

# ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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## Spotlight on the ILA Conference

Chilly weather failed to hamper the enthusiasm at the Iowa Library Association Annual Conference in Council Bluffs, Iowa, October 11-13. Held at the Mid-America Center, the conference focused on "Libraries, Literacy, and Learning in the 21st Century." The conference began with general session speaker Michael Stephens, instructor at Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois, who spoke about technology and "Library 2.0." At the banquet, Tom Milligna, an actor from Des Moines, presented "Forrest Spaulding: The Not-so-Quiet Librarian." Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Coordinator for Information Literacy at University of Illinois, talked about "Information Literacy for a Lifetime - All Libraries Serve Learners" at Friday's general session. The Iowa Library Association/Association of College and Research Libraries sponsored four concurrent sessions; two are highlighted below.

### ILA Annual Conference Scholarship Recipient from ILA/ACRL

As a newcomer to Iowa, I was pleased at the chance to network with other librarians from across the state at the Annual ILA Conference. Having often felt dazed and confused, lost and adrift amid the huge crowds at ALA conferences, at Council Bluffs I was delighted to discover how easy it is to get involved in the work of the Association and to meet others with common goals and concerns. Although I did not win any money at the casino, I came away richer and wiser, having shared ideas with other academic librarians about such current issues as library digitization and trends in the reorganization of technical services. I am grateful to ILA/ACRL for the scholarship to attend my first ILA Conference and I look forward to attending the Spring Conference in Grinnell and renewing my acquaintance there with my new Iowan colleagues. -- Rebecca Routh, Cataloging Librarian, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City

### Concurrent Session Highlights and Pictures

*Creating the Library-Faculty Connection: Cultivating Pedagogical Partnerships - Presented by Elizabeth O. Hutchins, Consultant, Adjunct Professor, Dominican University, St. Paul, Minnesota*

Elizabeth Hutchins, Faculty Emerita, of St. Olaf College, gave an informative presentation about the necessity and importance of establishing faculty/librarian connections. Elizabeth was an Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Library Instruction at the St. Olaf College Libraries. Her

interests and expertise are related to information literacy, pedagogy, and diverse teaching and learning styles. As an institution, St. Olaf College has made information literacy a priority.

Elizabeth acknowledged that creating strong relationships between librarians and faculty outside of the library requires skill, time, and patience. Early in her presentation, she suggested that there is often a cultural divide between librarians and disciplinary faculty outside of the library. Many times disciplinary faculty do not have a clear understanding of a librarian's expertise. Elizabeth provided a number of suggestions for creating strong connections between librarian and faculty. She has graciously provided a link to her Powerpoint slides.

For more information:

- St. Olaf College Libraries: <http://www.stolaf.edu/library/>
- Information Literacy Documents for St. Olaf Initiatives: <http://www.stolaf.edu/library/instruction/infolit/index.html>
- Scroll to the bottom of the page to view St. Olaf College Asian Studies Department Documents that incorporate information literacy concepts.
- Elizabeth Hutchins Powerpoint Slides - [Download Presentation](#)

Take time to review Elizabeth's presentation. She includes references to several articles related to teaching and information literacy. Towards the end of the presentation, there are several slides that include tips for establishing library-faculty connections. -Submitted by Andrea Dinkelman, Iowa State University

*Crossing the Cultural Divide - Presented by Rachel Crowley, Library Director, Briar Cliff University, Sioux City; Elizabeth O. Hutchins, Consultant, Adjunct Professor, Dominican University, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Chris Neuhaus, Outreach Coordinator, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls*

Elizabeth O. Hutchins continued the topic from her session "Creating the Library-Faculty Connection: Cultivating Pedagogical Partnerships" by joining Rachel Crowley and Chris Neuhaus in a panel discussion about library and faculty connections. The panel encouraged the audience's participation as they talked about building partnerships. Some of the questions pondered dealt with handling the fear of teaching, being comfortable with faculty, filling gaps in faculty's understanding of the library, creating faculty advocates for the library, and marketing.



