

# ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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This issue of the newsletter features

- President's Piece from 2013 ILA/ACRL president Amy Paulus
- early details about the Spring Conference (more details in the March newsletter)
- applying for a Spring Conference scholarship
- announcement of the upcoming PR/Marketing Grant
- news from academic and research libraries from around the state



## President's Piece

I am very excited to begin serving as President of ILA/ACRL and look forward to meeting more of our members and working with an excellent group of Executive Board members. Thank you all for your membership in ILA/ACRL and if there is anything you would like to share or like to suggest to make ILA/ACRL better, I would love to hear your ideas!

In 2012, then President of ILA/ACRL, Rebecca Funke, coordinated a membership survey. With this information and data to guide us, the hope is to make changes in our organization to create a better experience for our members. The Executive Board will be going through the survey results throughout the year, but already changes are being implemented, such as conference session topic proposals for the ILA Conference.

The ILA/ACRL Spring Conference will be held in Indianola, Iowa, on the Simpson College campus. The theme is “Big Questions, Big Opportunities: Bringing Start-Up Culture to Our Libraries”. The call for presentation proposals has been made and you can find this information

here: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/content/conference/2013/proposals>. Cyd Dyer, chair, and the rest of her committee deserve recognition for their hard work preparing for this conference, to be held May 10th.

The ILA/ACRL Executive Board will be experimenting with more virtual work this year. In addition to using Google Drive to organize and access documents, Google Hangouts is being used to hold board meetings online and on a more frequent basis. We hope this format will not only improve communication but will allow more convenient participation for board members who are not centrally located and smooth the transition between leadership.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Dan Chibnall, will soon be hard at work soliciting volunteers and nominees for the 2014 Executive Board. Please consider participating by volunteering for a specific committee or board position, nominating someone who you feel would be interested, or agreeing to serve if nominated/contacted. The ILA/ACRL's success relies on its members so I thank you in advance for your consideration! Thank you all for your membership and I look forward to serving you!

Amy Paulus

## **Spring Conference – May 10, 2013 at Simpson College**

**ILA/ACRL Spring Conference 2013  
Friday, May 10, 2013  
Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa**



### **Big Questions, Big Opportunities: Bringing Start-Up Culture to Our Libraries**

In a world where individuals increasingly find, curate, and preserve their own information, what is the role of the academic library and academic librarians? While not a new question for our profession, as higher education begins deep transformations of its own, we find ourselves in a time of big questions and big opportunities. From the explosive growth of Big Data and patron-driven acquisition to just-in-time digital library instruction, from MOOCs to open courses from big-brand universities, now is an excellent time for librarians and others to gather to explore our common questions and opportunities.

The day will start with an opening panel, followed by roundtables with these innovative presenters:

- **Dorothea Salo** --University of Wisconsin at Madison & independent consultant in scholarly communication , copyright, digital preservation, and research-data management
- **Amanda Styron** -- SeedHere & Vault Coworking space, Cedar Rapids
- **Chris Draper** -- CEO, Meidh & Director, iSc.EDI, Des Moines/Indianola
- **Trace Pickering** -- Director of Community Building, SourceMedia Group, Cedar Rapids

Other activities include area meet-ups and breakout sessions. The [call for proposals](#) can be found on the ILA/ACRL website; proposals are due February 25. A dine-around may be held on Court Avenue in Des Moines on May 9. More details to come so follow ILA/ACRL on Facebook. Hope to see you there!

### **Spring Conference Scholarship – 2013**

The Awards Committee is pleased to announce the availability of its annual Spring Conference Scholarship.

The ILA/ACRL Spring Conference Scholarship is available to:

- Any ILA/ACRL member, working full time in an academic or research library, and is planning to attend the spring conference for the first time, or has worked in the state fewer than three years.
- Library science students or support staff working in an academic or research library. Recipients in this category do not need to be members of ILA/ACRL.

The scholarship covers conference registration, along with up to \$100 in travel, food, and lodging expenses. Application details are found [here](#).

