

ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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President's Piece

I am grateful to all of the ILA/ACRL Executive Board members for their help and expertise in leading the organization. I am also grateful to all of the individuals who agreed to serve on committees, serve as chairs of committees, and who ran for offices! Congratulations to Kathy Parsons – Vice President/President Elect, Rebecca Stuhr – Secretary/Treasurer, and Arron Wings – Member-at-Large. I would like to thank John Pollitz for his fine work as recent president. In particular, I will be seeking help and guidance from John in answering my many questions and in giving me direction when I need it. I look forward to working with each of you during the year.

Planning for the spring conference is well underway. Claudia Frazer and the rest of the committee have been active and have much of the conference planning in place. The conference "Scanning the Past, Digitizing the Future" will be Friday, April 16 at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Liz Bishoff, most recently executive director of the Colorado Digitization Program and currently vice president, OCLC Digital Collection and Preservation Services, will be our keynote speaker. She will address how all types of libraries can collaboratively initiate, establish and nurture successful digital projects. Although there will be a day-long conference track on digital initiatives, there will also be an opportunity to attend a session on mentorship/leadership and another session on school/library collaborations by special guest speakers. There also will be contributed paper sessions on many other timely topics. Conference attendees who arrive on Thursday will be able to meet their colleagues at a pre-conference dinner at the Royal Amsterdam Hotel in downtown Pella.

John Pollitz and the other Awards Committee members plan to provide scholarships for both the spring and fall conferences.

Susan Moore and the rest of the Directory Committee are at work publishing a print 2004 Iowa Academic and Research Libraries Directory. The directory is currently published biennially with this year being a publication year. The directory will be available for distribution at the spring conference.

John Goodin continues to keep us up-to-date on library related legislative topics by serving as the ACRL legislative network representative and by sending messages regularly on the ILA/ACRL listserv.

Steve Ostrem and the other members of the Newsletter Committee have published the first of three newsletters for the year. Steve also serves as moderator for the ILA/ACRL listserv, which continues to be the main method of communication for members of the organization. Additional information related to the listserv can be found at <http://www.iowaacrl.org/list/index.html>.

Chris Neuhaus and the rest of the Electronic Communications Committee continue to update and maintain the organization's Web site. They have recently posted information related to the upcoming spring conference and the March newsletter on the Web site. Don't forget to check the Web site <<http://www.iowaacrl.org/>> for information about the organization and for frequent updates.

Work continues on revising the strategic plan, which was last updated in 1996. Three new ad hoc committees were recently formed in response to work on the strategic plan. A special thanks is extended to Michelle Holschuh Simmons (ad hoc Committee on Advocacy), Jane Campagna (ad hoc Committee on Education), and Kathy Magarrell (ad hoc Committee on Research) for their willingness to serve as chairs. During the upcoming year, membership on each ad hoc committee will be finalized and committee work will commence. If you have an interest in serving on one of these new committees, please contact the committee chair.

Stephen Dew and the other members of the Membership Committee continue to promote membership within the organization by contacting new members and maintaining a current membership list on the Web site. Don't forget to renew your ILA membership and remember to check off the ACRL box.

Those of you who mark your calendars early should record that the 2004 ILA Fall Conference will be held in Sioux City, October 13–15. Kathy Magarrell and the rest of the Fall Program Committee are busy planning the ILA/ACRL programming for the ILA Fall Conference. Finally, please think about volunteering in the organization. All contributions of time and effort are greatly appreciated by the organization. I have benefited both personally and professionally from my own contributions. Please consider giving some of your time and expertise by volunteering to participate in the organization.

—*submitted by Ellen Neuhaus*

ILA/ACRL Draft Strategic Plan and Mission Statement

The general membership will vote to approve the draft strategic plan with the attached mission statement at the upcoming Spring Conference on April 16, 2004 (see below). If you have comments or concerns relating to the draft strategic plan and mission statement, please contact Ellen Neuhaus, 2004 ILA/ACRL President, at ellen.neuhaus@uni.edu.

Mission Statement of ILA/ACRL

The Iowa Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ILA/ACRL) provides leadership to facilitate learning, research, and the scholarly communication process among its members. ILA/ACRL promotes diversity and the highest level of professional excellence for librarians and library personnel to enable them to effectively serve the users of academic and research libraries.

