

ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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2008 ILA Conference in Dubuque Holds Sessions for Academic Librarians Too!

A note from the ILA/ACRL Fall Conference Planning Committee:

On behalf of the ILA/ACRL Committee for the Fall Program, I would like to invite everyone to attend the pre-conference to be held at the ILA Conference in Dubuque. It is reasonably priced and will offer a nice selection of information about Next Generation Catalogs. Be sure to register soon if you haven't already!

Next Generation Catalogs

Pre-conference on Wednesday, October 15th from 10:00am to 3:00pm: \$30 for ILA members or \$40 for nonmembers (lunch included)

Presented by: Brian Thompson, Systems Librarian at the University of Iowa; Sue Julich, Head of Enterprise Applications at the University of Iowa; Wendy Robertson, Systems Librarian at the University of Iowa; Louise Alcorn, Reference Technology Librarian at the West Des Moines Public Library; Tod Olson, Systems Librarian at the University of Chicago

What is the 411 on library catalogs for the future? Can they be catalogs for anyone, anywhere, any way, and anytime? Come learn about three libraries taking on future developments for the essential tool - the Library Catalog. Products to be discussed include Primo, Aquabrowser, WorldCat Local and how FRBR ties into these products. The pre-conference will be valuable for anyone exploring how to make their library catalogs more exciting, relevant, and futuristic for their library users.

Submitted by Amy Paulus, Ericka Raber, Leslie Ross, and Elaine Settergren

Find what other sessions your ILA/ACRL association has on tap for the ILA Conference...

- The myths and facts of reference liability on Thursday, October 16th at 2:00pm
- E-Reserves and copyright law: What you need to know on Thursday, October 16th at 3:30pm
- Growing-up Online on Friday, October 17th at 10:20am

ILA/ACRL & ILA Officer Candidates: Voting coming up soon!

Iowa ACRL Officers Up for Election

For Vice President/President-Elect: Mary Iber

Mary received a B.S. degree from Marquette University and an M.A in Library & Information Science from the University of Iowa (2000.) She is currently the Consulting Librarian for the Sciences at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, and has taught as an adjunct in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa in Iowa City since 2001. Mary also worked as a Library Specialist at ACT, Inc., in Iowa City from 1988-2000. Her participation in ILA/ACRL includes: serving on the Conference Committee (2006-2008) and as the Conference Proposal Committee Chair (2007-2008); working on the ILA/ACRL ad hoc advocacy Mentoring Committee (2006-2008) which provided the foundation for the statewide Mentoring Program being inaugurated this fall; serving as a mentor in 2008-2009; and chairing the ILA/ACRL ad hoc advocacy Serials, Open Access and Scholarly Communication Committee (2006-2007) which created a webpage of resources for faculty and academic librarians.

"Building on the strengths of ACRL in Iowa, I would like to encourage even more sharing and collaboration among academic libraries. Traditional learning opportunities abound in our organization such as the annual ILA/ACRL Conference, our website, newsletter, mentor/protégé program, as well as librarian and support staff events. Progress can be enhanced when we look at current library practices and habits from new vantage points. Our colleagues are fabulous resources. With new modes of communication, we may find avenues that make more frequent professional growth possible with less environmental impact. A balance of innovation and tradition, integrated with scholarly communication and timely reflection will keep the academic libraries of Iowa central to their campuses and essential to the students, faculty, and staff we serve. I am honored to be nominated for the Vice President/President Elect position of ILA/ACRL."

For Secretary/Treasurer: Daniel Boice

Dan received his BA at Calvin College; and MA (History) & AMLS (1982) at the University of Michigan. His professional experience has been at: Northern Illinois University; the University of South Carolina, in ILL, Reference, & administration of a historical library; and at Divine Word College, as College Librarian, from 1996 to the present. Dan has participated on committees in various capacities with IPAL, I-ACRL & ILA; and has been a member of the State Library Commission since 2006.

"I appreciate the quality of Iowa's academic library community, and our cooperative efforts constantly prove the adage about the whole being greater than the sum of our parts. I enjoy work as a secretary, and have some experience for our Dubuque area consortium and the Dyersville

public library board of trustees. I'd very much welcome the chance to serve ACRL's membership by helping to keep our activities organized and on track."

For At-Large ILA/ACRL Executive Board: Bart Schmidt and Kate Hess

Bart Schmidt is the Digital Projects Librarian at Drake University's Cowles Library, a position he has held since moving to Iowa in 2005. Bart holds an MLIS from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and was a Librarian at UWM Libraries' American Geographical Society Library prior to his arrival at Drake. Bart has been a member of ILA/ACRL since moving to Iowa, and is currently serving on the Spring Conference Program Committee. He has also been an active member of the Iowa Heritage Digital Collections Project and is involved with the Digital Initiatives Section of the Iowa OCLC Users Group.

