

# ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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## President's Piece

It's that time of year again. The air is beginning to cool just a bit (finally!), leaves are donning a hint of red or gold, and students are back on campus. The start of a new academic year is in full force and we are adjusting to the quickened pace of life. The season has released an energy and expectation for a successful semester.

Iowa ACRL is also gearing up for a successful fall. On the heels of a fantastic Spring Conference in Decorah, we are set to head to Dubuque in a few weeks for the Iowa Library Association's Annual Conference. The Fall Program Committee has worked hard to identify timely topics and speakers for the conference. As a result, our chapter will sponsor four sessions that will appeal to many of us:

- The Possibilities and Limits of Fair Use: The National Conversation
- To Make a Long Story Short: Libraries and Copyright Today
- e-Content and Its Discontents
- High School to College

More information about each session is available in this newsletter or on the ILA website. If you haven't yet registered for the conference, please do so soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Nominating Committee has also been working hard to complete the makeup of our committees and to fill out our officer slate for 2013. Bios for the officer candidates are available in this newsletter. Voting will take place in October, after the ILA conference. "ILA/ACRL is an organization that has developed from the efforts of many members, and its growth will continue because of those that are willing to serve." A huge thank-you to the officer candidates and new committee members and chairs for stepping forward!

Finally, in order for our chapter to continue serving your needs, we need your input. Later this fall, we'll conduct a survey that will ask for your thoughts and ideas on how to move forward. This is an organization created to connect, educate, and advocate. We will be asking you for feedback on what has worked well in the past and how we will move forward in the future. Please look for that survey yet this fall and please take a few minutes to tell us what you think!

Best wishes for a great semester!

Rebecca Funke ILA/ACRL President

## ILA/ACRL Officer Candidates

### Vice President/President-Elect

**Dan Chibnall** received a BA degree from Knox College and MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 2005. Dan first came to Iowa in the summer of 2005 and began work as the User Services and Instruction Design Librarian with Grand View University in the summer of 2006. Dan has been active in ILA/ACRL since his first year at Grand View and has served as chair of the Electronic Communications Committee as well as Secretary-Treasurer of the organization. He has also served on ILA's Intellectual Freedom Committee, Conference Planning Committee, and the Nominating Committee.

*"I am honored to run for the position of Vice President/President-Elect of ILA/ACRL. My plan for our organization focuses on strengthened communication, collaboration on issues related to information literacy, and extensive advocacy for our libraries at the state and federal level. Communication through our organization helps us to spread effective ideas from other chapters and schools to all our respective institutions while at the same time creating new and engaging collaborations, like our current project with teacher librarians. My goal is to help our K-16 Higher Ed Committee build bridges with our colleagues in high schools to help students improve their information literacy skills, helping them prepare for college. In addition, I want to help our organization and its members work toward improving advocacy projects at the state and federal level to help libraries get the attention and funds that they need. I would be grateful if given the opportunity to lead our ACRL chapter and to hear what ideas you have for our organization."*

**Beth McMahon** is Reference and Instruction Librarian at Central College. She earned a BA from Antioch College, an MA from The Ohio State University, and an MLIS from Kent State University. Before moving to Iowa in 2006, she held professional library positions at Earlham College (Indiana) and University of Dayton (Ohio). Beth has been a member of ILA/ACRL since arriving in Iowa, and has served the organization as Chair of the Spring Conference Committee in 2010 and 2011.

*"I am both pleased and humbled to accept nomination for the position of Vice President/President Elect of ILA/ACRL. When thinking about serving ILA/ACRL in a leadership capacity, it is tempting to focus on the challenges facing us as professionals, educators, citizens, and voters. However, in all aspects of my work I strive to be mindful of building upon strengths and rewarding successes. Iowa academic libraries have a lot to be proud of! Having been a member of the Executive Board and worked on the Spring Conference Committee, I am continually impressed by the talent and energy present in this organization. As Vice President/President Elect I will strive to effectively represent the voice the membership and*

*continue support for the strong and effective programs and partnerships already in place while remaining responsive to new opportunities, future needs, and emerging possibilities."*

### **Secretary-Treasurer**

**Chris Neuhaus** is a reference librarian, science bibliographer, and library instruction coordinator at the University of Northern Iowa's Rod Library. Past ILA/ACRL experience includes work on various committees and service as president.

