

ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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President's Message

by Bob Rose, UNI

1996 should prove to be another interesting and exciting year for ILA/ACRL. Considerable work is being done by various ILA/ACRL committees and information about a number of those activities is included elsewhere in the newsletter. However, I would like to highlight just a few projects that are currently underway.

One of the more exciting things to report is that we finally have an ILA/ACRL web site, available at <http://www.iowaacrl.org>. More detailed information about the web site and the committee formed to create it is in a separate article. I believe the web site has enormous potential to serve as an effective and up-to-date information source. I, and the ad hoc committee constructing the web site, would welcome your reactions to this project.

Planning for both the Spring Conference at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, and the fall meeting at the ILA Conference in Waterloo is well underway. I'm particularly pleased that the Spring committee was able to obtain the services of Jim Rettig as the keynote speaker. I think ILA/ACRL members will find his presentation both informative and stimulating. And, as usual, it sounds as though we have a bumper crop of interesting presentations for the afternoon contributed paper sessions.

As you may remember, under the revised bylaws a separate Fall Program Committee was formed this year. I think we can attribute this separation in part at a reason why planning for the fall program is so far along. I think the speaker for this year's program is a particularly exciting choice, although we'll wait until we receive the ILA Speaker Agreement from the speaker to reveal his name. As we have had the past two years, we will also have a discussion forum as a follow-up to our main speaker at the Waterloo meeting.

The Membership and other committees are also hard at work with various projects. If you did not receive an ILA membership form, I encourage you to contact Bill Sayre at the University of Iowa or any member of the Membership Committee to get one.

Although we're only partway through the year, I can say that serving as President has already been a rewarding experience - primarily because of the opportunity to work with such a dedicated group of librarians. I encourage any member to communicate with me or other members of the Executive Board their concerns about the organization and the direction in which they would like to see ILA/ACRL head.

VIRTUALLY HERE OR VIRTUALLY GONE:

The Changing Role of Academic Librarians (ILA/ACRL Spring Conference)

by Chris Neuhaus

Technophobes and technophiles alike should find the 1996 ILA/ACRL Spring Conference "Virtually Here or Virtually Gone: the Changing Role of Academic Libraries" a rewarding experience. The conference will take place at [Buena Vista University](#) in Storm Lake on May 3. The Conference is scheduled to run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (registration will be from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.)

Jim Rettig, Assistant Dean of University Libraries for Reference and Informational Services at the College of William and Mary and author of "Rettig on Reference," will be our keynote speaker. Norma Hervey of Luther College, newly returned from a year in Eastern Europe will speak to the changes facing libraries and librarians in Russia and Eastern Europe. The afternoon will feature two sessions of presentations on topics ranging from a tour of multicultural resources found on the Web, upward evaluation, and library faculty relations to the realities of converting to Windows 95, format integration, and women's studies and the Internet.

To insure that your attendance is something more than virtual, mail the registration form included in this newsletter along with an accompanying registration payment of \$40.00 (\$20.00 for students) to arrive no later than April 19, 1996. In addition to participation in presentations and meetings your registration fee will entitle you to lunch and both a morning and afternoon snack break. Registrations will be accepted as late as the day of the conference; though we cannot guarantee that lunch will be available to late registrants.

Buena Vista University, located along the beautiful shores of Storm Lake, lies midway between Sioux City and Fort Dodge near the crossroads of highways 7 and 71. An informal pre-conference dinner is planned for 7 p.m. on Thursday evening at the Lakeshore Cafe. Those interested in attending the Thursday dinner should check the appropriate space on the registration form. In Storm Lake, lodging is available at the Lamplighter Motel (800-383-7666), the Vista Economy Inn (800-451-6261), the Super Eight Motel (800-800-8000), and the Sail Inn Motel (712-732-1160).

The conference will be held at the new Dows Conference Center on the campus of Buena Vista University. Parking is available within one block of the conference center. A map pointing out the locations of the conference, parking, lodging, and the Thursday dinner will be mailed with registration confirmations.

[Registration Form](#)

ILA/ACRL WEB SITE CREATED

by Bob Rose, UNI

I'm very pleased to announce that an ILA/ACRL web site has been created and is currently under construction. An Ad Hoc Committee to Create an ILA/ACRL Web Site, consisting of Barbara Allen (UNI) Chair, Sandy Ballasch (UI) and Shaw Yu (UNI), has been formed to oversee the construction of this site and to recommend policies and procedures for its future development and maintenance. The web site can be found at <http://www.iowaacrl.org/>.

