

ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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This ILA/ACRL Newsletter contains a letter from our president, news from around the state, a teaser about the ILA Fall Conference (more details in the September newsletter), and information about ILA/ACRL's scholarship for the fall conference.

President's Piece



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer in both your professional and personal lives. I'm sitting amidst the rumblings of construction at work and looking forward to a new Learning Commons situated on the first floor of the Main Library at the University of Iowa. We are anxious to show off the facility and regain our users who have fled because of the noise and inconvenience.

I am very excited about new activities happening for Iowa/ACRL members. If you were not able to travel to Iowa City or Des Moines to participate in the national ACRL webinars, I hope you were able to view them online afterwards. The topics on "Embedded librarians: integrating information literacy instruction at the point of need" and "Sparkling Innovation in your Library: Lessons from startup, R&D, and venture capital" were very timely and informative. We anticipate being able to provide two webinars each year.

Speaking of startup culture, the Spring Conference entitled "Big Questions, Big Opportunities: Bringing Start-up Culture to our Libraries" was unique in format and a wonderful success. You can read about the sessions in the May 2013 newsletter. The Iowa Library Association (ILA) Annual Conference, held October 16-18th in Coralville, will be another opportunity for learning and networking. Iowa/ACRL is working with ILA to finalize the sessions that will be offered. Look for information soon!

The Nominating Committee is looking for leadership! If you are interested in serving Iowa/ACRL, please contact Dan Chibnall and see further information on the volunteer site: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/about/volunteer>. I may be biased, but Iowa/ACRL is a wonderful organization and by volunteering you get to meet and work with great members, make a difference for librarians in the state, and have an opportunity to build up your resume. Please consider getting involved or furthering your current involvement – thanks!

Lastly, I wanted to point out the Iowa/ACRL social media sites. A full list is available on the home page (<http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/>) but Diigo is a wonderful tool to share what articles and blogs you are reading as well as follow other librarians. It is a great tool to learn what your colleagues are thinking about, collaborate on new ideas, and stay connected.

Have a great rest of the summer and good luck in your fall semester preparations!

Amy Paulus
ILA/ACRL President

2013 ILA Fall Conference preview

Iowa ACRL is sponsoring two national speakers at the Iowa Library Association conference October 16-18, 2013 in Coralville, Iowa.

Don't miss these four timely and thought-provoking sessions!

- Peter Murray, Assistant Director of Technology Services Development at Lyrisis, provides guidance about choosing (or not) among various open source software options for libraries.
- In a second session, Mr. Murray will introduce Library Linked Data concepts and discuss what libraries can do to smooth the transitional phase from MARC to the metadata of the Semantic Web. See his [Disruptive Library Technology Jester blog](#).
- [Steven J. Bell](#), Associate University Librarian at Temple University and ACRL past-president, is focusing on what libraries can do to capitalize their role in providing access within an Alt-Higher Ed paradigm.
- Mr. Bell's second presentation explores library and librarian communication and interaction with an increasingly distracted user population; how can we reach them and respond to them in an environment clouded by digital noise?

Library News

Interesting news from libraries around the state is grouped here by library type.

Private Academic Library News

Briar Cliff University

Through the local [Common Ground](#) initiative students from Sioux City Community Schools were hosted for a writing and research day on the Briar Cliff University campus. The day started with all of the students learning tips for writing a successful college admissions essay from the campus admissions office director. This talk was followed by our faculty advisor for the writing center giving the students ideas for approaching writing for many future life events like employment applications and graduate schools or other events where they need to stand out with words on paper or screen. Next the group was divided and half went to the library classroom to learn from an instructional services librarian what tools they will have access to in college along with the expectations of college professors for resources they cite. The second group went to the writing center where they were offered one-on-one feedback from writing center mentors and English professors on a paper they had recently finished for a high school writing assignment. The college representatives were asked to give the students feedback on how this paper would be different if it were written with college-level expectations for writing. A similar event was held on the Morningside campus with students from another SCCS high school. With the positive feedback from the excited students and the satisfaction of the teachers involved plans have been made to include these campus experience visits as part of the language arts curriculum for the local public high schools.

Other news from our library is that not unlike many other libraries we have been focused on exploring and selecting new tools to help our library provide the best online information seeking experience possible for our patrons.