### **Public Relations and Marketing Grant 2013-14**

Have a PR or marketing idea for your library? The Awards Committee is pleased to offer, this fall, the ILA/ACRL Public Relations and Marketing Grant. This is a \$500 award given biennially to an Iowa academic or research library for a meritorious proposal describing how the grant will benefit their library's public relations/marketing initiative. The Awards Committee will select a winner based on the quality of the grant proposal, through a blind ranking process. Winners will have 12 months to spend the grant money and to make progress on their project. Start thinking and get creative! More information about the grant and the application process will be available in May. A list of previous winners can found [here](#).

## K12/Higher Education Committee

*Are our freshman as prepared for college as they think they are?*

The K-12/Higher Education Committee is in the preliminary stages of a pilot study aimed at assessing the information literacy skills of incoming college freshman. The intent of the study is to gather statewide data on the information literacy skills of incoming freshman so that teacher librarians will have evidence to demonstrate to their administrators the need for more information literacy instruction at the K-12 levels, and so that academic librarians can use the information gathered to support local initiatives and benchmark their freshmen against statewide test averages. To date, there are 16 potential participants in the project.

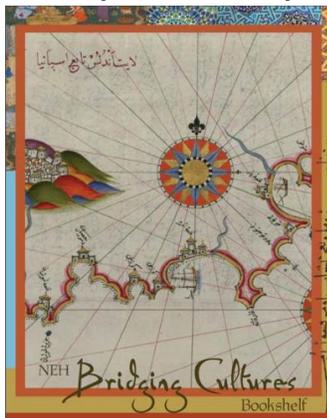
The committee is currently working to design a common assessment tool that all participants feel comfortable administering to their students. Once that process is complete, the proposed test will be submitted to all participants to be vetted. The hope is to have an instrument compiled and approved by late spring so that all institutions can be prepared to begin testing freshman starting in fall 2013. Although there are an adequate number of institutions contributing to the study to make the results valuable, there is still room and time for additional participation. Anyone seeking further information about the pilot may direct enquiries to Pam Rees via email [prees@grandview.edu](mailto:prees@grandview.edu) or phone at (515)263-6098.

## Library News

Contributions from libraries around the state are in the following pages. If you have news for future newsletters and don't yet have a contact person on the Newsletter committee, please contact the 2013 Newsletter Committee Chair, [Mary Iber](#).

## Community College News

### *Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo*



Hawkeye Community College is among the 842 U.S. libraries and state humanities councils selected to receive the [Muslim Journeys Bookshelf](#), a project of the National Endowment for the Humanities Bridging Cultures initiative. This grant provides twenty-five books and three films that are to be used to provide different learning opportunities centered around five different themes pertaining to Muslim culture. The Masjid Al-Noor Islamic Center of Waterloo and Cedar Falls has generously agreed to be Hawkeye's community partner for this endeavor. Special programs and activities, which will be open to the public, will be developed for the year of 2013 utilizing the resources provided.

Of special note, Hawkeye Community College is the only community college in the state to be awarded this grant; Drake University, Waldorf College and public libraries in Burlington, Bettendorf and Des Moines were the other five libraries in Iowa to receive this grant.

### ***Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny***

The Libraries at Des Moines Area Community College had a successful fall semester with our One Book program. The selected title for the 2012-13 year is *What Do You Want To Do Before You Die* by The Buried Life. To date over 2600 DMACC students have used the book as part of their curriculum. The authors visited DMACC in October and spoke to standing-room-only crowds.

In January, we completed the cataloging of 3,000+ Films on Demand titles. These films will now be accessible via the library catalog. We hope to see an increase in usage as students and faculty discover the films.

Also in January, the libraries began offering Learning Express which has been made available through Iowa Library Services. It is too early yet to know the resource will be used by our students and faculty, but anticipate strong usage.

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

Charles LeMaster, our evening and Saturday morning Librarian has been with libraries for over 50 years here in Sioux City, Iowa. Charles was the Director of Morningside College Library and retired from there after 27 years. Charles started again at Western Iowa Tech Community College Library about a year later. He has been at Western Iowa Tech Community College Library for over 23 years. Charles will be 86 in April and he continues to shine. We are so proud to have him with us.

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

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

## **Private Academic Library News**

### ***University of Dubuque, Charles C. Myers Library, Dubuque***

In the fall a number of library staff made presentations around Iowa:

Jonathan Helmke, Assistant Director for Library Systems, and Meghann Toohey, Serials and Archives Assistant, presented “Learning Language: The Time Is Now, Ahora, Jetzt, Maintenant, Nyni, Ora, Teraz, Nu!” at the Iowa Developmental Education Association Conference in Des Moines on October 4.