The amount of information already accessible at the site is impressive, and ILA/ACRL owes a debt of gratitude to Jeff Dodd (UI), past chair of the ILA/ACRL Directory Committee, for his work converting the ILA/ACRL Directory to HTML. Thanks, Jeff!

The ad hoc committee welcomes suggestions from you about the types of information you would find most useful in this new venue for communicating with members. Suggestions should be sent to Barb Allen at UNI, barbara.allen@uni.edu or (319) 273-2838.

I believe the web site holds great promise for making information quickly and easily accessible and I encourage all ILA/ACRL members to take a look at the site and to provide suggestions to the committee as regards its content. (Historical Footnote: This issue of the Newsletter is the first to be on the ILA/ACRL Web Site as well as in print.)

UI LIBRARIES AWARDED CARVER GRANT

The University of Iowa Libraries has received a grant of \$702,272 from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust to support the establishment of the Health Sciences Information Arcade facility in the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences and to create a model training program for library staff on networked and multi-media information resources.

"The Carver grant will make it possible for librarians to educate faculty and students about the enormous potential of electronic resources for research and teaching through the development of innovative instructional programs. In particular, the grant will ensure advancement of the award-winning Information Arcade concept reaching an increasing larger campus population through establishment of the Hardin Library Health Sciences Information Arcade," said University Librarian Sheila Creth.

Responding to changes in health sciences education, the new Information facility will address student literacy within the expanding context of electronic and multimedia health-related information and scholarly creativity through the use of a networked multi-dimensional learning environment.

Staffed by experts in the identification, use, and creation of health sciences information resources, the new facility will include specially equipped workstations for the creation of multimedia projects and course materials as well as information stations for searching the vast body of electronic health sciences literature.

Extensive networking will provide faculty and students with the option of accessing many of the Arcade's resources from labs, offices and homes. The development of the Arcade has received substantial support from the College of Medicine and the university central administration for equipment, construction and staff.

The Arcade will integrate resources and facilities already functioning in the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences. These include the Virtual Hospital Projects, the Iowa Communication Network, the Rural Telemedicine Project, and Healthnet. Carver funds of \$326,270 will be used to purchase hardware and software and fund graduate assistantships for a three-year period.

The grant will also support the development of new learning models related to existing and emerging electronic and multimedia information resources for librarians and faculty. The initial focus will be on development of an instructional program for librarians that will include components on navigating and publishing on the World Wide Web, learning computer graphics, images, maps, multimedia resources and electronic texts, and the building of databases - text and multimedia as well as bibliographic.

Following the initial phase, librarians then will work with the user instructional component focusing their efforts on developing new approaches and models on the needs of faculty. In the development of model instructional components, topics will include the Internet, use and creation of electronic texts, development of interactive multimedia and simulations for teaching and learning, electronic mail, bulletin boards, conferences, and bibliographic and full text databases.

The result of the program will be an integrated, tested model for faculty instruction that can be offered broadly on the UI campus to include students as well. It is also expected that the work conducted on the UI campus will be shared with libraries in Iowa and across the country. The Carver funds of \$376,002 will be used to secure staff for the three-year period to design, test and implement an innovative program for instruction in new information resources.

COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Iowa Chapter of the Association of Research Libraries membership drive is underway. Applications for new or renewed memberships can be obtained from any member of the Membership Committee or Naomi Stovall, ILA Executive Assistant:

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Bill Sayre, University of Iowa Main Library, Iowa City, Iowa 52242

E-Mail: william-sayre@uiowa.edu

Daria Bossman, Morningside College. Hickman-Johnson-Furrow Library Center, 1601 Morningside Ave. Sioux City, Iowa 51106

E-Mail: dlb001@chief.morningside.edu

Julie Hansen, William Penn College, Wilcox Library, 201 Trueblood Ave., Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

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Cedra Williamson, Coe College, Stewart Memorial Library, 1220 First Avenue, NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402-5092

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Remember to check the IACRL box on the ILA application form. There will be no additional charge, but if you do not check the form, you will not be counted as an IACRL member. If you believe you have inadvertently forgotten to check IACRL, please contact Naomi or one of the committee members, who will see to it that your name gets counted. Thank you, Bill Sayre, Chair, Membership Committee.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A bit later in the year the ILA/ACRL Nominating Committee will be asking you for names of "a few good members." Believe it or not, we'll need to be thinking of 1997 committee and officer candidates for the Chapter by late Spring. In the meantime, take a look at the list of committees in your 1996 Directory and see if there is a committee which interests you, or which would be perfect for someone you know. Keep this in mind, and when the Nominating Committee asks for volunteers, you and your colleagues will be able to respond positively. Thanks so much, Mary McInroy, Vice President/President Elect & Chair of the Nominating Committee.