The first decision we made was to add LibGuides to our arsenal of tools. Because our library web site is designed to support our information literacy efforts our Instruction and Reference Services Librarian, Julius Fleschner redesigned our entire web site using LibGuides. The feedback from our patrons and the LibGuide community has been extremely positive and we have only started using this tool!

After years of discussion, we have determined that it is time to switch our ILS to a new environment. Just this month we have signed a contract with ByWater Solutions to host and support an instance of Koha for our library. Our timeline for this transition has our go live date scheduled to coincide with the start of our 2014 spring semester. It is going to take some time to adjust to the idea that with open-source software there is no cost for licensing a product so what we are paying for now is the service. This is a very refreshing concept!

Next, we are exploring Discovery Layer service providers. What we have “discovered” is that while all of the vendors providing this type of product are working to help a library offer that one-search environment that patrons prefer, they certainly all have very unique ways to meet this goal. Earlier this spring, the Sioux City Library Coop hosted an event we called a Virtual Vendor Day. For this event we invited six vendors to provide an overview of the discovery services they provide. The event was held on the BCU campus where all of the interested library staff was together for professional development and networking opportunities. From that event BCU has narrowed their search to two vendors and we are in the process of exploring each of their services to determine which method best meets the needs of our patrons.

It is our plan to select a discovery service provider for our library by the end of the year so that setup and implementation can take place in the spring. Hopefully by the beginning of the fall 2014 term we will have all of these new tools in place and our users will be discovering resources they don’t find now. And the library staff . . . well, I imagine we will be looking at the next new service that has been developed for improving online library services.

Wartburg College

Vogel Library welcomes two new librarians this summer. Curtis Brundy has accepted the position of College Librarian and Director of the Robert and Sally Vogel Library; and Christine Elliott has accepted the newly created Information Literacy & Technology Librarian position. Both started on July 22.

Curtis comes to Vogel Library from Western Nebraska Community College, where he was the Learning Resource Center Director. He earned his Master of Library Science degree from the University of North Texas, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. He is currently completing a Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership and Higher Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Christine earned her Master of Library and Information Science degree from Valdosta State University. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Information Technology, and her research interests include assistive technology applications in academic libraries.

The Library also bid farewell to Alan Mask, Systems Librarian, at the end of March. Alan is now the Technical Services Manager at La Crosse (WI) Public Library.

Wartburg Theological Seminary

Karen Lull, long-time Reu Memorial Library staff member, retired at the end of June. Laura Healey and Loretta Haskell have been hired as part-time library staff.

Grand View University

Pam Rees, Director of Grand View University, reported that it was a very busy year for the Grand View University Library personnel. Here are the highlights she mentioned from the 2012-13 academic year.

The university launched a new Core One Seminar, an interdisciplinary course with course specific subject themes. This seminar includes information literacy as a required outcome and introduces freshman to the academic rigors of college. Librarians partner with faculty in each section of this seminar, offering information literacy instruction throughout the semester. The librarians collaborated with 15 instructors in each of the 16 sections of the seminar for approximately 110 sessions in addition to offering existing information literacy in instruction. Librarians were busy outside the classroom as well. The Grand View Library participated in the first ever Wonder of Words Festival (WoW) sponsored by the (Des Moines)Downtown Community Alliance. The library hosted an event highlighting Iowa author and Director of the Iowa Young Writers Studio, Stephen Lovely. Mr. Lovely read from his first novel, *Irreplaceable*.

Grand View Library continues develop the Library After Hours event. This a program hosted in the library on Friday evenings and is designed to bring cultural opportunities to the campus and surrounding community. This spring included two offerings. The first was a very success event featuring Nick Strickland (Screenscape Studios), Mike Kieler (SouthSiderStudios), and Sam Tuomi (48 Hour Film Project, Outpost 515 Productions). All three are involved in film production in the Des Moines area. The panelists discussed how they got their start in filmmaking, the challenges they have faced, and advice they have for anyone who is interested in becoming a filmmaker. They will also shared clips of their work. The second event focused on two former Grand View faculty members who shared their experiences working with Art of Conservation , an organization in Rwanda dedicated to using education and conservation to assist children in gaining life skills and building a future using sustainable growth methods. The organization's work to preserve and protect the endangered mountain gorilla was also highlighted.

In addition, the Librarians made several presentations at professional conferences across the state. Pam Rees participated in the panel discussion, "High School to College" at ILA fall Conference. Pam, Sheri Muller, Dan Chibnall, and Cara Stone offered "Finding a New Rhythm: Using Programming to Build Community on Campus" at the IPAL Spring meeting. Lastly, Dan and Cara presented "Instant Ideas: Crowdsourcing Information Literacy Strategies" during the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference.