We had four staffers present at ILA in Dubuque in October. Becky Canovan, Reference & Instruction Librarian, and Diana Newman, Office Manager, presented “Going Clubbing: Spicing Up Your Book Club.” And Jonathan Helmke, Nathan Gruber, and Jim Taylor presented “Through JTacq-Colored Glasses: Streamlining the Acquisitions Process.”

Recently, Jonathan Helmke and Nathan Newman’s found out their poster session was chosen (out of over 500 entries!) for the upcoming ACRL conference in Indianapolis on April 10-13. The poster is entitled “Mitigating Migraines: Using Existing and Accessible Tools to Simplify Your Library Data.”

Katelyn Wolfe has been appointed Evening Supervisor. Katelyn graduated from UD in December and is now enrolled in the Master’s in the online Library and Information Science program at Kent State.

Jon Helmke and four other librarians from DALINC (Dubuque Area Library Information Consortium) received an ILEAD grant to work together to lay the groundwork for creating a fully searchable digital database of Dubuque history.



Becky Canovan and Diana Newman have gotten very creative with displays lately. Among the most popular recently: “Origami Books,” “Color in Titles,” and “Play with Legos.” Below is a tractor with wagon hauling corn that a student put together.

### *Dordt College, John and Louise Hulst Library, Sioux Center*

Over Christmas break, Dordt College made the switch from SirsiDynix to [OCLC WorldShare Management](#). The new integrated library system comes at a lower annual cost, with increased options for discovery of e-resources, and a more streamlined process for ordering and cataloging new items. In contrast to SirsiDynix, all WMS patron and item data is housed in the cloud. Throughout the implementation phase, the staff at OCLC have been helpful and responsive. If you’d like to learn more, please feel free to contact [Sheryl Taylor](#).

### *Simpson College, Dunn Library, Indianola*

Every year Simpson College participates in the Interdisciplinary Competition in Modeling and Mathematical Competition in Modeling (ICM/MCM). This contest is held in the spring with teams of three students created from a variety of disciplines. Teams spend a weekend collaborating together on a mathematical solution to a real-world issue. Simpson College routinely produces solutions that are comparable to results from larger colleges and universities. These solutions incorporate writing, time management and information literacy skills which the students demonstrate in their final results.

Simpson's engaged citizen curriculum incorporates a variety of life-long skills including information literacy (IL). While most of the embedded skills are in credit classes, the growth of Experiential Learning opportunities on campus warranted adding an IL embedded skill to the annual MCM/ICM competition. Students can sign up for the ExpL 140 course (MCM/ICM contest IL embedded skill) and receive IL credit. Working with Professor Murphy Waggoner, librarians formulated an action plan for introducing IL skills to the contestants. Students that sign up for the ExpL 140 need to attend three sessions led by librarians: two sessions focused on traditional IL (discovery of library resources and creating search terms) and a follow-up session where students and librarians discuss the benefits and outcomes of the contest to receive the IL embedded skill credit.

Three students registered for ExpL 140 this semester. Librarians met students at flexible times for discussion and demonstration, kept in touch via email and were embedded in the contest's Scholar page for additional support. As the contest was just held, with a follow-up session in February, the outcomes of this first session are not yet available.

For future math modeling contests, more students are expected to sign up for ExpL 140—leading to contact with more contest participants. Librarians will be more familiar with the contest format and areas on which to focus in future sessions. The inclusion of librarians in an Experiential Learning course allowed for additional involvement in the Simpson community.

### *Drake University, Cowles Library, Des Moines*

Collections Management Librarian and Professor Teri Koch is on Sabbatical during the Spring Semester to study the concept of a sustainable physical library collection. Her work will center on determining best and emerging practices in this area of collection management. "I will be developing metrics to help define the sustainable "core collection" concept that we can utilize at Cowles Library," she stated.

Drake has improved their mobile site to include more content and features from our full website. Content on the mobile site is now pulled from the full site, providing a more consistent experience across devices. Visiting <http://library.drake.edu> on your mobile device automatically loads the mobile interface.

