired a Political Papers Archivist to archive the papers of Senator Tom Harkin. Hope Grebner is currently the Project Archivist in the Modern Political Papers Collection at Indiana University where she has processed the congressional papers of Richard Lugar, Mike Pence and Dan Burton. Hope has dual Master's degrees in History and Library Science from Indiana University in Bloomington, and will begin her employment at Drake on November 3rd.

### **University of Dubuque**

The Charles C. Myers Library welcomes Katelyn Wolff, our newly appointed Humanities and Education Reference and Instruction Librarian. Katelyn received her BA from the University of Dubuque and MILS from Kent State University. Carolynne Lathrop, former Director of the Curriculum Library and Reference Librarian, is now working part-time as a Special Projects Assistant.

Becky Canovan and Katelyn Wolff, both Reference and Instruction Librarians, gave a presentation entitled "'What I Wish I'd Known': Upperclassmen Coaching First-year Health, Wellness and Sport Majors Toward the Research Finish Line" at the Indiana University Libraries Information Literacy Colloquium, South Bend, Indiana, on August 1 (Katelyn's first day!)

## **Simpson College**

On a sunny Saturday in October 1964, materials were carried from the Carnegie Library to the new library in a book brigade. Dunn Library was designed by Richard Neutra, an Austrian American architect considered among the most important modernist architects. As well as making various collections available, Dunn is a community gathering place and space to exchange ideas and get inspired.

Since 1983, to encourage a culture of student-centered learning, various learning resources have been added to the facility:

- computer lab (provided by Information Technology Services)
- Hawley Academic & Advising Center (also includes tutoring, disability assistance)
- Education Department curriculum lab
- Student Support Services (for first generation college students)
- Education Methods classrooms
- Simpson Writing Center (includes writing tutors)
- Research Assistance Center
- [EMERGE@Simpson](mailto:EMERGE@Simpson) (business incubator)

Join the celebration! Become a Facebook fan for Throwback Thursday photos. Enjoy the display, Dunn is Done, in October. Take a tour during the Community Open House 10-noon on Homecoming Saturday October 18. Bid on antique card catalogs. See Ace of Hearts, the 1927 Wendell Tutt movie, accompanied by piano music (thanks to John Benoit). Investigate the archives before the planned remodel (thanks to a generous donation from the relatives of Joe Walt). Review the visionary concept design which shows a possible library remodel. Here's to the next fifty!

## **Scott Community College**

Scott Community College library's staff has changed almost completely in the past few months. This spring, we were joined by Sara Kutzli and Kelly Kanzaki and, this July, Melita Tunnicliff started work with us.

Last spring, we hosted lectures for the local SCENE (Sustainable City Empowered Network for Education) program, which aims to educate citizens about environmental topics. With subjects as diverse as water conservation in Des Moines, environmentally themed poetry, and the effect climate change had on ice age short nosed bears. Lecture attendance rose steadily, peaking at over 70 people. We look forward to another successful series this coming year. Recently, we purchased a number of movies by ASL films, a deaf owned and operated production company. Our ASL instructors are excited about the addition and we look forward to frequent use for these items.

## **Morningside College**

In the past year there have been a lot of changes at the Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Library of Morningside College including a number of personnel changes. Jim Fisk has moved with his wife to New Mexico, and Adam Fullerton has been named Library Director. Holly Petersen joined the team in the fall of 2013 as the new Reference & Instruction Librarian. Holly is an Orange City native who graduated from Northwestern College with a BA in Literature & Philosophy and received her MLIS from the University of Iowa in 2013.

A number of non-personnel changes have been made as well. The HJF has renewed for a second year with EBSCOhost's Discovery Services, and has subscribed to a number of new Gale databases. The building itself is undergoing a renovation that is part of a larger campus construction project. The renovation is scheduled to be completed in October. The HJF has completed the digitization project of the college newspaper, "The Collegian Reporter", and it is now available online. The HJF is also working with the Sioux City Public Museum to digitize and create an online database for the college's yearbooks using the software Omeka. The HJF Virtual Lecture Series is back for a second year. Last year's speakers included: Adi Kamdar of the Electronic Frontier Foundation, Prof. Jeff Jarvis of the City University of New York, Dr. Peter Singer from Princeton University, bestselling author Amy Stewart, Dr. Noam Chomsky from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and open access expert from Earlham College Dr. Peter Suber.