Finally, Grand View University Library hosted a webinar offered by ACRL for all ILA/ACRL members entitled "Sparkling Innovation in your Library: Lessons from Startup, R&D, and Venture Capital."

Drake University Law Library

John Edwards, Associate Dean for Information Resources and Technology and Professor of Law at Drake University Law School, reports the following:

Renovations at the Drake University Law School will create new classrooms and meeting space in time for fall classes. Already completed is a new classroom and a new lounge in the law library that are being used this summer. The exterior process can be following on a [live webcam](#). The completed work will provide two 90-seat classrooms, two 45-seat cluster classrooms, a 40-seat courtroom classroom, a 20-seat seminar room, a central gallery, and a new Commons meeting space.

Karen Wallace, Circulation/Reference Librarian, along with Drake colleague Melissa H. Weresh, Professor of Law, have published the eBook Legal Research Supplement: Exercises on Lexis Advance. Designed to introduce students to LexisAdvance, the book offers research exercises covering secondary sources, case law, statutes, Shepard's®, administrative law and search strategies. The eBook can be downloaded for free in Kindle or ePub formats from the LexisNexis Store. The teacher's versions will be available on the new Lexis Law School Faculty home page.

University of Dubuque

Mary Anne Knefel, University Librarian, reports that the library staff has been out and about during the spring and summer.

Becky Canovan, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Cara Stone (Grand View), and Julie Arensdorf (Loras) were asked to lead a Information Literacy Interest Group for IPAL. They met the day before the annual meeting to share ideas about IL. Jonathan Helmke, Assistant Director for Library Systems, led an Archives Literacy Interest Group for IPAL at this same time. In addition, Helmke and Heidi Pettitt (Loras) gave a presentation at the IPAL meeting entitled, "Building a Bionic Heart on a Budget: Digitizing the Institution's Stories."

In April, Helmke and Nate Gruber, Acquisitions Assistant, gave a poster session at the annual ACRL conference entitled "Mitigating Migraines: Using Existing and Accessible Tools to Simplify Your Library Data." Helmke and Mary Anne Knefel presented "Under Construction: Library Services for Distance Students" at the American Theological Library Association annual conference in June.

Several librarians representing the Dubuque Area Information Consortium (DALINC) were selected for ILEAD USA in Iowa. ILEAD, which stands for Innovative Librarians Explore, Apply and Discover, is a program in which Iowa Library Services partners with the state libraries of Illinois, Colorado, Ohio, and Utah to help librarians respond creatively to patrons' needs. THE DALINC team consists of Jon Helmke, Heidi Pettitt (Loras), Michael May (Carnegie Stout Public Library), Deb Grant (NICC-Calmar), and Dawn Schrandt (Dyersville Public Library). In this year-long program, the team will create a template and standards for digital archives of Dubuque area history, order equipment that will be used by all DALINC members, and train DALINC members to add content to the database.

Cornell College

The Cole Library is pleased to welcome Meghan Yamanishi as the new Consulting Librarian for the Social Sciences. Meghan comes to librarianship with a JD from the UCLA School of Law and an undergraduate degree in Anthropology from Michigan State. Meghan is completing her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Meghan is the first librarian to fill the Social Science Librarian position since it was left vacant in 2008.

In addition to staffing changes, the Cole Library is actively engaged in preparation for migration to OCLC's WorldShare and WorldCat Local.

[Charles Reuben Keyes is now part of the Iowa Heritage Digital Collections](#) thanks to a 2012-13 collaboration between the State Library, Billie Cotterman (a UI SLIS student doing her practicum at Cornell College) and Mary Iber as Cornell College Archivist. Billie (now employed at Hastings College in Nebraska) expressed an interest in epistology. She chose correspondence, photos and articles from Cornell's Keyes collection featuring many of his interests, including archaeology, ornithology, and photography. Keyes was born in Mount Vernon, Iowa, graduated from Cornell in 1894, and earned a PhD from Harvard in 1923. He taught German language and literature at Cornell for 38 years. [The Old Capitol Museum in Iowa City honored Charles and his daughter, Margaret in June 2013 by naming the Keyes Gallery for Arts, Humanities, and Sciences.](#)

[The Mount Vernon-Lisbon Sun](#) (and all it's previous incarnations) are now available for searching online as early as the 1860s. Working with the Public Library, the Archives, the Mount Vernon Historic Preservation Commission, and many community groups to raise funds, the completion of this project is freeing many researchers to use this resource from home, rather than coming to the library to use microfilm. The local newspapers illustrate the cordial town-gown relationship that has been evident since Cornell was founded in 1853.