The panel and the audience addressed those questions by offering examples on how their respective libraries established faculty relationships. Some of the suggestions were:

- There are many ways to teach (tours, one-to-one interactions, web pages, etc). Use the method that is comfortable.
- Establish department liaisons.
- Create customized web pages for faculty that assists them with their research and classes.
- Be visible outside of the library. Serve on campus committees.
- Ask faculty how their students are doing on a project.
- Build a bank of good assignments that utilize the library's services and promote information literacy.
- Provide in-service training.
- Offer workshops on information literacy and bring in an outside expert.
- Visit faculty in their offices.
- Establish a student connection such as being an advisor.

*-Submitted by Veronica McAsey, Briar Cliff University*

## President's Piece

The ILA/ACRL year is drawing to a close! We've had a successful Spring Conference in Iowa City, and just finished up a successful series of programs at the ILA Annual Conference in Council Bluffs. We've just finished our elections, and our request to instate dues won overwhelmingly. This shows an enthusiastic support for our organization's work. This year we'll be implementing to new awards, one to go to a library who with an innovative marketing program and one to recognize outstanding scholarly work from our membership. We look forward to this opportunity to highlight the outstanding work of libraries and librarians in the state of Iowa. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of the executive board, and all the committee members who worked together to make this a successful year.

- Submitted by Rebecca Stuhr

## ILA/ACRL Spring Conference 2007 - Call for Presentation Proposals

**Work Worth Doing: The Value of Academic Libraries for the 21st Century**

**March 23, 2007 – Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa**

**Deadline for Receipt of Proposals: December 8, 2006**

Pamela Snelson is the 2006-2007 ACRL President and the keynote speaker for this conference. The focus for her administration is "communicating the value of academic libraries." With this theme in mind:

You are invited to submit proposals for presentations to share your "worth". Do you have ideas emphasizing the value of library activities to our campus communities that you would like to share with your colleagues? The conference theme is intentionally inclusive of all work done in academic libraries. We hope to receive proposals covering the wide variety of topics so that the conference will appeal to academic library personnel across the state. Sessions are one hour and we recommend that presentations be approximately 45-50 minutes with 10-15 minutes for questions.

To submit your proposal, please e-mail the following documents by December 8, 2006 to:

Joyce Meldrem

ILA/ACRL Spring Conference Planning Committee Member

joyce.meldrem@loras.edu

- a) one copy of the [proposal form](#) [Word document]
- b) one copy of your summary (200 – 350 word description of your presentation) with your name
- c) one copy of the summary with your name &/or institution name omitted.

## **ILA/ACRL Voting Results**

Vice-President/President-Elect: Mary Heinzman, St. Ambrose

Secretary Treasurer: Rebecca Funke, DMAC

Member at Large: Duncan Stewart, University of Iowa

Overwhelming approval for establishment of membership dues at \$5.00 to begin with the 2007 membership year.

- *Submitted by Jean Donham*

## **Mentoring Survey**

The ILA/ACRL Website offers information on the open access movement and on mentoring programs. To participate in the ILA/ACRL survey on mentoring please visit our mentoring page and toward the middle of that page you'll find a link to the survey. The URL for the mentoring page is <http://www.iowaacrl.org/mentoring/index.html> or go directly to the survey: [https://survey.uiowa.edu/wsb.dll/158/ila\\_acrl\\_mentor.htm](https://survey.uiowa.edu/wsb.dll/158/ila_acrl_mentor.htm).

## **ILA/ACRL Committee Reports**

### **Awards Committee**

Kathy A. Parsons, Iowa State University Chair 2006 (Past President)

Sandra Keist, Grandview College 2006

Carlete Washington-Hoagland, University of Iowa 2006

Joyce Meldrem, Loras College 2007

Sheryl Taylor, Dort College 2007

Two scholarships were awarded to individuals to attend the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference at the Iowa Memorial Union, University of Iowa on April 21. The scholarships covered the registration fee and up to \$100 in travel, hotel, and meal expenses. The scholarship recipients were Anne Marie Gruber, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Myers Library, University of Dubuque Mireill Djenno, Librarian for First Year Experience, Drake University

One scholarship was awarded to an individual to attend the ILA Annual Conference at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs on October 11-13. The scholarship covered the registration fee and up to \$150 in travel, hotel, and meal expenses. The scholarship winner was: Rebecca P. Routh, Cataloging Librarian, University of Iowa

The committee completed and submitted to the ILA Awards Committee two documents outlining the conference scholarship awards given each year by ILA/ACRL. The document included a description of each award and its criteria and method of selection. These documents have been approved by the ILA Awards Committee and the ILA Executive Board.