In fall 2012, the Library launched a “[Schedule a Consultation](#)” service that allows Drake students, faculty and staff to schedule a half-hour, one-on-one consultation with a Cowles faculty librarian. Bruce Gilbert, Director of Library Instruction, says “This is an extension of the Reference service that has bolstered the excellent academic environment at Drake for many years. Scheduled Reference consultations allow a student to schedule an appointment at her point of need, and helps to ensure that the professional librarian will be prepared to help with the specifics of the student’s assignments.”

The Cowles Library After Hours Area opened in September. This area is open Sundays through Fridays from 1am to 7:30am and 9am-noon on Sundays. After Thanksgiving break and through the end of the semester, the area was open 24/7. 840 people used the area.

### *IPAL Libraries Collaborate on Library Instruction*



IPAL’s newest interest group has gone digital. The IPAL Information Literacy interest group has recently launched a digital space for Iowa’s instruction librarians to share ideas, ask questions, build relationships, collaborate, commiserate, and support each other in our quest to teach the world. With last May’s ILA-ACRL instruction lightning rounds acting as a lightning rod, Cara Stone (Grand View University), Julie Arensdorf (Loras College), and Becky Canovan (University of Dubuque) developed the site iLove: Library instruction for the rest of us. Divided into 3 sections the site tackles library instruction ideas, an “ask the masses” page, and a tab dedicated to “librarian snark.” Over the next few months, the site will add guest bloggers and host a face-to-face manifestation at the IPAL conference. To learn more and help make this new project a success, check out <http://ilove-instruction.blogspot.com/>

### *St. Ambrose University*

St. Ambrose University Library bid farewell to Susan Green after more than a dozen years of service as Cataloger Librarian.

SAU Information literacy librarians are busily promoting the recent subscription to Springshare’s LibGuides to faculty across disciplines; response thus far has been very positive—especially in departments which have not had a tradition of library instruction activity, such as engineering.

On Feb 5th, @SAULib celebrated its third birthday with 769 Twitter followers, including PBS News Hour.

The campus eagerly awaits roll-out of the MySAU campus portal which, among other things, will simplify access to interlibrary loan and acquisition forms and to library subscription databases for off-campus users via single-sign-on functionality.

What began as a pilot project to spread good will during finals week in December and increase visibility of the library staff will continue and expand as the spring semester draws to a close; library staff will again drive a decorated Facilities Dept golf cart to eight student residence halls to pick up library materials—but by popular demand, academic buildings with faculty offices will be added as designated stops too!

### *Wartburg College, Vogel Library, Waverly*

#### Staff

After 3 ½ years as College Librarian & Director of Vogel Library, Christine Schafer accepted a position as head of Information Services at South Dakota State University. Eric Leong is now serving as the Interim College Librarian, and the search for the next College Librarian has begun.

Ambri Refer joined Vogel Library as the evening reference assistant in January. Ambri is also a reference librarian at Cedar Falls Public Library.

#### News

Vogel Library and Wartburg College have received an America's Music Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and distributed by ALA and the Tribeca Film Institute. The grant includes the DVD documentaries used in the America's Music program series and a small stipend to cover additional costs. The America's Music program series is a program created by the ALA and Tribeca Film Institute to expose community members to different forms of American music, to teach them scholarly background on each form, and to include them in a discussion of the meaning and impact of each form. Vogel Library will be running this program from the beginning of September through mid-October of 2013. Jill Westen is the librarian program coordinator. Drs. Paula Survilla and Geoffrey Wilson of the Wartburg College Music Department are the scholarly partners. Any library can participate in the program without receiving the grant (you will have to purchase your own DVDs). See this site for more information: [http://www.tribecafilminstitute.org/public/americas\\_music/program\\_resources/173523501.html](http://www.tribecafilminstitute.org/public/americas_music/program_resources/173523501.html).

## **Special Libraries and Library Education News**

### *Iowa Department of Transportation, DOT Library, Ames*



The Iowa DOT has a new Head Librarian in Leighton Christiansen following the retirement of Hank Zaletel in July of 2012. Christiansen has bachelor degrees in English and Computer Science from the University of Iowa and a master's degree in Library and Information from the University of Illinois. One of his top priorities is to incorporate more technology to increase the visibility and access of the library's transportation collection.

2013 also marks the 100th anniversary of the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and in celebration a variety of events will be hosted throughout the course of the year. Expect to see upcoming programs at Iowa DOT sites, museums, libraries, as well as the Iowa State Fair.