## **Buena Vista University**

Alyssa Grigsby is the new Digital Resources and Technical Services Librarian at Buena Vista University. Alyssa fills the position left by Margaret Stangohr's retirement and is a graduate of the University of Iowa SLIS.

Jodie Morin was named Library Director at Buena Vista University, effective July 1, 2014. Jodie has served as Reference Librarian at BV since 1985 and most recently served as Acting Director since October 2012.

## **Loras College Library**

*By Joyce Meldrem, Library Director*

We've been working on implementing our strategic plan for the past 2 ½ years. It has five primary goals – our collections, funding, Library awareness, our services, and our spaces. Over the past year or so, we've been working on the following:

## Collections:



Part of our plan was to weed. In summer 2013, we weeded JSTOR periodical titles along with short runs of miscellaneous periodical titles. We almost filled the dumpster but we ran out of time before school started!

In summer 2014, we weeded our first and second floor collections. We started with a list of items that had not circulated or been used in-house for the past 20 years and were older than 20 years old. The librarians evaluated those items on a title by title basis by working 2 hours a day every day from June 1 – July 31. Student employees withdrew and boxed up 14 pallets each holding 40 boxes of books.

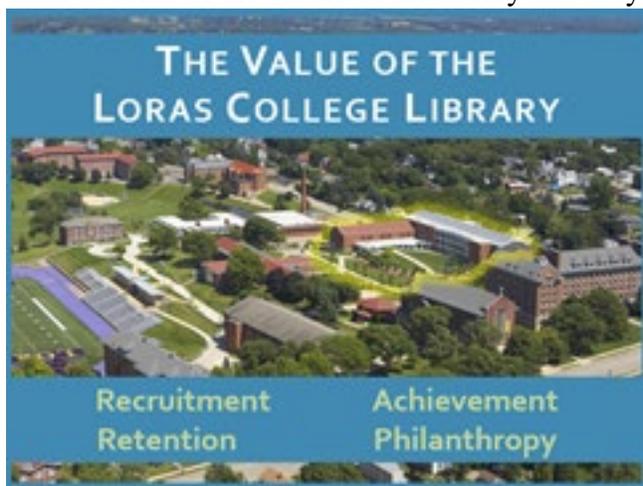


Our student employees also created over 5,500 records in the Library catalog. Loras has a collection of theses and the only access point we had for these were via shelf-list cards so we updated that access.

We received the papers from Dubuque author, Thomas Gifford, who wrote as Thomas Gifford, Thomas Maxwell, and Dana Clarins. His most well-known book is probably *Assassini* published in 1990.

#### Funding:

We prepared a presentation that the library director gave to the Administration Team in January 2014. We covered the positive effects that the library has on recruitment, retention, student achievement, and philanthropy. We have re-used that information as a presentation for the 175th Legacy Symposium at Loras, for an IPAL presentation, in our faculty newsletter, in a library display, and in our bathroom ads. This was truly a group project as many of us located articles, two interns helped summarize the articles, the entire staff made constructive comments on the presentation to help emphasize certain points, and two librarians edited the presentation before the director proceeded. While we won't know for a while if the Administration Team will consider additional funding because of this presentation, we felt it was worthwhile to educate them to some of the values of the library that they most likely didn't know.



#### Library spaces:

We surveyed students this spring about library spaces – how they use them, where they like to study, and what kinds of things we need to add. We also did a patron count – we chose one week in March, one in April, and one in May. During those weeks, we counted people in the library and made a chart of where they were seated each hour of the day. We also conducted focus groups and surveys regarding our study rooms so we have plenty of information to digest and share.

#### Library Awareness:

We participated in all of the new and transfer student orientation sessions; we placed articles in the Parent Newsletter that the College puts out 3 times each year; we hosted Thursdays @ the Library with free coffee and treats; we created Homecoming displays that are hung up in the Alumni Campus Center for the honored years; we co-hosted a poetry program with a faculty member honoring T.S. Eliot and local poets; we published a newsletter each semester for faculty; we provided a graffiti wall during finals week along with treats; we also coordinated with the Student Government to provide a 24 hour lock-in the week before finals in the fall and the

spring; we created 4 new READ posters and even arranged for one of our READ poster stars to meet his idol who had written the book he chose for his poster; we created bathroom ads that are placed in each of the 22 stalls in the Library; and last but not least, we had a fairly active Facebook presence.