Many thanks to the committee members for their contributions in the selection process of the three 2006 award winners.

*Report Submitted by Kathy A. Parsons, 2006 Chair*

### **Directory Committee**

The 2006 print directories have been mailed to every person and library with membership in ILA/ACRL as of October 25, 2006.

*Report Submitted by Kris Stacy-Bates, 2006 Chair*

### **Electronic Communications Committee**

The Committee is investigating alternative hosting arrangements for the ILA/ACRL website. This research has been prompted by an interest of the ILA/ACRL executive board in better using the Web to build and support our member community.

*Report Submitted by Ryan Gjerde, 2006 Chair*

### **Membership Committee**

We currently have 213 members in the ILA-ACRL. Encourage your colleagues to join if they are not members! One of the great benefits is the chance to attend the spring conference at a reduced rate!

*Report Submitted by Mary Heinzman, 2006 Chair*

### **Newsletter Committee**

Chair, Amy Paulus, University of Iowa, 2006

Andrea Dinkelman, Iowa State University, 2006

J. Jeffrey Dodd, University of Iowa, 2007

Nancy Bird Luikart, Muscatine Community College, 2007

Veronica McAsey, Briar Cliff University, 2006

Lisa Stock, Des Moines Area Community College, 2007

Ellen Van Waart, Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs Campus, 2007

Barb Weeg, University of Northern Iowa, 2006

The Newsletter Committee produced three issues of the ILA/ACRL Newsletter in 2006, including the issue you are reading now. A special thanks to Veronica McAsey for taking over the duties of Chair for the November issue of the ILA/ACRL Newsletter. We were very successful in gathering information from many ILA/ACRL libraries about marketing activities

for the March issue. July focused on the Spring ILA/ACRL Conference held in Iowa City and the November issue focused on the ILA Annual Conference in Council Bluffs.

The time commitment and contribution by each committee member was tremendous: gathering information about marketing activities, attending sessions at both the ILA/ACRL and ILA conferences and writing up reviews of these sessions, and collecting news from Iowa's academic libraries! My greatest thanks go to them as well as to those who contributed their library's news and other information.

*Report Submitted by Amy Paulus, 2006 Chair*

### **Nominating Committee**

Jean Donham (Chair), Cornell College, 2006

Betsy Gardner, Southeastern Community College, 2007

Kathy Magarrell, University of Iowa, 2006

Linda Nelson, Scott Community College, 2007

Janalyn Moss, University of Iowa, 2007

The Nominating Committee worked together to identify candidates for both elected offices and committee appointments. What a committee! All slots were filled. Of course, we had considerable help as a result of receiving 13 volunteer forms from members stepping forward to offer their services to Iowa-ACRL. Brett Cloyd accepted chair responsibilities for Spring Conference Planning Committee, and in September he and his committee members began making plans for the 2007 spring conference in Grinnell. Because this particular committee needs to be formed and active well before January, the executive board supported an informal adjustment in start date for this committee, and the committee has begun work in order to have adequate time for effective planning. Deadline for return of ballots will be Monday, October 30.

*Report Submitted by Jean Donham, 2006 Chair*

### **Fall Program Committee**

The sessions at the fall conference went well. The speaker and panel participants were great and I wish we could have spent more time on the topic. I also want to thank the committee members who worked on the topic: Polly Mumma, Des Moines Area Community College; Sandra Kiest, Grandview College; Elizabeth Schau, formerly of Cornell College; and William Weare, formerly of Central College.