SURVEYING CHANGE

May I make
a survey ?
I promise
Confidentiality
Liberty
And the pursuit
of Truth.

I request
a dime
of your time.
T'is a pittance
easily drawn
from the vast hoards
of change
collecting dust
on your desk.

In digital glitter
my silver-lined study
will glow
with the show
of Truth
When all the change
has vanished
into the mint.

Richard Reitsma December 5, 1995

ASIS at University of Iowa

The acronym ASIS stands for the American Society for Information Science, a professional society dedicated to the creation, organization, dissemination and application of knowledge concerning information and its transfer.

The University of Iowa student chapter of the American Society for Information Science actively seeks speakers and speaker topics for their Brown Bag Lunch seminars which are held bimonthly in the School of Library & Information Science at the University of Iowa. In order to promote informal yet informative discussion of trends in the field of Library & Information Science, this

new lunch/brunch welcomes University of Iowa Professional and Paraprofessional staff members as well as Library & Information Science students.

The contribution by employed professionals to the practical education of Library and Information Science students is exemplary and to be applauded. Both professionals and paraprofessionals attend the lunch gatherings alongside students, and these insights from the audience are valuable additions to a well-rounded education. Previous lunch discussions have included:

- Electronic Reserves on the Internet, by Sarah Baker of ICAEN (Iowa Computer Aided Engineering Network);
- Medical Informatics, by Professor Connie Delaney of the School of Nursing;
- Professional Challenges in a Dynamic Electronic Environment, by Dottie Persson, dual Physics and Psychology Librarian.

American Society for Information Science. Student Chapter University of Iowa
<http://www.uniowa.edu/~libsci/studentalumni/asis/asis.html>

Eva Holtsmark, Chair

FRIENDS Groups Announcements

The following announcement comes from the University of Iowa.

Join Iowa author and filmmaker Max Allan Collins for the kickoff of the INTRIGUE AT IOWA: MYSTERY AND MAYHEM SERIES on April 26, 1996.

The April 26 program will include a screening of Collins' recent film, "Mommy" and a dinner with the author. The film screening will be held between 4 and 6 p.m. in the Shambaugh Auditorium at the Main Library of the University of Iowa. Reservations are not required, and the screening is free. Collins will be present, and a question and answer session will follow the screening.

Reservations are required for the dinner. Admission is \$26 for members of the Friends of the University of Iowa Libraries or \$30 for the general public. The dinner will be held in the Triangle Ballroom at the Iowa Memorial Union from 6-10 pm. Collins will give a presentation following the dinner.

Max Collins, mystery and comic strip writer, filmmaker, screen writer and musician has a broad range of projects to his credit. He is well known for his traditional, hard-boiled mysteries, has written for the Dick Tracy comic strip (1977-1993), and most recently wrote, directed and produced "Mommy". " Mommy" is a campy suspense thriller starring the adult Patty

McCormick who gained fame as the Academy Award nominated child actress in "The Bad Seed."

Also, the Friends of the University of Iowa Libraries will hold a book sale the following day, Saturday 27 April, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The book sale will be in the Main Library on the south end of the second floor.

Reported by Kathy Wachel

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

ARCHIVES OF WOMEN IN SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (Iowa State University)

The Archives of Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) is in full operation in Iowa State University's Parks Library. At present numbering over 350 collections, the Archives has made significant advances in fulfillment of its mission to document the history of women in science and engineering.

The collections, representing fields as diverse as botany and structural engineering, are interesting from many perspectives. One may for example see the corporate papers of the Association for Women Geoscientists and, among individual collections, the papers of E. Gail de Planque, outgoing Commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. De Planque's academic background includes a bachelor's degree in mathematics, a master's in physics, and a Ph. D. in environmental health sciences. Her subsequent career has been equally varied.

In assembling such materials, the WISE advisory board and founders Dr. Evelyn Weber and Dr. Darleane Hoffman have indeed provided an impressive start to a most daunting endeavor. (Reported by Jeff Dodd)

CHADWICK LIBRARY (Iowa Wesleyan College)

Chadwick Library has two special collections - Lincoln Collection (materials related to Robert Todd Lincoln) and an Iowa Collection that has rare and/or old books on Iowa history.

Reported by Phil Hjemboe

LIBRARY NEWS

St. Ambrose University Library

St. Ambrose University Library will open for business in its new building on Monday, March 18, 1996, according to Corinne Potter, Library Director. The beautiful new building will have almost three times as much space as the McMullen Library facility. A new name has not yet been

chosen for the new building. Existing telephone numbers will still apply: Corinne Potter, Director, (319) 333-6241; Marylaine Block, Reference (319) 333-6245; Carol Anne DeMarr, Circulation (319) 333-6246. The Fax number will change to (319) 333-6248. Interlibrary loan service will resume April 1. Formal dedication ceremonies will be held May 12th.