*"ILA/ACRL will always have a warm spot in my heart. This wonderful organization has provided me with so many opportunities for professional growth and fellowship. I have enjoyed years of conferences and committee work spent with good friends and colleagues. To serve ILA/ACRL is an honor and most certainly a pleasure. I gladly step forward to offer my services as a possible Secretary/Treasurer."*

**Deb Robertson** came to Iowa in 2009 to be the Director of Library and Information Services at Briar Cliff University in Sioux City. Previously she was the Director of Library and Instructional Services at Virginia Highlands Community College, in Abingdon, Virginia, and the Director of Library Services at Northeast Community College, in Norfolk, Nebraska. Deb earned a MLS degree from Emporia State University, in Kansas, in 2000. Currently, Deb serves on the ILA/ACRL K-12 and Higher Education committee. Expanding on the work of this committee, she has also accepted an appointment to serve on a joint committee with representatives from the Iowa Association of School Librarians.

*"Personally, I am committed to working with other professionals focused on providing services that meet the needs of learners at all stages of learning. ILA/ACRL is an organization that helps make this this type of work possible and that is why I look forward to serving as the next ILA/ACRL Secretary/Treasurer."*

### **At-Large Executive Board Member**

**Ed Goedecken** is Collections Coordinator at Iowa State University with a rank of Professor. He earned a BA from William Penn University, an MA in history from Iowa State University, a PhD in history from the University of Kansas, and an MLS from the University of Iowa. He has been at Iowa State University for 20 years. Prior to that, he worked at Purdue University and at William Penn University. Ed served as President of ILA/ACRL in 2000 and has served on other ILA committees over the years.

*"My association with ILA/ACRL began nearly 30 years ago when I worked at William Penn University. I have always believed this association represents the best of what Iowa librarianship can be, and I am pleased to be considered as your At-Large representative for ILA/ACRL. I would bring to this position decades of experience with academic libraries and with Iowa academic libraries in particular. As a group, we need to foster positive and dynamic*

*relationships to support the efforts of all academic libraries in the state, and toward that worthy goal I would commit my experience and boundless energy."*

**Jennifer Sterling** received a BS in Education from Pittsburg State University in 1996 and an MLS from the University of Missouri in 1998. Her first position out of library was school as Reference Librarian at William Penn. She briefly moved to Texas in 2000 and worked at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center as an Education Librarian. Desperately missing Iowa, she returned to William Penn University in 2002 to take the Instructional Services Librarian position. Jennifer has served two terms on the Spring Conference Planning Committee, most recently as Chair. She is currently on the Awards Committee.

*"I am pleased to run for the ILA/ACRL Member-At-Large. Being an ILA/ACRL member has been such a positive influence on my career as a librarian. In my first few years as a librarian I got so many excellent ideas and tips about teaching information literacy skills and becoming a professional. Now as I have gained experience I enjoy meeting new librarians that join our fold and sharing with them. Seeing my librarian friends at our spring conference is one of the highlights of spring and an opportunity to learn about the great things that going on at the other libraries around the state. I would work hard and be honored to serve as your Representative At-Large."*

## **ILA/ACRL-Sponsored Sessions at the Iowa Library Association Conference**

### **122nd Iowa Library Association Conference**

**We're All In This Together**

**October 10–12, 2012**

**Grand River Center, Dubuque**

Your Iowa ACRL has been working closely with the ILA Conference Planning Committee to bring these outstanding presenters to Iowa for the upcoming conference in October. Get a preview below of what's in store!

### **The Possibilities and Limits of Fair Use: The National Conversation**

Fair use in copyright law has become a central element in the national debate about copyright and the role of libraries. In this session, Dwayne Buttler will explore some of the possibilities and limits of the best practice movement, including the Association of Research Libraries Code of Best Practices, and will consider some recent litigation, such as the Georgia State University lawsuit, that involves libraries and higher education. Make sure to bring questions and thoughts about fair use to join the conversation.

Dwayne is with the University Libraries, University of Louisville. Much of his work focuses on the complex relationship of copyright law and licensing to the library's mission of teaching, learning and scholarly communication. He works with individual faculty members, librarians and administrators to address copyright and scholarly communication issues, and also teaches mass communication law and intellectual property courses at the University of Louisville.

This Thursday afternoon session starts at 2:00 p.m. and is sponsored by ILA/ACRL and the Community College Librarians Roundtable.

### **To Make a Long Story Short: Libraries and Copyright Today**

Libraries today engage in many splendid, innovative and technology-based choices that serve patron needs and support education. Streaming video, digitizing special collections and offering content management opportunities all raise copyright issues. This session, presented by Dwayne Buttler, will focus on exceptions in copyright law that might support library services and others that may hinder them. This conversation will also expand on the role of fair use.