*Report Submitted by Barbara Robb, 2006 Chair*

### **Spring Conference Committee**

Committee Membership: Stephen Dew (Chair), Mary McInroy, Steve Ostrem, Brett Cloyd, Rachel Carreon, Kate Hess, Andi Beckendorf, Joyce Meldrem, Janet Pine, Mary Jo Langhorne, Denise Rehmke

Theme: High School to Higher Ed: Helping Learners Make the Leap

Location: The Iowa Memorial Union (IMU), Iowa City

Date: April 21, 2006

Co-Sponsor Iowa Association of School Librarians

Keynote Speaker: Professor David T. Conley, Director of the Center for Educational Policy Research at the University of Oregon. In his keynote presentation, Conley discussed ideas that academic librarians and administrators might use to improve their first-year student programs.

#### Concurrent Session Presentations

There were three Concurrent Sessions with a total of 12 different presentations.

#### Registration Fees

The fee was \$50 for ILA members, \$65 for non-members, and \$20 for students.

#### Income from 201 Attendees

(120 Academic Librarians, 60 School Librarians, 16 Students, & 5 State/Public/Independent Librarians)

Total Income: \$10,055.00

#### Expenses

IMU Room, Equipment Rentals, Printing, and Food \$4,462.66

#### Speaker Costs:

Honorarium \$2,000.00

Travel, Hotel, & Meals \$1,136.35

**Total Expenses** \$7,599.01

#### Profit

**Total Profit** \$2,455.99

*Report Submitted by Stephen Dew, 2006 Chair*

#### **Treasurer's Report**

ILA account

Balance 9/8/06 \$3,206.56

Less expenses to 10/12/06 361.00

Balance \$2,845.56

Balance at ACRL national

Balance \$0.00

(Most recent balance available to national office—reports running late)



Spring Meeting breakdown  
Spring Meeting receipts \$10,005.00  
Less expenses 7,770.03  
Revenue from Meeting \$2,234.97

The transfer of one-third of the conference revenue to the Iowa Association of School Librarians per the Board resolution of July 7, 2006, has not yet occurred.

*Report Submitted by Randy Roeder, 2006 Treasurer*



### **ACRL Chapters Council Representative**

National ACRL allows local chapters to be reimbursed for educational or charitable expenses. This is a change from previous years in that we normally would use this money to pay for costs associated with the printing and mailing out of the print directory. This year, we donated \$189 to the Leadership Institute with our national ACRL funds.

The Iowa Chapter ACRL logo was distributed this year although we will keep our current logo to reflect our relationship with the Iowa Library Association.

Kathy Parsons was elected Chair Elect of the Chapters Council! Congratulations to Kathy! ACRL also offers opportunities for the ACRL Board to visit chapters. This is an option that can only be taken advantage of every three years. Since a visit to Iowa was last made in 2002, we are again eligible to invite one the ACRL Board members to visit Iowa and speak at a conference. Pam Snelson, current ACRL President, has been invited to speak at the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference in 2007 and her visit will be funded in part through this ACRL Officers Speakers Bureau.

Another item of future interest is the University Libraries Section's Advocacy Toolkit. This is available via the web at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/marketingyourlib/marketingyour.htm>. Chapters will soon be invited to submit a grant proposal for up to \$500 to fund a speaker dealing with this subject.  
*Submitted by Amy Paulus*

## **News from the Academic Libraries in Iowa**

### **Community College News**

#### *Hawkeye Community College*

Bob Chittenden, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Planning, will retire on December 31. Bob previously served as Director of Library Services at Hawkeye Community College for over twenty-five years. The library staff hosted a “pre-retirement” celebration for Bob on August 18.

Library director Jan Dellinger collaborated with individuals from the Student Retention Office and the Diversity Committee to develop the Virtual Multicultural Resource Center.

<<http://www.hawkeyecollege.edu/library/culturalResource.aspx>>. This new resource provides dynamically generated results from the online catalog. Patrons first select an ethnic group and then select from a wide variety of subheadings to find both print and nonprint resources available from the HCC library.