Services:

Our information literacy program has grown over the past few years. We now have a Loras Information Literacy Test (LILT) that we gave to first year students and seniors last year. We increased our instruction from 69 sessions in 2011-12 to 138 sessions in 2013-14. Over the same time period, we increased the number of upper level students we saw from 510 to 1590. Just to keep things interesting, we started this semester short 3 staff positions so we're looking forward to getting new people on staff as soon as possible.

## **Special Libraries**

### **ACT Information Resource Center (IRC)**

In addition to Jacqueline Snider, senior manager, the IRC has two recently hired librarians. Samantha (Sam) Bouwers joined the company in 2012, and Jim Kelly started this past spring. Sam and Jim are graduates of The University of Iowa, School of Library and Information Science (SLIS). Both are embedded librarians and divide their time between the IRC and other departments within the company.

## **Board Candidates' Biography and Statements**

### **Vice President/President-Elect Candidates:**

#### *Julia Dickinson*

Julia has a B.A. in sociology from DePauw University and an MLS from Indiana University—Bloomington. Prior to becoming Assistant Library Director at St. Ambrose University, Julia held positions in reference and instructional services at Berea College in eastern Kentucky, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Hamilton College in upstate New York. She has been a member of national ACRL throughout her career and served as College Libraries Section program planning co-chair for the 2013 ALA Annual Conference. Julia has been a member of Iowa Library Association and ILA/ACRL since arriving in Iowa three years ago. She has served ILA/ACRL as a member of the Newsletter Committee and as Chair of the Fall Program Committee. Julia currently serves as Member-At-Large on the Steering Committee of Iowa Private Academic Libraries consortium. Julia is a member of the 2012 cohort of Iowa Library Association's Leadership Institute and was awarded a Susan Lerdal scholarship to attend the ILA conference in that same year.

*“I would be delighted to become ILA/ACRL Vice President/President-Elect. Routinely, librarians are surveyed for input to better serve a given association’s members. Networking and professional development consistently rank as important benefits of membership; respondents also note financial hardship regarding dues and conference attendance. Composing a robust association on such feedback is challenging. Creative problem-solving among ILA/ACRL Executive Board members, past and present, is exciting. The current Board is generating ideas to provide networking activities and free or low-cost professional development opportunities outside of conferences. The intention is to add benefits to membership; but there’s also hope that such efforts will attract new members. The dilemma is that if everything the association does to demonstrate value to its dues-paying membership is freely available to non-members, the motivation to join the association is weakened. Our chapter is not self-sustaining with merely 148 current members and 100 registrants at the spring conference. So, what is the value of membership? The Executive Board and committees strive to design programs and to collect and distribute information via our communication channels, with mixed results and variable success. What if the Board shifts energy from serving as a delivery mechanism to building collaborative partnerships across Iowa’s library organizations? The association coordinated spring conference with IPAL. Our proposed speakers for ILA fall conference were also tapped for keynote addresses. The K12/Higher Ed Ad Hoc Committee and the Nominating Committee cultivated relationships with teacher librarians and library school students, respectively. As Vice President/President-Elect, I will build on the momentum toward an integrated framework. Competition over human and financial resources is counter-productive. They are us; and we are you. If ILA/ACRL is to survive, our collective response to the question, “What’s it worth?” must be constructed through exploration of possibilities and articulated commitments to cooperation. Recognition of interdependence is a measure of our value to ourselves. Active participation in and stewardship of ILA/ACRL is of great significance to me, and I offer my candidacy to the membership.”*

### **Sara Scheib**

Sara Scheib is the Sciences Reference & Instruction Librarian at the University of Iowa. An Iowa native, she earned her BA from Beloit College in 2004 and MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa in 2008. After library school, Sara worked as the Emerging Technologies Librarian at Kirkwood Community College and as Assistant Director of the Pella Public Library before returning to the University of Iowa in 2012. Sara has been an active member of ILA/ACRL since 2006 and has served on the Executive Board as chair of the Electronic Communications Committee for two terms. She has also served as a member of the Spring Conference Planning and Directory Committees.

