

# ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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## Library News From Around the State!

The May issue of the ILA/ACRL Newsletter is devoted to sharing news from academic libraries across the state. Scroll through these pages to catch up and get ideas for your own library! But first, a word from our president...

## President's Piece

Several of our sub-committees are already hard at work planning some exciting events for our members. Our new Mentoring Committee has been planning a workshop for support staff on July 18, 2008 at DMACC campus in Boone. Please encourage your support staff colleagues to sign up. More information on this workshop can be found on the ["Mentoring Committee"](#) page of this website.



In addition, if you would like to serve as a mentor for a new academic librarian, or if you are new to the academic library field and would like a mentor, please get in touch with the [Mentoring Committee](#). They are in the process of setting up mentoring relationships throughout the state of Iowa. This is a great opportunity to help our profession grow!

Other reminders:

- The [Iowa Library Association](#) fall conference will be October 15-17 in Dubuque. Our ILA-ACRL sub-committee is setting up several sessions that will be of interest to academic librarians. Be sure to look for details in The Catalyst.
- Please consider [volunteering for ILA-ACRL](#). Brett Cloyd (University of Iowa) is currently looking for volunteers for a variety of committees. Volunteering for a committee is a great way to keep in touch with what's going on in academic libraries today.
- Encourage your colleagues to [join ILA-ACRL](#) if they are not currently members. Members receive reduced conference fees, can participate on the listserv, and gain professional and personal benefits by networking with other librarians in the state. The \$5 membership fee is a bargain! If you have already renewed your ILA membership, but forgot to include the ILA-ACRL dues, contact Laurie Hews at ILA and she will be glad to help you out.

*Submitted by Mary Heinzman, ILA-ACRL President*

## **Community College and Special Libraries News**

### **Des Moines Area Community College**

Michelle Tedrow is our new librarian at the Boone campus. She joined DMACC December 20, 2007. Michelle comes from St. Luke's College in Sioux City. Prior to St. Luke's, Michelle was at Morningside and Briar Cliff.

Steve Johns is our new librarian at the Ankeny campus. He joined DMACC January 2, 2008. Steve comes from Iowa State University in Ames. Prior to ISU, Steve worked in the Archives at Rice University.

Cathy Lawyer (Carroll campus) will be retiring this summer. She has been with DMACC 18 years.

Lisa Stock (previous Library Director at DMACC; now Dean of Learning Resources at the College of DuPage) receives her doctoral degree May 8th at ISU! Congrats to Dr. Stock!!  
*Submitted by Rebecca Funke*

### **Kirkwood Community College**

Sara Scheib has been hired as Emerging Technologies Librarian. Sara is a 2008 graduate of the University of Iowa Library School. She will work on both the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Campuses and be the Liaison with the Distance Learning Department.

Kate Hess and Steve Sickels provided a Teaching Circle based on the book Integrating Information Literacy into the Higher Education Curriculum by Ilene F Rockman and Associates (Jossey-Bass, 2004) in Kirkwood's Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching.  
*Submitted by Arron Wings*

### **North Iowa Community College**

NICC passed their \$32 million bond levy which includes building/renovating both the Calmar Campus and Peosta Campus libraries. This was our second time trying for the levy, and finally won!

*Submitted by Deb Seiffert*

### **Iowa Department of Transportation Library**

Hank Zaletel, a consultant at the Iowa DOT Library who is also employed by Iowa State University's Center for Transportation Research and Education (CTRE), relates, "The winter has been especially onerous here in Iowa this year. The roads, especially the gravel in southern Iowa, were hard hit. Complaints were numerous about their bad condition. The local CBS affiliate in Des Moines called our Public Affairs Office to talk about muddy roads from the past (if you

think it is bad now, this is what it was like a hundred years ago). The Library and I were called upon to respond.” The following clip was the result: <http://www.kcci.com/video/15593254/index.html>

*Submitted by Hank Zaletel*

## **Private Academic Libraries News**

### **Drake University, Cowles Library**

Drake's Cowles Library was recently funded to conduct a long term feasibility study in preparation for a renovation and expansion of the present library. Baldwin-White has been retained as the lead consultant, along with George Lawson, Library Consultant.

The library, working in collaboration with the teaching faculty, has launched the "Journal Format Migration Project". This is a set of multi-year initiatives, designed to complete the conversion of the journal holdings from print to electronic.

The library has implemented the initial version of the a "Mission, Planning and Assessment" web portal. <http://www.lib.drake.edu/site/aboutCowles/mission.php> This portal provides all library faculty and staff with access to planning information, the library's data repository, and links to Drake's Self Study/Assessment process. Dean Rod Henshaw and Collection Development Director Teri Koch will be presenting the organizational model for the portal at the upcoming Library Assessment Conference, Seattle, Aug. 4-6.

Drake's Heritage Collections continue to grow at Cowles Library, most recently with the addition of the "Cowles Family Publishing Legacy." This digital collection features the papers of three men who presided over the Cowles family publishing empire, John Cowles, Gardner Cowles, Jr. ("Mike") and David Kruidenier, Jr. In addition to owning the Des Moines Register and the Minneapolis Star Tribune for many years, the Cowles family has made a major impact on Des Moines through various philanthropic activities, including many generous donations to DrakeUniversity. This collection can be accessed at the Library website at <http://www.lib.drake.edu/heritage/>.