- Submitted by Judy Mitchell

### **Iowa Private Academic News**

#### *Waldorf College - Luise V. Hanson Library*

The Luise V. Hanson Library has been open for one year and we continue to enjoy a large increase in usage on campus. The library has also seen some personal changes this year as Dawn Grunzke our serial and circulation assistant left for Arkansas. We have been approved to add another MLS librarian to fill this loss. Watch for a position opening this spring for an Access Services Librarian. The library continues to upgrade its curriculum and children's collection through a generous grant from the Carver Foundation.

- Submitted by Jim Kapoun, Library Director

#### *St. Ambrose University*

News from St. Ambrose University – Leslie Ross has joined the staff of O’Keefe Library as a full-time reference librarian. Leslie graduated from the University of Iowa. She worked as a temporary librarian at O’Keefe Library before becoming the full-time reference librarian. Jennifer Davis, Head of Technical Services, is retiring at the end of November.

- Submitted by Mary Heinzman

### **Coe College**

The Stewart Memorial Library at Coe College in Cedar Rapids is celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year. More information about the celebration is available on the Library website: <http://www.coe.edu/library/75years.htm>

*-Submitted by Betty Rogers, Head of Reference, Stewart Memorial Library*

### **Cornell College**

Cornell College began the year with two new librarians. Tonnie Haas joins us as Consulting Librarian for the Social Sciences; Tonnie most recently worked as a librarian at Mercy Medical North in Sioux City. Jen Rouse joins us as Consulting Librarian for the Humanities and Performing Arts. Jen has previously served as a Writing Consultant at Cornell. In addition, we have a new Writing Consultant in the library's Writing Studio—Nicole Jackson, who had previously worked as Senior Editor for Buckle Down Publishing.

*- Submitted by Jean Donham*

### **Divine Word College**

Governor Vilsack has named Daniel Boice, College Librarian of Divine Word College, Epworth, to the Iowa Commission of Libraries. The Commission is responsible for seeing that the State Library fulfills its mission to advocate for Iowa libraries and promote excellence and innovation in library services in order to provide statewide access to information for all Iowans.

*- Submitted by Daniel Boice*

## **Iowa Public Academic News**

### **University of Northern Iowa - Rod Library**

Linda McLaury has been serving Rod Library as Access Services Coordinator since January 2006. She manages the Access Services Department and manages safety and security issues for the Library, oversees auxiliary services account receipts and expenditures, and serves as a member of the Library Administrators Council. She earned her M.A. in Library Science from UNI. Previously Linda served as Library Associate in the Rod Library MultiService Center. Gretchen Gould joined the Rod Library as Reference Librarian & Bibliographer in April 2006. Her responsibilities include reference and collection development/management in government documents, maps, political science, and law. She also serves as bibliographer for the Spanish, Portuguese, and Russian languages. She earned her M.S. in Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Previously she served as Librarian for the National Center for Evidence-Based Practice at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

Rod Library has implemented the MetaLib library portal from Ex Libris. Known locally as "Panther Prowler," the service became available to library users at the end of July 2006.

*- Submitted by Stan Lyle*

The Rod Library will participate in the LibQUAL+ survey for the first time during spring semester 2007. LibQUAL+ is administered by the Association of Research Libraries. It includes a web-based survey that "helps libraries assess and improve library services, change organizational culture, and market the library." Quoted text and more information are at <http://www.libqual.org/>.

*- Submitted by Jerilyn Marshall*

***Iowa State University News***

Does your Library publish a newsletter for Library employees?

The Iowa State University Library distributes InForm biweekly to all employees. A new feature, "Reader's Corner," highlights books or authors. Contributions are submitted by Library employees. To date, the newsletter has featured the following books and authors:

It's Not Easy Being Green: And Other Things to Consider, a collection of quotes and stories from Muppets creator, Jim Henson; Lives of Girls and Women by Alice Munro; author Larry Brown; A Passion for Books by Lawrence Clark Powell; author Richard Feynman; My Name is Red by Orhan Pamuk; and Magic for Beginners by Kelly Link. The column has proved to be a popular feature, and it is a good way for employees to share reading interests with their colleagues.