Community College News

Hawkeye Community College

Candace Havely, Director of Library Services, was awarded Hawkeye Community College's Sammie Dell Commitment to Diversity Award. This award provides a \$1,000 stipend for professional development.



The library helped to coordinate Hawkeye's participation in the [worldwide celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's Letter from Birmingham Jail which was held on April 16th](#). Over 20 students, faculty, staff and administrators took turns reading Dr. King's letter in its entirety. This celebration was initiated by the Birmingham Public Library. Hawkeye Community College and the University of Iowa were the only Iowa institutions who participated in this event. Judy Mitchell, Reference & Instruction Librarian, attended the LOEX conference in Nashville in May.

Hawkeye's new "Smart Search" interface for their EBSCO Discovery System was launched in June.

Library Education News

University of Northern Iowa - School of Library and Information Science

1. The Iowa Association of School Librarians received a grant from AASL to hold a Leadership Academy in June. Seventeen school librarians were selected to participate in the two day event. Keynote was given by Sam Miller, Superintendent of Solon Community Schools. He gave an insightful message in which he presented a matrix of culture and accountability and spoke to the importance of maintaining a positive and welcoming culture in times of high accountability. Facilitators for the remaining activities were Christine Kolarik (University of Iowa), Jean Donham (University of Northern Iowa), and Mary Jo Langhorne (Iowa City Community Schools, retired). Content focused on various principles of leadership. Attendees made commitments to take on leadership roles in their schools and/or in the association.
2. Representatives from the UI SLIS and UNI are leading a task force for the Iowa Department of Education to redefine expectations for school librarians. A "new vision for school library programs in Iowa" is under development. The intent is for school leaders in Iowa to know what

skills and knowledge school librarians gain in their graduate programs, especially in areas of technology, literacy, and inquiry-based learning, with an expectation that their roles will be redefined likewise in local schools to overcome the mismatch between stereotypical perceptions of the profession and appropriate professional expectations.

Regent University Library News

Iowa State University Library

Recent hires

Megan O'Donnell joined the Iowa State University Library on May 15 as the Scholarly Communications Librarian. Her responsibilities include coordination of the overall scholarly communications program, which addresses issues with open access, e-science, digital data management plans, data curation, copyright, fair use and author's rights. O'Donnell comes to Iowa State as a recent graduate of the Master of Library Science program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Kelly Thompson joined the Iowa State University Library on July 8, 2013, as the Cataloging and Metadata Management Librarian. She will promote, organize and build research collections and Information systems and prepare bibliographic records according to national standards and local practices. Thompson comes to Iowa State as a recent graduate of the Master of Library and Information Science program at the University of Iowa.

Emma Molls joined the Iowa State University Library on July 15, 2013, as the Social Sciences and Scholarly Communications Librarian. As the newest member of the Social Sciences and Humanities Department she will assist in coordinating the library scholarly communications program, addressing issues such as open access, digital data management plans, digital repositories, copyright, and fair use. She will also serve as the subject librarian for Human Development and Family Resources, Textiles and Clothing, and Hotel and Restaurant management. Molls comes to Iowa State as a recent graduate of the Master of Library Science program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

University of Iowa

Staff News

John P. Culshaw, senior associate dean of libraries at the University of Colorado, Boulder, has been named university librarian for the University of Iowa, effective August 1, 2013.

Christopher (Chris) Diaz has accepted our offer to become the Residency Librarian, Scholarly Communication and Collections. Chris has a BA in English Literature from De Paul University, and in May received his MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois. He will be joining the staff at Iowa on July 15, 2013.

Ariana Santiago has accepted our offer for the Undergraduate Services Residency Librarian (located in RLI). She will be joining us on August 12, 2013. Ariana has a BA in Anthropology

from the University of Central Florida, and earned her MLS from the University of South Florida. In addition, Ariana is pursuing a MA in Applied Learning and Instruction from the University of Central Florida.