The Strategic Planning Committee recommends that specific strategies for implementing the goals, objectives and actions of this strategic plan be worked out by the committees, executive board and officers of the chapter.

Strategic Plan of ILA/ACRL

Its primary goals are:

- I. Advocate for all Iowa academic libraries and those who staff, support and use them.
 - Synthesize existing data that has been gathered via surveys and studies. Compile information in a meaningful format, so as to tell the "academic library story."
 - Promote public relations on a state and local basis and determine what is most effective.
 - Demonstrate models of collaboration with other library types (school, public, etc.).
 - Demonstrate a leadership role in literacy and lifelong learning for all Iowans.
 - Promote safeguards for intellectual freedom and awareness of equity access issues.
- II. Promote excellence in librarianship.
 - Demonstrate leadership role in librarian professional development.
 - Promote research in librarianship.
 - Provide opportunities for leadership.
 - Advocate community outreach (recruitment and retention).
 - Encourage innovation in local academic institutions.
- III. Ensure effective and responsive organization.
 - Promote membership and participation in ILA/ACRL.
 - Enhance communication among all members.
 - Maintain ability to be innovative and adaptable.

Spring Conference 2004

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Although there will be a day-long conference track on digital initiatives, there will also be an opportunity to attend a session on mentorship/leadership and another session on school library/academic library collaborations by special guest speakers. There will be contributed paper sessions on many other timely topics.

Conference attendees who arrive on Thursday will be able to meet their colleagues at a pre-conference dinner at J. Benjamin's in the Royal Amsterdam Hotel in downtown Pella.

Registration for the conference will be from 9:00–9:30 a.m. and the program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$40 for ILA/ACRL members, \$50 for nonmembers and \$20 for students. The registration deadline is April 2nd.

For a registration form and forthcoming additional information about the conference, see the ILA/ACRL Web site <<http://www.iowaacrl.org/>> or contact Claudia Frazer, Spring Conference Program Committee Chair (claudia.frazer@drake.edu).

Scholarship to Spring Conference Available

The Awards Committee of ILA/ACRL announces the availability of a scholarship to attend the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference, April 16, 2004 at Central College in Pella, Iowa. The scholarship will cover the \$40 registration fee and up to \$60 in travel, hotel and meal expenses.

Applicants must be paid members of ILA/ACRL, working full-time in an Iowa academic or research library, and either:

- a) be attending their first ILA/ACRL Spring Conference or
- b) have worked in an Iowa library for fewer than three years.

Library science students may also apply for the scholarship.

March 29, 2004 is the deadline for applications and conference registration. The winner will be announced April 7.

To apply, complete the form available on the ILA/ACRL Web site, <http://www.iowaacrl.org/conference/2004/scholarship.html>, and send by mail, e-mail or fax to:

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A Message from the Nominating Committee

Looking for ways to meet other academic librarians in Iowa? Consider volunteering for one of the several committees or even ponder a leadership role in the chapter.

The Nominating Committee is seeking interested individuals for several committees and for vice-president/president-elect, secretary/treasurer, and member-at-large for the calendar year

2005. To learn more about the committees and leadership roles, go to the ILA/ACRL Web site at <http://www.iowaacrl.org/> and click on "ILA/ACRL Organization."

If you find something that piques your interest, volunteer by completing the ILA/ACRL Volunteer Form located on our Web site at <http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/volunteer.html>. For further information, please contact Kathy A. Parsons, (515) 294-9630 or kap@iastate.edu.
—submitted by Kathy A. Parsons

Volunteer Needed for National ACRL Chapters Council

The Chapter is seeking a volunteer to serve as the ACRL Chapters Council Representative. This individual would represent the Iowa chapter on ACRL Chapters Council. The person should be a member of the Chapter (ILA/ACRL) and of ACRL. S(he) should be willing to commit to two or more years as Chapters Council Representative, as effectiveness of that group is much strengthened by continuity.

Specific duties include:

- Attend Chapters Council meetings at ALA mid-winter and annual conferences (meeting currently held Sunday mornings, approximately 8:30–11 a.m.).
- Assist in the coordination of our chapter's activities and presence on Chapters Council.
- Serve as communication liaison between Chapters Council and the Iowa chapter.
- Report back to Executive Board items of interest to the board and carry concerns back to the national level.
- Heighten awareness of national ACRL activities and of activities in other state chapters, through writing articles for the newsletter (see next deadline below) or by posting information to the listserv when appropriate.
- Serve as non-voting Ex Officio member of the ILA/ACRL Executive Board.