Additional news from St Ambrose and their director: St Ambrose University Library has two web sites located on the University's Home page: <http://www.sau.edu>. The Library's Home Page is shown under Library Services on the University home page, and provides access to a variety of our holdings and policies. Here you also will be able to access Marylaine Block's web page called "Where the Wild Things Are." This is a reference librarian's guide to the best information on the web and is composed of a short list of about 1500 terrific sites, including a Reference Desk, arranged by question.

Reported by Kathy Wachel

North Iowa Area Community College

North Iowa Area Community College will host the annual North Iowa Library Cooperative Conference, August 15-16, 1996. This year's theme is "Doing More with Less." The featured speaker for this two-day conference will be Dr. Shay Baker, from the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa. The Cooperative is a multi-type consortium of public, school, academic, and special libraries, plus area education agencies.

Iowa Wesleyan College, Chadwick Library

Iowa Wesleyan College, Chadwick Library will install a CD-ROM network this spring to extend the availability of the CD-ROM databases in the library by allowing any connected machine to access any of them. Currently these databases are available at standalone terminals with attached CD-ROM changers. The databases include Periodical Abstracts Ondisc and three full-text newspapers: the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and the Des Moines Register. One workstation to be added will also be equipped to use with non-networked multi-media CD-ROM products.

Reported by Phil Hjemboe

Iowa State University

William Lee has begun new duties as the University Records Manager with the Special Collections Department. Though he has changed departments, his phone and e-mail addresses remain the same.

Carolyn Opsomer has begun work as Director of Development for the Iowa State University Library. Her academic background includes both B.A. and M.B.A. degrees. She comes from Cornell University where she served as Associate Director of the Law School Annual Fund.

University of Iowa

Susan A. Marks, Coordinator of Access Services, has assumed expanded responsibility for system-wide access services, automation, and space planning.

Keith Rageth has been appointed Circulation and Document Delivery Librarian, beginning April 1, 1996. Keith's new duties add Circulation and Bookstacks to his prior responsibilities as manager of Interlibrary Loan and Reserves.

Regina Sinclair has been appointed to head the Preservation Department. Her academic background includes the B.A. and master's degree in both urban administration and informational science. She comes to Iowa from Johns Hopkins University. She is well known in the community of preservation librarians and serves as a committee member within the Preservation and Reformatting Section of ALCTS.

Maharishi University of Management (Library)

Maharishi University Library wishes to announce the appointment of Mary Barbour as its new Interlibrary Loan and Serials Librarian.

Reported by Jeff Dodd

Northwestern College, Ramaker Library

This coming summer Art Hielkema will retire as Director of Northwestern College's Ramaker Library. He became Director in 1969 and served on the OCLC User's council in the late 1970's and early 1980's. He also served on numerous ILA/ACRL committees. Art was instrumental in making Ramaker Library the first academic library in the state to bring up an automated catalog in 1982 (BRS Search System). Art did not lock his leading edge/bleeding edge experiences in a closet; he generously shared his expertise with librarians across the state who were negotiating the torturous path to automation. The new Library Director will be Richard Reitsma who is currently Reference Librarian at Ramaker Library.

Reported by Richard Reitsma

Editor's note: Richard was also last year's Editor of this Newsletter.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SPRING CONFERENCE

by Leo Clougherty, UI

The ILA/ACRL Scholarship Committee invites applications for the awards which are meant to assist librarians and library science students to attend the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference described in this Newsletter. The scholarships are given in memory of Patricia Foley who was Chapter President in 1983 and 1984. Each of the two awards includes a waiver of the conference registration fee and a maximum of \$35.00 for travel expenses. All librarians and library science students are eligible to apply, although preference will be given to those who have never

attended or have not attended recently. Application forms are being mailed to the directors of all Iowa academic libraries. Deadline for applications is April 19, 1996. If you have any questions, please call Leo Clougherty at 319-335-3085.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

by Bob Rose, UNI

At the time of publication of the last newsletter, several committee slots remained to be filled. All committee memberships are now complete, and a list of additional or new committee members follows:

Directory Committee

Jeff Dodd, UI, 1997

Membership Committee

Kris Gerhard, ISU, 1997

Spring Conference Program Committee

Mary Anne Knefel, University of Dubuque, 1996

Staff Development Committee

David Iversen, Drake, 1997

Scholarship Committee

Leo Clougherty, Chair, UI, 1996

I regret having to report that Tina Herb, Past President of ILA/ACRL and Chair of the Scholarship Committee, has resigned from that position due to increased job responsibilities. Leo Clougherty has graciously agreed to serve as Chair of the Scholarship Committee for the remainder of the year.