"Academic Librarians have always been highly skilled and diverse professionals responsible for teaching, research, cataloging, preservation, and access. This has not changed, but our place on campus has evolved. Librarians are being found imbedded in academic programs, working directly with instructors and students. We are campus leaders tackling tough issues such as intellectual property and the changing face of scholarly communication. We need to be sure relevant training and educational opportunities for librarians are available so we can effectively fill these new roles. We need increased collaboration between institutions to share ideas and resources so we can all better serve the needs of our campuses."

Kate Hess has spent most of her professional career as a librarian at the Iowa City Campus of Kirkwood Community College. There she wears the many hats any small library wears, from working at the reference desk, collaborating with faculty, and serving on faculty and college-wide committees, to teaching library instruction classes and occasional credit classes. She has been an active member of the Iowa ACRL during that time, serving as President of the Community College Librarians Roundtable in 2007, and chair of the ILA/ACRL Newsletter Committee for 2007-2008. Her accomplishments there include updating the newsletter format to match the new website design and streamlining monthly and yearly processes for committee members and future chairs.

"I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve on the Iowa ACRL board through my position as the Newsletter chair, and hope to continue serving the Iowa ACRL chapter by serving as At-Large Member next year. I am interested in seeing the board continue to support all academic librarians by getting relevant information to members when it's needed, presenting excellent learning opportunities through the yearly conference and the new summer workshop for support staff, and pushing forward in current efforts to increase opportunities for collaboration and consortia among all academic libraries in Iowa."

Voting

Ballots for the ILA/ACRL Officers will be mailed in mid-October to all current ILA/ACRL members.

Two ILA Officer Candidates

Iowa ACRL has two candidates running for the executive board of the Iowa Library Association. This is an opportunity for academic librarians to be well represented at the board table.

Watch for their names on the ILA ballot:

Karen Davidson, Northeast Iowa Community College;
Mary Heinzman, St. Ambrose University

Submitted by Jean Donham, Wartburg College

ILA/ACRL Awards News

Awards Committee Announces Opening of 2008 Advocacy Award

The Iowa ACRL will open competition for its second advocacy grant to be awarded in September 2009. The grant offers a stipend of \$500 to support implementation of the project. Applications are due July 31, 2009.

University of Dubuque was the first grantee for this program. (An update on their use of the award money follows!) Their proposal is available at the Iowa ACRL website under Awards.

The purpose of this grant program is to encourage academic libraries to develop or expand efforts to reach out to their constituencies to market their programs and offerings. In addition, the grant intends to encourage libraries to share their public relations program with their colleagues through Iowa ACRL's channels, namely, our newsletter and our conference.

This is a grant program, not an award for already completed projects. The proposal should describe a program that the library is ready to undertake, not a completed program.

Application forms will be available at the Iowa ACRL Booth at the ILA conference, and online applications are available [here](#).

Submitted by Jean Donham, Wartburg College

2007 ILA/ACRL Advocacy Award Winner's Report

Last year, the staff at the Charles C. Myers Library at the University of Dubuque received the first-ever ILA/ACRL Advocacy Grant. They used the funds to purchase custom highlighters in support of an information literacy assignment in Composition & Rhetoric II (ENG102). In this assignment, created by librarians and led by faculty and librarians, students work in peer groups to use common scholarly articles in a guided research writing process. As of last year, this was a common assignment in all sections of ENG 102.

Librarians, faculty, and peer tutors model how to read scholarly articles for research, including highlighting and annotating. The 3-color highlighter, designed in collaboration with University Relations and given to all ENG 102 students, both publicized the library to first-years and equipped them to meet specific IL goals of the assignment.

The response from students and faculty was overwhelmingly positive. Students used the highlighters as intended to aid their success in the assignment, and faculty commented that they made a difference in students' sense of ownership of the assignment. The highlighters were successful in helping achieve the goal of student engagement established for the project.

The Charles C. Myers Library staff is grateful to ILA/ACRL for their support for this project.

Submitted by Anne Marie Gruber, Assistant Director for Library Instruction & Public Services and Mary Anne Knefel, University Librarian, University of Dubuque

Thank you!

Many thanks to those who submitted articles for this issue of the ILA/ACRL Newsletter. See you in Dubuque!

Kate Hess, ILA/ACRL Newsletter Committee Chair