For additional information about the position see the ILA/ACRL Web site: <http://www.iowaacrl.org/organization/manual/chaprep.html>.

The deadline date for the next Chapter Topics, the newsletter of the ACRL Chapters Council, is May 9, 2004.

If you are interested in volunteering for the position, please contact Ellen Neuhaus (ellen.neuhaus@uni.edu) by March 22, 2004.

Community College News

Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC)

DMACC has received a Title III grant. DMACC's Title III project addresses the need for information literacy training in several ways and lists the following as a measurable academic objective:

Increase the quality of reading, English/ESL, math, critical thinking and information literacy in all subjects, with 20% improvement in standardized performance measures, over baseline measures in all five areas.

Lisa Stock, Director of Learning Resources, is leading the team to implement the information literacy portion of this grant.

Polly Mumma, librarian at the Boone Campus and Lisa Stock, Director, Learning Resources, Ankeny Campus have been selected to participate in the ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Institute this summer in Seattle, Washington. Ninety librarians from across the country were selected from hundreds of applicants. This is a great learning opportunity and the librarians plan to bring the skills learned at this institute back to DMACC to strengthen information literacy goals and programs.

Hawkeye Community College (HCC)

The first Hawkeye Faculty Art Show was exhibited in the HCC Library during February. The show represented the work of twelve faculty members from the Fine Arts, Professional Photography and Graphic Communications departments.

The fifth annual Hawkeye Student Art Show will be on display in the HCC Library during April. This juried exhibition will feature students' work from the past year. Winning artists will be awarded cash, merchandise and purchase awards at the opening reception.

Kirkwood Community College

Arron Wings was hired as the Director of the Kirkwood Library in the fall of 2003. He was formerly LRC Coordinator at Kirkwood's Iowa City campus. Sarah Uthoff also joined the Kirkwood staff as a part-time librarian.

News of the Iowa Private Academic Libraries

Drake University

Drake, Buena Vista, St. Ambrose, and Graceland Universities are beginning a new service in March called "Ask Us Online." It will provide reference service in the online chat or co-browse modes. Students searching library databases or the open Web may connect with us online. We can exchange typed messages (chat), push Web pages to their browser, or search online together in a function that lets both the librarian and the student see—and control—the same Web page online. After the session, the student receives a transcript with all links and instructions from the session.

Links to "Ask Us Online" will be in many locations on the library Web page and can also be placed in a Blackboard page. A permanent address will be available soon. Hours for the service

are Monday–Thursday 10:00am–9:00pm; Friday & Saturday 10:00am–5:00pm; and Sunday 1:00–9:00pm.

Northeast Iowa Libraries

The big news from the northeast Iowa part of the academic library world is that three major librarians are retiring at the end of the academic year.

University of Dubuque

Joel L. Samuels, University Librarian at Charles C. Myers Library of the University of Dubuque, will retire on June 1, after 45 years of librarianship, and fifteen years at the University of Dubuque. Under Samuels' direction, the university completed a two-phase renovation and addition that more than doubled the size of the library, from 29,500 square feet to 62,000 square feet.

Loras College

Robert Klein, Director of Library Resources at Loras College, will retire on May 31. Klein has served Loras College as a professional librarian for 40 years, 35 years as director. Under his direction, the library moved to a new, 96,000 square foot building in July, 2002.

Luther College

Elizabeth Kaschins, Head Librarian and Library Department Head at Luther College's Preus Library, will also retire at the end of the academic year. Kaschins, who has been a librarian for 35 years, came to Luther in the fall of 1970. She served as ILA/ACRL President and Chair of IPAL.

Together, these librarians have given 120 years of service to librarianship! Although the Iowa library community is sorry to lose their expertise and dedication, we are grateful for their work and wish them the best in their retirement.

Wartburg Theological Seminary

In other news, Susan Ebertz was appointed Director of the Reu Memorial Library at Wartburg Theological Seminary. Ms. Ebertz was formerly the Assistant Director at the Library.