NOTE from the ALA/ACRL CHAPTERS COUNCIL

Meeting Held at the 1996 San Antonio Mid-Winter Conference

The Chapters Council is made up of representatives from all state ACRL chapters, and is one way that local issues can be heard at the national level. Due to a scheduling conflict, ILA/ACRL president Bob Rose could not attend this meeting, so I attended in his place.

From the sound of discussions at this meeting and of remarks by both ACRL President Pat Brevik and President-Elect William Miller, it may soon become easier for people involved at the local level to be appointed to national ACRL committees. This fits in with the new ACRL

Strategic Plan and with an increased interest on the part of the national ACRL to work more closely with state chapters. Committee terms are 2 years in length, staggered, and you can even "intern" with a committee.

One member of the Nebraska chapter approached me about having a joint meeting of our two state chapters, e.g., perhaps a joint Nebraska/Iowa ACRL Spring Conference in some future year. After running this idea by the ILA/ACRL Executive Board at our March 1 meeting, I will explore this idea further with Chris LeBeau, Vice President/President Elect of the Nebraska Chapter. This possible joint conference will be held no sooner than Spring 1998. Those members who attend our May 3 Spring Conference at Buena Vista will hear more details and be asked for their input on the feasibility of this plan.

If any of you would like a copy of my complete notes from the Chapters Council meeting, let me know via e-mail, phone, or regular mail and I will make sure you get a copy. I have them ready to go out on e-mail, so that would be the preferred method.

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ACRL IN NASHVILLE

by Bob Rose, UNI

ACRL is seeking increased participation from its members and chapters in national ACRL conferences. The 8th National ACRL Conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, April 11-14, 1997. The conference theme is "Choosing Our Futures," with sub-themes focusing on partnerships and competition; changing work roles and organizations; funding strategies; learning styles and technologies; and equity, diversity, and social responsibility.

There are many ways in which Chapter members can participate in the Conference (beyond simply attending). There are opportunities to form panel programs, present research papers, or case studies. These activities are reviewed by program review committees. ILA/ACRL could even sponsor one of these activities if we wanted. Another opportunity open to Chapters is to host a round table discussion group.

There are a lot of exciting things going on in Iowa libraries these days, many of which would be of interest to our colleagues in other states. Contributed papers from our Spring conference might also be a springboard for a paper or panel presentation at ACRL. I hope as many ILA/ACRL members as possible will consider attending and actively participating in the conference.

Additional - and updated - information on the conference, including proposed submission deadlines, can be found at the conference web site:

<http://library.tufts.edu/www/mcdonald/acrlhome.html>.

Iowa OCLC Users Set Annual Conference

The Iowa OCLC Users Group annual conference is scheduled for June 7 at the Central College Maytag Student Center in Pella. The theme for this year's conference is "Netting the Future" and will focus on communications and access to OCLC systems and services. Regan Harper, Member Services Librarian at BCR in Denver, the keynote speaker for the first general session, will address communications options available to member libraries and new methods of access. The second session will feature Iowa OCLC librarians who use various methods of accessing OCLC, followed by a time for questions and discussion. The Cataloging, Interlibrary Loan, Reference and Union Listing Sections plan meetings and programs for the afternoon.

The registration fee of \$15 includes lunch. IOUG is again encouraging attendance by waiving the registration fee for staff members from libraries which have not previously attended the annual conference.

Lois Smith, President, Iowa OCLC Users Group, Central College, Pella
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GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUND TABLE: Eleventh Annual Workshop, May 17, 1996

Come join the Iowa Library Association Government Documents Round Table's 11th Annual Workshop on May 17, 1996, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Parks Library of Iowa State University. This year's workshop provides 2 three-hour training sessions for GPO Access and also 2 three-hour sessions on government information on the Internet. The trainers for GPO Access are from the Office of Electronic Information Dissemination Services of the Government Printing Office. The trainers for the Internet portion are librarians from Iowa State University. Enclosed in this newsletter is the registration form (available in the printed newsletter, not in the online version). Please come and learn about these sources of information.

For more information contact either Nancy Geiger, Cedar Rapids Public Library (319-398-5123), Janet Klaas, Ames Public Library (515-233-2115), or Kathy A. Parsons, Iowa State University (515-294-7886).