*“I am proud to accept the nomination for the position of Vice President/President-Elect of ILA/ACRL. This organization has had an enormous influence on my development as an academic librarian and I am grateful for the opportunity to give back. As a member of the Executive Board and various committees, it has been a privilege to learn from and work with my amazing colleagues from all over the state to develop a number of services, resources, and events of value to our members. We’ve done some excellent work, but there’s always more to be done. My goal*

*as Vice President/President-Elect is to recruit new members from among the ranks of new librarians and library school students while remaining responsive to the needs of our current members by leveraging technology and other means to provide more formal and informal professional development, idea-sharing, and networking opportunities. As we move forward, it will be essential for our organization to continue to act as a strong advocate for libraries and librarians at the state and federal level and embrace the chance to collaborate with other organizations to achieve our goals.”*

### **Secretary/Treasurer Candidates:**

#### **Kristy Raine**

Kristy Raine is the Reference Librarian and Archivist at Mount Mercy University. She received a BA in English from Huntingdon College (Montgomery, AL) and an MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa. She also holds an MA in English from Iowa State University. Following careers as a high school English teacher and university composition instructor, Raine joined Mount Mercy upon graduation from library school. Raine currently serves as the campus sustainability fellow for Mount Mercy, coordinating its mini-grant program, and is also widely known within Grant Wood scholarship circles due to her online project about the Stone City Art Colony. She is a longtime member of ILA/ACRL and is currently part of the 2014 ILA conference planning group (local arrangements team). She is also the 2014-15 president of the University of Iowa’s Beta Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information studies honor society.

*“I am pleased to be considered as the next Secretary/Treasurer for ILA/ACRL. The organization is a vital one, offering continuing education and communication opportunities to its members. As an officer, I would be diligent in my responsibilities and would support initiatives for growth and change. I have enjoyed attending ILA/ACRL conferences and would be honored to serve as an officer.”*

#### **Leslie Ross**

Leslie Ross received a BA degree from the University of Akron in 1996, an MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa in 2005, and a Master of Organizational Leadership from St. Ambrose University in 2012. Leslie began her career as a Reference and Instruction Librarian at St. Ambrose University in 2005. In 2012, she took over the coordination duties for the Library’s Information Literacy instruction program. Leslie has been active in ILA/ACRL since 2007 and has served on committees including Fall Program, Awards, and Newsletter (chair), and currently serves as the K12/Higher Education Committee’s representative for the Mississippi Bend AEA region.

*“It is an honor to be nominated for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of ILA/ACRL. I would welcome the opportunity to serve alongside colleagues committed to serving Iowa academic libraries. When I began my tenure as a librarian in 2007, ILA/ACRL provided valuable support*

*and opportunities for professional development. Now, as a seasoned librarian, I look forward to being able to give back to the Iowa library community by serving on the ILA/ACRL board.”*

### **At-Large Member Candidates:**

#### **Adam Fullerton**

Adam Fullerton is the library director at Morningside College’s Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Library. He began working at Morningside College in 2011 after receiving a BA in history and library science from the University of Wisconsin-Superior in 2009, and a MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2010.

*“I am pleased and excited to run for the ILA/ACRL Member-At-Large vacancy. I have a varied background in my first three years as a professional librarian that includes reference, class instruction, digital & electronic services, event planning, and now administration. I sincerely believe that it is necessary for members of a community to give back to that community and make it better. I am an innovative and hardworking individual who would be honored to have the opportunity to be the Member-At-Large for ILA/ACRL so I can give back to this great community and help to advance our profession. Being a librarian isn’t a job... It’s a lifestyle.”*

#### **Jill Jack**

Jill Jack is the Director of Library Service at Coe College since 2010. In addition to her role as Director, she also continues to teach library research classes, teaches in the Gender Studies Department, and teaches classes on oral interviewing skills. Before becoming Director she was Head of Reference and College Archivist. Jill came to Coe as an archivist in 2007 on a grant to process the William L. Shirer Papers. Before coming to Coe College she worked at Cornell College, Linn County Historical Society, Kirkwood Community College, and the State of Iowa Historical Society. In addition to her work at these institutions she has also worked with non-profit organizations to preserve their institutional memories. Jill has a B.S. and M.A. in American History from the University of Iowa, M.L.S. from Indiana University, Bloomington.