### *Mercy College of Health Sciences, Des Moines*

Eileen Hansen, Director of the Library, retired in December 2012. The new director is Roy Meador III, who is from Spring Arbor University. There is no date set yet for his arrival.

## **Regents Universities Library News**

### *University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City*

#### Staff News

Linda Walton (Associate University Librarian for the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences and Branch Libraries) has been elected President-Elect of the Medical Library Association. She will assume this responsibility in May, 2013. The following year, she will be President of that Association. This is a tremendous honor and responsibility. We congratulate her on this new appointment.

Bethany Davis joined us as the Digital Processing Coordinator. Bethany has a BA in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Library and Information Science from Kent State University with a specialization in digital curation. While working on her master's degree she worked full time at Books-A-Million, first as a Kids Specialist and later as a co-manager. Bethany succeeded in keeping her grades up while holding the bookstore fulltime job by learning to multitask like no other -- a valuable skill for her new position at the UI Libraries! She is currently working as an assistant project manager for the University of Pittsburgh's Hillman Library on a digitization and repository project called the Archive of European Integration.



Xiaomei Gu, Clinical Education Librarian at Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, was appointed Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, College of Pharmacy. Professor Gu teaches drug information search and medical literature as part of required Pharmacy Practice Laboratories for PharmD students. These help students develop pharmacy practice skills. She also works with graduate students, training them to search and then organize literature. Xiaomei is an active member of the Medical Library Association and the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

This Spring semester we are piloting a mentoring program, that matches UI Librarians with SLIS students. The following UI Librarians will be mentoring a student this semester.

Janalyn Moss  
Dan Gall  
Steve Ostrem  
Amy Blevins  
David McCartney  
Brett Cloyd  
Giselle Simon  
Kelly McElroy  
Marianne Mason  
Duncan Stewart  
Colleen Theisen  
Mark Anderson

#### Collection News

[DIY History: 30,000th submission, new collections for UI Libraries' crowdsourcing project](#): Thanks to the public's voracious appetite for historic cookbooks, the University of Iowa Libraries has recently reached a new milestone for its [DIY History](#) crowdsourcing site: 30,000 pages transcribed. An English medical recipe book from 1704 contains the project's 30,000th page, detailing a "remedy for a woman with child taken harm by fall or fright or any mischance." This document, along with hundreds of other historic manuscripts, is now fully searchable due to the efforts of volunteer transcribers from around the world.

#### [DIY History: Building the Transcontinental Railroad](#)

Business correspondence and financial papers belonging to railroad baron Thomas Durant, documenting the construction of the transcontinental line that transformed the nation. A colorful and unscrupulous figure best known for the Crédit Mobilier financial scandal of 1872, Durant holds a place in current pop culture as a character in the AMC television series "Hell on Wheels."

### DIY History: Iowa Women's Lives

Diaries, letters, and other documents of Iowa women. Currently featured are the papers of Ellen Mowrer Miller (1848-1922), wife of a Civil War veteran and farmer, who recorded her thoughts on a variety of topics including women's suffrage.



Leigh Hunt's Fireplace - Last week we opened, for the first time, a wooden shipping crate that had been stored in the department for many years. It had been sent to the Libraries in 1986 by Desmond Leigh-Hunt, the great-great-grandson of the Romantic poet and editor Leigh Hunt. Desmond Leigh-Hunt described it in correspondence as the fireplace surround from the last home Leigh Hunt lived in, at 16 Rowan Road in Hammersmith, London. He included a document signed by Rodney Tatchell, a



Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, asserting its authenticity and dating it to the early 1840s. After it arrived the crate was stored, unopened, primarily in the basement of the Main Library.

### *University of Northern Iowa, Rod Library, Cedar Falls*

The Art & Music Librarian, Alan Asher, has accepted a position as Music Librarian at the University of Florida. Stay tuned for the announcement of the search for a new music librarian. The UNI Museum is now being administered by the Rod Library. Currently, the UNI Museum is only open to the UNI campus community. It has been closed to the public for some time now. In the near future, there will be a search for an Exhibits Preparator for the UNI Museum. The Rod Library is undertaking a number of initiatives this year including the development of a learning commons and the implementation of a discovery system.