Dwayne is with the University Libraries, University of Louisville. His research examines activities such as electronic publishing and open access to scholarship, digital preservation, online learning and how an increasingly digital society will require legal reform to meet new user needs in these areas.

ILA/ACRL and the Community College Librarians Roundtable sponsor this session, to be presented at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday.

### **e-Content and Its Discontents**

E-books bring a fundamental challenge to library services and identity. In digital form, books are merely commodities rather than cultural artifacts or works of art. While the content is still valued, the container is irrelevant. Unfortunately, libraries have been traditionally designed around the container, not the content. This session will examine the relevance of libraries in an era of information saturation and digital content. Copyright, business models for e-book collections, and technological solutions will be addressed as well.

Joseph Sanchez was one of the first librarians in the world to circulate e-readers and iPads. He does Instructional Design and is working on developing a library friendly content server for the Auraria Library, an academic library serving three higher education institutions that share a Denver campus. Sanchez was a Library Journal 2011 Mover and Shaker, and blogs at his website [www.thebookmyfriend.com](http://www.thebookmyfriend.com).

This Friday morning session begins at 10:20 a.m. and is sponsored by ILA/ACRL and the Community College Librarians Roundtable.

## **High School to College**

Attend this 11:20 a.m. Friday session if you want to learn more about successful K-16 collaborative efforts focused on preparing high school students for university-level research and writing. A panel of academic and high school librarians and faculty members will share their experiences.

Kathy Bottaro, Library Media Head Teacher for the Sioux City Community School District, will lead this panel discussion, and will provide an update on the newly formed IASL–ILA/ACRL Ad Hoc Committee to explore school–library partnerships to prepare high school students for college.

Iowa Association of School Librarians, ILA/ACRL, and Community College Librarians Roundtable sponsor this session.

## **Connecting Digitally with Your Colleagues**

Are you connected with your IA-ACRL colleagues? Do you want to learn more about what's happening with our IA-ACRL subdivision? Please come and check out our social media connections. We keep members alerted to new information in our field, announcements from our subdivision, and ideas to share with colleagues. You can find us on:

[Twitter](#) (@ILAACRL)

[Facebook](#)

[Diigo](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

## **Community College Library News**

### **Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo**

Judy Mitchell, Reference Librarian, was honored with the President's Award for Outstanding Service of a Full-Time Employee. Mitchell teaches classes, assists students with research assignments, develops information guides, and provides service to students and community members. Judy received a \$1,000 stipend for her award and plans to use the funds to attend the LOEX conference in Nashville, Tenn., in May 2013.

The Hawkeye Community College Library has been increasing its technological presence in ways that our students appreciate. In May, the library introduced Mosio's Text a Librarian service, and for the fall 2012 semester, the library has purchased 10 iPad 3s for students and three for faculty, all to be lent for one-week periods. Users must have their own Apple ID, and the devices are synched and reset after each use.

In addition, over the summer the library did a major weeding of the periodical and audio–visual collections and dismantled empty stacks to make room for more quiet study space and six new desktop computers.

### **North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City**

The North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC) Library began offering Films on Demand Streaming Video for Colleges in March. The faculty was excited about the February trial and has been using it both in class and for outside assignments. A subscription to EBSCOhost's ebook Academic Collection to supplement current ebook holdings was also added. Mosio's Text a Librarian service was introduced this fall as a way to better connect with distance learners. The library's first effort using NIACC's new Panopto lecture capture software was to update the online library orientation video this summer.

### **Scott Community College, Bettendorf**

Scott Community College Library announces the addition of new staff member Lucas Berns, who joined the staff on January 3, 2012.

### **Western Iowa Tech Community College, Sioux City**

The Western Iowa Tech Community College Library received a generous donation of the Law Library books and shelving from the Woodbury County Courthouse. The students and instructor in the Legal Office Aide program donated their time in packing and transporting the books and shelving from the courthouse to the Western Iowa Tech Library. The Law Library area also serves as a quiet study area and is open to the public.

## **Private Academic Library News**

### **Cornell College, Mount Vernon**

The Cornell College Writing Studio (part of the Center for Teaching and Learning in Cole Library) is now offering video-conferencing for students who are studying off-campus. By utilizing Google Hangout, Studio Consultants are able to see the student and the paper at the same time, making personalized revision sessions possible despite the distance. With a number of courses being taught at the new McLennan Center in Chicago, as well as a number of students studying abroad, this latest development ensures that Cornellians can receive help on their writing no matter where their education takes them.