**Standards Center**

As part of ongoing renovations in Parks Library, vacant space near the Reference collection has been converted into a Standards Center. The Standards Center contains the bulk of the industry standards that are available in the ISU Library. It houses the ANSI standards filing cabinets, a series of bookshelves with other sets of standards (such as ASTM), and a computer workstation. A standard that has been approved by one organization is often slightly revised, reprinted and/or approved by a national or international organization such as ANSI, ASTM or ISO. These "alternative" standards are often difficult to compare since they tend to not be shelved anywhere near each other. Researchers regularly have difficulty locating industry standards in our collection and we hope that, by creating a separate area for them, the individual standards will be easier to find.

An online user guide to standards has recently been updated and is available on the web at: <http://www.lib.iastate.edu/services1/ref/standards.html>

**Multimedia Production Stations**

The Reference area in Parks Library now includes four multimedia production stations. The stations include two high-end Macintosh and two high-end Windows systems, which enable users to create media products like VHS tapes or DVD disks for class projects. Such projects might include creating a visual portfolio or a project animation, creating/transporting PowerPoint slides to video and adding a soundtrack to a display, or even creating an online movie for a class, a conference, or formal presentation.

### Bookends Café

ISU Dining's newest cafe, Bookends, will be opening in Parks Library in mid-November. The café will be located on the first floor, near the Fireplace Reading Room.

### People in the News

Sean Cordes, Instructional Technology Librarian, presented at two sessions at the Internet Librarian conference in Monterey, CA on October 24-25, 2006. Sean's sessions were entitled, "Off the Rack: Podcast Uses and Content for Broad Educational Process Support" and "Excuse Me Professor but When are you Passing out the Podcasts?"

Sean also presented a session at the Brick and Click conference at Northwest Missouri State University on November 3, 2006. His session was entitled, "Big Wings, No Bull: Do-it-Yourself Podcasts for the Distributed Course."

Andrea Dinkelman, Science and Technology Librarian, presented a poster session entitled, "1 Librarian + Teaching Faculty = Successful Collaborations!" at the Association of College and University Biology Educators annual meeting in Decatur, IL on October 27, 2006.

Jon Haupt, Fine and Performing Arts Librarian, was part of a panel presentation entitled, "Library Education for a Changing Job Market," at the Music Library Association Midwest Conference in Milwaukee, WI on October 6, 2006.

Kathy A. Parsons has been elected as Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of the ACRL Chapters Council which functions as communication and information exchange between National ACRL and its 42 chapters as well as assists in promoting membership in National ACRL.

Kris Stacy-Bates, Science and Technology Librarian, was a co-presenter at the Brick and Click conference at Northwest Missouri State University on November 3, 2006. Her session was entitled, "Establishing Virtual Reference through Partnership: The GWLA Model."

- *Submitted by Andrea Dinkelman*

### *University of Iowa*

Edward Miner is the new director of the African Studies Program, replacing Rex Honey, a UI geography professor in the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS). Miner is currently International Studies bibliographer for the University Libraries, where he manages library collections in African, Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, as well as linguistics. His research interests include digital librarianship and archives and their role in African development. He co-edited the digital archive Nuer Field Notes (Indiana University Digital Library Program, 2003), and currently manages a UI Libraries digital project on Akan religion and medicine. Miner has been at the UI since 2002 and will serve as director of the African Studies Program for three years.

Appointments:

Rachel Garza Carreón, Librarian I, Recruitment and Outreach Librarian, Human Resources, Administrative Offices, effective July 1, 2006

Linda Walton, Associate University Librarian (AUL)/Director, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences (HLHS), effective August 31, 2006. Linda comes to Iowa from the Galter Health Sciences Library at Northwestern University where she has been the Associate Director.

Jonathan Koffel, Librarian I., Hardin Library Education and Outreach Librarian, effective October 31, 2006

- *Submitted by Jeff Dodd*