

ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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This issue of the ILA/ACRL Newsletter features a semi-annual President's Piece submitted by sitting ILA/ACRL president, Mary Iber, and news from academic libraries across the state.

President's Piece

Happy Summer 2010! It feels like Iowa ACRL, along with the rest of the world, is in a state of stability as well as flux. On one level, all is smooth and going well. On another level, there is a lot of activity, which could be interpreted as dynamism, or could be looked at as chaos. In our case, I prefer to see it as forward moving dynamism. Sometimes the activity comes in the form of changes that are unexpected; "shake-ups" often nudge us to move in creative ways, or they may even force more dramatic changes. As individual institutions rise to respond to and anticipate certain trends, so too is Iowa ACRL organizing for the future in 3 major areas: Technology, Membership and Outreach. Thanks to everyone who is participating in helping move these initiatives along! If you are not yet on a committee, now is a great time to volunteer. Help is welcome in all areas. A sampling of what is going on in each area is below:

Technology

Want to stay in touch? Join us in sharing successes, ideas, and challenges on our new Facebook page [1]. Want to be inspired? Find our Newsletters [2] online anytime. See what innovations are taking place in Iowa, and read summaries of the great ACRL Spring Conference [3] sessions. Want to know who's working where? Addresses, etc? See our updated online directory [4] with links to each college's current staff web page. Want to volunteer for committees or nominate yourself or others for an officer position? The form is online [5].

Membership

Inspire others to share in the benefits ACRL Membership can bring. There are opportunities to hone skills through networking, volunteering, and participating in our programs. Are you new in your job? Do you know someone new to Iowa? Or do you just have different job responsibilities for which you could use some guidance and support? Join in our Mentoring [6] program. Sign up by August 30 to be matched with an experienced librarian outside of your institution for a broader perspective.

Outreach

Committees are in formation to enhance Scholarly Communication, connections between high school and college librarians, and communicating our value to administrators and faculty. After attending meetings at the ALA conference in DC this summer, I am even more proud to be part of a progressive, vital, and active chapter of the National ACRL. Please join us at the Iowa Library Association Fall Conference October 13-15, 2010 in Coralville for more knowledge,

networking and fun. From Jeanette Woodward's pre-conference on the customer-driven academic library, to humor in the libraries with Fred Gertler, to author fairs and scores of fascinating sessions, it will be a valuable time. Look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you the best of everything,

Mary Iber Iowa ACRL President

Community College Libraries News

Eastern Iowa Community College District

After nearly 15 years of service, Jane Campagna, Associate Dean for Learning Resources, will retire this year. There are currently two positions open: one at Scott Community College and the other at Clinton Community College.

-Submitted by Jane Campagna

Private Academic Libraries News

Briar Cliff University

Briar Cliff University welcomes Sara Thompson to the library team in July. Sara comes to us from Urbana, Illinois, where she worked as the Visiting Assistant Coordinator at the Asian Educational Media Service Center for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Sara earned her MLIS degree from the University of Illinois. In 2009, Sara was selected as an American Library Association Emerging Leader; and an experience Sara highlights from her undergrad years is a semester of study in German and Linguistics, at Eberhard Karls Universität, in Tübingen, Germany. We are very excited to have her join our team at BCU, in Sioux City, Iowa! Deb Robertson, director of the Bishop Mueller Library at Briar Cliff University, has been selected by the Council on Library and Information Resources and the Council of Independent Colleges to attend a workshop in the "Leadership through New Communities of Knowledge" series, titled, "Work Restructuring in the Library." With funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the focus of the workshop is to discuss the principles of library work design and redesign to promote customer service and staff involvement. Through an application process, 21 library directors and/or chief information officers at small to mid-sized private colleges and universities were selected to participate in this discussion -- which will be lead by ACRL's 2010 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year, Maureen Sullivan.

-Submitted by Debora Robertson

Clarke College

Clarke College will become Clarke University on August 1st of this year. We are moving from ARIEL to ILLiad. ILLiad allows us to better serve our students by providing a much quicker turn-around time for Interlibrary Loan materials and makes it easier to give them electronic access to ILL materials as well. Our library houses the Learning Center and the Writing Center.

These two areas will be combining their space and will be together on one side of the library to increase effectiveness and better meet students needs as it will now be a one-stop-shop for students instead of having to send them to two different areas.

-Submitted by Sue Leibold

Cole Library, Cornell College

GetYourGeekOn

On May 5, 2010, Cole Library at Cornell College sponsored an outdoor event over the lunch hour. Twenty students, staff, and community members lined the ped mall at tables sharing their geeks -- from deaf culture to handiwork to collections to reading passions to string theory -- there was something for everyone. One student built a hovercraft out of plywood, a shower curtain, a leaf blower and lots of duct tape. Trying to keep one's balance as the hovercraft "floated" drew the crowds in. See pictures and videos of the hovercraft on our [Library Blog](#), and on [Facebook](#). (see Cole Library's posts from May 6 and May 10) As the event drew to a close, several students told us what they wanted to share at next year's GetYourGeekOn!

Cole Team Trivia

Students, staff, faculty and administrators joined together on teams for a night of questions, challenges and fun earlier this year. This was organized by the trivia experts in our Center for Teaching and Learning, and the Library. Everyone had a great time, learned new stuff, ate good food, and transformed our Quiet Study Floor into a Quiz Show. One of the team challenges was to sort a cart of books by call number. Every team needed more than one chance to get it right. Lots of laughs.

-Submitted by Mary Iber

St. Ambrose University

St. Ambrose University Library is saying goodbye and good luck to two great staff members. Nicole Lindstrom will be leaving her position as night time circulation department supervisor to join the team at the University of Iowa Libraries and Syl Rex, after twelve years of service as our night time Reference Librarian, will be retiring! Both will be missed.

Congratulations are in order for Library Director Mary Heinzman, who has taken on additional responsibilities as St. Ambrose University's Executive Director of Information Resources.

-Submitted by Leslie Ross Ferm

Wilcox Library William Penn University

This summer at Wilcox Library we were able to spruce up two of our rooms. The Quaker Collection received new paint, carpeting, and furnishings. A large group study room that had

been used frequently as a classroom was reconfigured to create a more comfortable classroom space with new furnishings and a.v. equipment.

-Submitted by Jennifer Sterling

Regents Universities Libraries News

The newsletter committee did not receive any news items for the Iowa Regents Universities.

Hopefully we'll have some news to report in the next newsletter, so please check back. Thanks.