### **Palmer College of Chiropractic, Davenport**

Dennis Peterson, director of the library at Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, passed away on August 14 after a long illness. He received his MA in Library & Information Science from the University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science in 1976. Dennis joined the faculty of Palmer College of Chiropractic as an instructor and public services librarian in

March 1978, and was promoted to director in 1988. He was also responsible for the libraries on the Palmer campuses in Florida and California. Dennis authored and edited books and book chapters including: *Chiropractic: An Illustrated History*, published in 1994 by Mosby, in collaboration with the 1995 Chiropractic Centennial Celebration; *Streams from the Fountainhead*, an illustrated history of Palmer College of Chiropractic's Centennial Celebration, published in 1997; and his research project, *Index to Chiropractic Literature 1970-1979*, published in 1986. His leadership and vast knowledge of chiropractic and librarianship will be greatly missed at Palmer and in the chiropractic and library communities at large.

### **St. Ambrose University Library, Davenport**

After completion of a four-month-long renovation, the Information Resources and Technology Department was relocated into the library's lower level in May. The integration of services provides additional evening and weekend information technology help desk hours for students and the library's mini-lab clusters of computer workstations. August brought staff changes to the reference and instruction team; Katy Morgan and Barb Kuttler each resigned to follow her bliss. With diligence and a dose of luck, two librarians have been hired to fill those vacancies. Conrad Bendixen comes to St. Ambrose University (SAU) from Kirkwood Community College in September, and Anita Niemczyk assumes her role as the library's evening and weekend reference and instruction librarian in early October. Heather Lovewell, SAU Library archivist, is undertaking the digitization of the University's *Pacem in Terris* Peace and Freedom Award documents.

### **University of Dubuque**

The biggest news at the Charles C. Myers Library at University of Dubuque (UD) is that Anne Marie Gruber (Assistant Director for Library Instruction & Public Services) and Nate Gruber (Acquisitions Assistant) welcomed Amelia Jo Gruber into the world on July 27. Mom, Dad, and Amelia all seem to be very pleased with each other. Amelia's first trip after coming home was to the library, of course.

The Library staff has been doing lots of presentations lately.

We had two presentations at the Library Technology Conference at Macalester College in St. Paul on March 14. Becky Canovan, Reference and Instruction Librarian, and her sister, Amanda Canovan, Teen and Adult Services Librarian at Ripon Public Library, presented "Prezi Beyond Its Intended Use: Exploiting the Potential." Jonathan Helmke, Assistant Director for Library Technology & Technical Services, Nathan Gruber, Acquisitions Assistant, and Jim Taylor, founder of JTacq, presented "Through JTacq-Colored Glasses: Streamlining the Acquisitions Process."

We had two presentations at the Iowa Private Academic Libraries spring meeting at Wartburg on April 20. Anne Marie Gruber and Marta Abele, Professor of Education, presented "From Cover to Cover: Library-Campus Collaboration to Support At-Risk Students." Jonathan Helmke and



Chaminda Prelis, Assistant Professor of Aviation, presented "Collaborating from a Distance: Using Skype to Help Achieve Student and Faculty Goals."

At the National LOEX Conference in Columbus, Ohio, on May 3-5, Becky Canovan presented "Homegrown Ingredients: Creating Tools When Information Literacy Supermarket Fails You." At Indiana University Libraries Information Literacy Colloquium on August 3, in New Albany, Indiana, Becky Canovan and Cara Stone, Faculty Development and Instruction Librarian at Grand View College, presented "Bringing Reality TV to Library Instruction: Non-traditional Activities for Teaching Traditional Library Concepts."

Mary Anne Knifel led a faculty session at Fall Faculty Days (August 22) about best practices in creating effective reading assignments for college students.

We have two presentations at the upcoming Iowa Library Association conference in Dubuque. Becky Canovan and Diana Newman will present "Going Clubbing: Spicing Up Your Book Club." Jonathan Helmke, Nathan Gruber, and Jim Taylor will reprise their Macalester presentation: "Through JTacq-Colored Glasses: Streamlining the Acquisitions Process." Both presentations will be given on the Thursday of the conference

Other news: Meghann Toohey, Archives Assistant, is compiling materials for the upcoming "African Americans and the University of Dubuque" exhibit, which will include print documents and oral histories. She and Jon Helmke now have a column in the UD newspaper, the Belltower, about UD history. Our favorite item recently found in the Archives is "Coed Cues" from 1943, about how first-year women should behave on campus. If anyone has similar documents in their Archives, would you consider sharing?