St. Ambrose University

March 9th is the "Go Live" date for the conversion to our new online catalog with Sirsi. The Quad Cities area library consortium switched from Geac to Sirsi, with the new catalog going "live" on March 9th. The librarians at SAU are providing training sessions for faculty and students throughout the week, with free cookies to help ease the pain of the transition! SAU history professor Jon Stauff and reference librarian James O'Gorman will give a presentation on incorporating information literacy into the curriculum at the "Transformation of the College Library" workshop in Pittsburgh, PA on April 15–17.

Students can enter a contest at O'Keefe Library in the hopes of being chosen to be the next "celebrity" on the READ posters for National Library Week. O'Keefe Library is producing 12 READ posters to be displayed around campus during National Library Week. Posters will feature five faculty, five students, library director John Pollitz, and the women's softball team. Posters measure 16" x 24" and are produced using the new READ software offered by the American Library Association.

During the second week of March, O'Keefe Library will begin offering virtual reference service to the campus community as part of a consortium of Iowa private colleges. Four colleges are participating in the consortium and will be using the 24/7 software to provide virtual reference service. The colleges will take turns monitoring and answering questions in 4-hour blocks of time. The other participating colleges are: Drake University, Graceland University, and Buena Vista University.

News of the Iowa Public Academic Libraries

Iowa State University

David A. Baldwin has accepted appointment as the new Associate Dean for Reference & Instruction. He will begin his appointment on July 12, 2004. He will join the Library as a tenured full professor. David currently is director of the Zimmerman Library at the University of New Mexico.

Melissa Gottwald has accepted the position of Collections Archivist. She will begin her position on April 1, 2004.

Jonathan Haupt has accepted the position of Social Sciences & Humanities Librarian with a focus on the fine and performing arts, beginning March 15, 2004.

Sean Cordes joins the library faculty as Instructional Technology Librarian, beginning May 1, 2004.

The Parks Library will soon have a new mural on the west wall of the lobby. Artist Kurt Anderson will paint the mural. Kurt is from Iowa; he currently lives and works out of Tucson, Arizona.

Fourteen members of the ISU Library faculty attended the ALA Midwinter Conference in San Diego, California, January 9–13, 2004.

University of Iowa

Achievements and Awards

Dave Martin, business librarian, received the Edith Ennis Award from the UI College of Business. Ruthann McTyre, music librarian, was elected to the executive board of the Music Library Association. Dottie Persson and Carlette Washington-Hoagland have an article

forthcoming in Reference & User Services Quarterly. Jamie Burton, reference librarian, has been selected to participate in the ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Institute this summer in Seattle, Washington. Min Tian, Chinese Studies bibliographer, will attend the Luce Summer Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. Denise Britigan, reference & education librarian, Hardin Library, has been selected for the National Library of Medicine 2004 fellowship program in medical informatics at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Massachusetts. Hardin Library has been awarded a \$20,000 contract for testing Internet performance between the National Library of Medicine and the University of Iowa. Hardin Library has launched the Iowa Public Health Information website, a statewide resource for public health information. It is available at <http://www.iowapublichealth.org/>.

New Professional Staff

Kristi Robinson-Bontrager, Coordinator for Public Relations, 01/20/04

Amy Fuls, promoted from Library Assistant III to Librarian I, Access Services and Government Publications, 01/26/04

Kimberly Bloedel, Reference & Education Librarian, Hardin Library, 03/10/04

Lisa McDaniels, Serials Cataloging Librarian, 04/16/04

Chiaki Sakai, Japanese Studies Librarian, April 2004

University of Northern Iowa

Rod Library hosted two librarian guests from the Russian State Pedagogical University at St. Petersburg. Natela Kouznetsova, Deputy Director of the Library, and Svetlana Morozova, Head, Electronic Publications and Information Resources, visited Cedar Falls and Rod Library from February 7 through February 19, 2004. The Russian guests observed operations at Rod Library and gave a number of presentations on various innovative projects initiated at their home library. The librarian exchange was sponsored within the framework of the faculty and student exchange program between UNI and the St. Petersburg State Pedagogical University.

Newsletter Committee

Steve Ostrem (Chair), University of Iowa, 2004

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Karen Dole, North Iowa Area Community College, 2004

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Lisa Stock, Des Moines Area Community College, 2005