In addition to the creation of this digital collection, the Library hosted a "Live! At the Drake Library" event on April 15th in the Reading Room. Herb Strentz, professor emeritus and former dean of Drake University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, gave a speech about the Cowles Family. The speech, entitled "From the Cowles Closet" provided a glimpse into the personal, local and national affairs of the Cowles family, based on correspondence, commentary and whimsy, now part of the Cowles Library Collection.

*Submitted by Rod Henshaw*

### **Loras College Library**

On October 2, the Loras College Library celebrated its fifth birthday! The library staff had gatherings for faculty, staff, and students. For the faculty, librarian services were

highlighted. For staff, we highlighted the library's popular reading, DVD, and audiobook collections. We served ice cream out on the library lawn to the students.

This spring, during National Library week, we unveiled 4 new READ posters and co-sponsored a Faculty Publications event along with the Friends of the Library. Selected faculty gave a brief overview of their research and publications.

Our new acquisitions coordinator, Deone Merkel, began work at the end of February.

Finally, on April 11, Loras College hosted the 2nd Midwest Interlibrary Loan Conference. Almost 100 people registered from 13 states (including Delaware, Vermont, and Arizona!) The Midwest Interlibrary Loan Conference is sponsored by the Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium. The next conference will be in 2010.

*Submitted by Joyce Meldrem*

### **Maharishi University of Management**

Our biggest reference achievement was helping The History Channel create a documentary on the life of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, our Founder, who passed on in February. We advised the directors and provided them with some beautiful early videos from our tape library.

Library hours have been expanded to 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., M-F, with shorter weekend hours. Rustin Larson, a published and award-winning poet, was hired to cover the additional hours.

Facility and equipment upgrades include: new, comfortable teal couches and chairs, new wiring for faster and safer service, a new computer work station with special software available to the students: Adobe Suite with Photoshop, CD burner, Optical Character Recognition and conventional scanning, along with a color printer. Shelving was also reorganized to accommodate large groups. We have also started to beautify the east entrance by adding a nice glass display case for announcements. An improved system for wheelchair access and a new security gate have also been added.

Some recent events include:

A Persian Poetry Series featuring Rumi scholar Professor Ali Arsanjani (pictured here) accompanied by student Amine Kouideron the gumbri.



St. Patrick's Day with a special guest, Mark Stimson, who makes and performs on uilleanns, Irish bagpipes.

Our serials manager, Emo Baer, (pictured in Israel overlooking the old city of Jerusalem and the temple mount) presented a fascinating travelogue on his visit to Israel.



There was also a triumphal gathering of many local poets to celebrate National Poetry Month this April that attracted an enthusiastic audience of 40.

Finally, we are involved in many meetings and activities in preparation for our accreditation visit in 2009.

*Submitted by Suzanne Araas Vesely*

### **University of Dubuque**

Paul Waelchli, Assistant Director for Library Instruction and Public Services, has resigned effective May 31, to take a position as Information Literacy and Instruction Librarian at St. Norbert's in De Pere, Wisconsin.

Anne Marie Gruber, Reference and Instruction Librarian, has been promoted to Assistant Director for Library Instruction and Public Services effective June 1. The library is searching for a replacement for her position.

We recently welcomed Meris Muminovic as Acquisitions Assistant.

*Submitted by Mary Anne Knefel*

## **Regents University Library News**

### **Iowa State University Library news**

Christine King has joined the Iowa State University Library as a Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian and Associate Professor. She serves as a subject specialist for the areas of Curriculum & Instruction, Educational Leadership & Policy Studies, and Kinesiology, and as Coordinator of the Learning Connections Center in the Parks Library. She has previously worked as a librarian at Purdue University (1999-2007) and State University of New York at Stony Brook (1985-1999). She is a co-editor of a new e-journal, First Opinions, Second Reactions, published by the Purdue University Press.

The Special Collections Department of the Iowa State University Library has recently been named a Silos & Smokestacks National Heritage Area (SSNHA) Affiliate Site. The Department is one of 106 partner sites in the Heritage Area, which also include the Herbert Hoover

Presidential Museum, the Carl & Mary Koehler History Center, and the Laura Ingalls Wilder Park & Museum.

The Iowa State University e-Library now includes a new section of web pages with information targeting distance learners, a growing group of students and faculty at ISU. Since many distance learners are unable to come to the ISU campus and use the physical library, the Distance Learning web pages provide a brief orientation to the many online resources and library services available to all faculty and to all students registered in credit-bearing courses. [http://www.lib.iastate.edu/class/distlearn/distlearn\\_main.html](http://www.lib.iastate.edu/class/distlearn/distlearn_main.html)

The ISU Document Delivery Service fee structure has changed recently in an effort to assist distance learners. There is now no charge to an ISU card holder to ship an ISU Library book to an address more than 25 miles from Ames. Return postage is payable by the requester. This policy change, in conjunction with another policy change recently made in ISU's Interlibrary Loan service, means that distance learners will have books shipped to them at no charge whether or not the book is held by the ISU Library or is obtained from another library.

A new cooperative program has just been initiated between the Ames Public Library and ISU Library. "Bikes at Work" is providing Tuesday and Thursday Interlibrary Loan delivery service between the two libraries. The bike delivery service allows for faster delivery of publications and other hard-copy documents as opposed to the delay caused by regular mail being routed through Des Moines and then back to Ames.

*Submitted by Jody Graden and Kris Stacy-Bates*