### **Wartburg College, Waverly**

Vogel Library is in the middle of a search process for a new Scientific Literacy Librarian. The library's redesigned website features the new discovery tool, Encore Synergy, which was launched this fall. The winning entry in a student contest to name the library catalog was the "Searching Squirrel." Vogel Library is branding the Searching Squirrel on our search page as well as on T-shirts and other items around the library.

### **Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque**

Reu Memorial Library at Wartburg Theological Seminary has done some rearranging on the first floor. We've moved our media collection to the second floor since most of the items are old. We then put up a white board near a large table. Students have already started using the white board while studying. We put on a table near the entrance all our periodicals after they arrive. They spend a couple of weeks there before being shelved in the normal area. Students and faculty are more aware of what we receive. We got this idea from another library.

## Regents Universities Library News

### University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

New dean: Welcome, Christopher Cox, to the position of Dean of Library Services at the University of Northern Iowa's (UNI) Rod Library. Chris has served as interim director at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and most recently as the Dean of Libraries at Western Washington University. Chris is replacing Katherine Martin, who served as Acting Dean during the last year. A big thanks to Kate for her service, and a super welcome to Chris. More information can be found [here](#).

Humans vs. Zombies: This week-long, campus-wide game, sponsored by Rod Library, will be played at UNI October 26 to November 2. Players begin as humans, and one or more is chosen to be the "Original Zombie." The Original Zombie tags human players and turns them into zombies. The zombie must tag and "feed" on a human every 24 hours, or the zombie starves to death and is out of the game. As a human, you can be tagged at any time outside of a safe zone on campus. Be aware of your surroundings!

This will be the Rod Libraries inaugural sponsorship of the game. If you are unfamiliar with the game, the original Humans vs. Zombies game began at Maryland's Goucher College in 2005. It grew rapidly and is now played at over 650 colleges and universities across the world, as well as high schools, military bases, summer camps, and public libraries. More information on the game at UNI can be found [here](#).

### University of Iowa, Iowa City

Learning Commons: Many of Main Library staff on the first floor moved to renovated space on the fifth to make room for the Learning Commons. The fifth-floor space has been under construction since early spring, and staff in cataloging, technology, conservation, preservation, and administration moved into the new area in July. Because the south entrance is closing temporarily during construction and the south circulation desk has closed permanently, reference, information, circulation, and reserve services are being handled at one central desk. These are all being done because of the new Learning Commons. A video walk-through of the Learning Commons is available [here](#).

Civil War diaries: With almost 13,000 pages completed, our crowdsourcing volunteers are wrapping up their efforts to transcribe the University of Iowa's [collection of Civil War diaries and letters](#) in order to make them easier to search and browse. But it turns out that that finish line is a moving target, since publicity from the project has attracted new Civil War donations to the Libraries. In June, we added a handful of these recent acquisitions—totaling over 1,000 newly digitized pages ready for transcription—to the digital collection: [Turner S. Bailey diaries, 1861-1863](#); [Philip H. Conard diary, 1864-1865](#); and [Wilkerson letters, 1863-1865](#).

[UBorrow](#): This new service that offers rapid access to over 90 million books from 13 research libraries (the Committee on Institutional Cooperation) has won the [Rethinking Resource Sharing 2012 Innovation Award](#).

Nancy Drew: University of Iowa alumna Mildred Wirt Benson—journalist, pilot, amateur archaeologist, ghost writer, and the original author of the Nancy Drew mystery series—was born on July 11, 1905. To mark the anniversary, we're featuring a gallery of her book covers, from the [iconic](#) to the [unintentionally terrifying](#), on our [Iowa Digital Library Pinterest account](#). View even more digitized artifacts at the [Mildred Wirt Benson Digital Collection](#).

Zine Library Day: July was [International Zine Month](#) and July 21 was [Zine Library Day](#), a chance to celebrate self-publishing collections around the world. Zines are self-published works, made for passion rather than for profit. Libraries collect zines because they represent perspectives and topics that often aren't included in other forms of media. The [zine collections in the UI Libraries](#) are in Special Collections and University Archives. There is even a zine about the zine collections, which you can always find in the [Zine Machine](#), the zine vending machine on the first floor in Main Library.