*“I am honored to be nominated to an organization that has given me fellowship, intellectual nourishment, and has provided a space to discuss issues that cross a wide spectrum. I have attended many of the conferences that have dealt with both current and developing issues, each have provided me with both support and colleagues who are both insightful and engaged. I hope that as a member-at-large I will be able to continue to offer support to my colleagues and use my varied career to expand and complement the organization and its goals.”*

## **Chapter-sponsored Sessions for ILA Annual Conference, October 2014**

ILA/ACRL Fall Conference Program Committee

Chapter-sponsored sessions for ILA Annual Conference, October 2014

Thursday, October 23, 11:05am -- 11:55am

### **“Truthiness” and the News Know-how Project: Sound bites, Infographics, and Media Literacy**

Panelists: Barbara Jones, Merri Monks, Lorraine Borowski

Discover the cutting-edge project that brought librarians, journalists, and students together to analyze news media through the examination of bias, verification, and credibility. Panelists Barbara Jones, Merri Monks, and Lorraine Borowski will describe the two-year project and its impact on Iowa libraries. Merri Monks and Lorraine Borowski will share their experience with the creation and implementation of the curriculum, challenges in participation, and show a sample of student projects. Barbara Jones will speak about assessment of the program conducted by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Get ready to scoop up great ideas to help our college students navigate an increasingly yellowed, embellished, and slanted information landscape!

Friday, October 24, 10:05am --10:55am

### **The Radical Promise of the Academic Library**

Speaker: Barbara Fister

With all the talk of MOOCs, disruption, and thinking like a start-up, librarians are anxious about obsolescence and irrelevance. As academic libraries are asked to prove their value to their host institution and strive to develop platforms that are as frictionless as Google and Amazon, what are we giving up? Though the apocalyptic rhetoric of change urges us to do things differently, right now, before it's too late, libraries' enduring values offer a template for a better future. In this session, we'll examine the ways library values can challenge inequality and oppression and we'll consider ways that librarians can be agents of change – both to improve our practice and for the greater good.

Friday, October 24, 11:20am – 12:20pm

### **Buy-in and Outreach: The academic library's role in institutional repositories and scholarly communication**

Panelists: Christopher Cox, Claudia Frazer, Jonathan Helmke

So you say you want an institutional repository? Well, we all want to do it right. Three panelists from three different Iowa libraries will provide insight into various aspects of the process on their campuses. Whether the platform choice is BePress, DSpace, Islandora, or something else, the questions to consider and issues to address are the same. Why pursue an institutional repository; where does it begin; what is discussed-- and discussed again; who is involved and at what stage; and how is success measured? The panelists will share information about collection development plans for a repository, outreach to faculty/staff/students about submitting materials

for the repository, copyright and intellectual property, promotion of repository materials to potential searchers/readers, staffing and managing workflow and curation responsibilities, etc. Bring your questions. Share your own expertise. Leave with a bunch of notes-- and maybe even a strategy!

A fourth academic library session:  
sponsored by Community College Librarians Roundtable  
Thursday, October 23, 3:30pm – 4:20pm

### **Teaching Information Literacy to Online Students**

Speakers: Lois Thelen, Library Director, Iowa Lakes Community College, Estherville; Susan Vega-Garcia, Head of Instruction Department, Iowa State University Libraries, Ames

## **ILA/ACRL Research Award Winner**

Congratulations to ILA/ACRL member Jeffrey Kushkowski from Iowa State University Parks Library! Jeff was selected as the recipient of the ILA/ACRL Research Award for 2014. He will receive his award of \$500 and be recognized during the business meeting at the ILA Conference. Kushkowski's winning article, "Developing a Core List of Journals in an Interdisciplinary Area: Implications for Academic Faculty and Librarians Demonstrated in the Business Literature", co-authored with Charles Shrader, was published in 2013 in Library Resources and Technical Services. The article can be viewed through the IR at ISU: [http://works.bepress.com/jeffrey\\_kushkowski/6](http://works.bepress.com/jeffrey_kushkowski/6).

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