Brenna Campbell has accepted the position of Assistant Conservator in Preservation/Conservation. Brenna brings a wide variety of strengths, from the Morgan to the MoMA and we look forward to having her on our Conservation team. Brenna will start on or just after July 31, 2013.

Kim Bloedel has accepted the position as Head of the Marvin A. Pomerantz Business Library. Kim has been serving as interim director of the library for the past 6 months and she has served as the Business Reference Librarian since 2006.

Sara Scheib has been hired as Sciences Reference and Instruction Librarian.

Ruthann McTyre, Head, Rita Benton Music Library, will be leaving the U of I Libraries to begin working as the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Director for the Irving S. Gilmore Music Library at Yale.

Kelly Thormodson left to become Assistant Director at the University of North Dakota Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences in Grand Forks, ND. Her last day at Hardin was Monday, May 13, 2013.

Mary McNroy retired after 42 years of dedicated service on April 5, 2013.

Nancy Baker, University Librarian, retired on July 5th, 2013.

David McCartney, University of Iowa Archivist, selected to 2013 Archives Leadership Institute. <http://blog.lib.uiowa.edu/news/2013/03/20/david-mccartney-selected-to-2013-archives-leadership-institute/>

Collection News



12 “New” Incunables Arrive in Special Collections - Read more of the story at: <http://blog.lib.uiowa.edu/speccoll/2013/06/14/new-incunables/>

University of Northern Iowa

Rod Library conducted over 50 library sessions/tours for the parents of incoming freshman students. While the freshman students were getting their university ID, Rod Library took advantage of this opportunity to introduce its library services to their parents. We hope that the parents will later discuss some of our services with their child. Rod Library conducted a survey to see if these sessions were beneficial. Results will be discussed in a future newsletter.

ILA Fall Conference Scholarship

Apply for a scholarship for the Oct 16-18, 2013 ILA conference being held in Coralville, Iowa, and read about past Fall Conference Scholarship recipients experiences.

2012 Recipients



As a first-time attendee and first-time presenter at ILA, I was humbled by the scholarship I received to attend the ILA 2012 Fall Conference in Dubuque. The venue was lovely and the conference afforded me the opportunity to meet and network with a range of colleagues working in libraries of all sizes, a number of who I have since been in professional contact with. Working in a new field (digital preservation), there are lots of regional, national and international conferences and meetings competing for limited professional development time and funding. But getting to know the library landscape and building professional relationships across my new state is very

important, so I was especially thankful to the Awards Committee for further incentivizing my participation in this state-wide conference. Even though Dubuque is reasonably close to my new home and job in Iowa City, the scholarship meant I could stay the night and participate in the full conference. I regret being sidelined midway through the conference with a head cold, but look forward hosting a pre-conference workshop at the UI Libraries before this year's conference and reconnecting with colleagues in Coralville in October 2013.

Emily Frieda Shaw
Digital Preservation Librarian
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Being chosen as a scholarship recipient for the ILA Fall Conference was such a great opportunity. As a graduate student working on my MLIS degree while working part-time, I didn't have the financial means necessary to justify taking time off work in addition to paying for the conference. Thanks to the ILA/ACRL Scholarship, I was able to afford the experience. The ILA Fall Conference gave me such inspiration, both in my school work and my professional work. I relished the chance to learn from other librarians, and am so grateful for the opportunity I was given. Thanks ILA/ACRL!

Rebecca Philipsen
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2013 Application

ILA/ACRL Fall Conference Scholarship

The Awards Committee of ILA/ACRL announces the availability of a scholarship to attend the ILA Fall Conference, October 16 - 18, 2013, at the Coralville Marriott, Coralville, Iowa. The scholarship will cover the registration fee and up to \$150 in travel, hotel, and meal expenses. Applicants must be either:

1. Paid members of ILA/ACRL, working full-time in an Iowa academic or research library, and either:
2. Attending their first ILA Fall Conference, or
Have worked in an Iowa academic or research library for fewer than three years.
OR
3. Library science students and/or support staff working in an Iowa academic or research library. Student and support staff applicants do not have to be paid members of ILA/ACRL.

Previous ILA Fall Conference scholarship recipients are not eligible.

Please submit the [application](#), including a 500 word essay describing your interest in the scholarship, and how you believe the scholarship will benefit your professional development. Scholarship winners are selected by the Awards Committee on the quality of the essay.

The deadline for applications is August 30, 2013. The winner will be notified by September 10, 2013. Please contact:

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