

# ILA/ACRL Newsletter

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## President's Piece

It is hard to believe that the fall semester and 2012 are drawing to a close. It feels as though the year has barely started, and yet we are winding down with only a few weeks left. Our chapter has had a quietly productive year because of the wonderful work of our committees and the Executive Board and I've included highlights below.

## Spring Conference

The conference was held May 25th in beautiful Decorah, Iowa. Ninety-four members attended the conference and Michael Porter (aka Libraryman) was our keynote speaker. Many also attended the pre-conference social hosted by Seed Savers Exchange, complete with wonderful food, scenery, and conversation! The Spring Conference Committee worked tirelessly and gave us a great event.

## Fall Program at ILA

The Fall Program Committee brought us four timely sessions for the Iowa Library Association conference in Dubuque. All sessions were very well attended.

- The Possibilities and Limits of Fair Use: the National Conversation
- To Make a Long Story Short: Libraries and Copyright Today
- E-Content and Its Discontents
- High School to College

## Chapter Committees

The **Nominating Committee** has ensured that we have full committees and officer team for 2013. This is so important in our effort to serve chapter members each year. Our committees are our success!

This year the **Awards Committee** selected Jean Donham as recipient of the ILA/ACRL Research Award. A Spring Conference Scholarship was awarded to Jennifer Ryan, and three Fall Conference Scholarships went to Katelyn Wolff, Rebecca Philipsen, and Emily Shaw.

Both the **Membership** and **Directory Committees** spent time updating data and identifying potential new members. Their work will be increasingly more vital as in the coming year.

This is the sixth and final newsletter for 2012. The **Newsletter Committee** has done tremendous work gathering information and keeping us up-to-date on chapter activities.

Did you know the chapter currently offers a variety of ways to stay in touch? Member of the **Electronic Communications Committee** keep the ILA/ACRL website current and update members with chapter news via the chapter listerv, Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn!

Pam Rees heads the ILA/ACRL **K-12/Higher Ed Partnership Ad Hoc Committee** that has created a formal partnership with the Iowa Association of School Librarians to address information literacy readiness of incoming college freshman. This work will continue into 2013.

### **Membership Survey**

A member survey was conducted this fall for the first time in many years. This was an opportunity for the Executive Board to hear from you. The good news is that the chapter seems to be moving in the right direction in meeting the needs of the members. [Results of the survey](#) will be used in 2013 to provide guidance to the committees and officers to build an even stronger and more vibrant chapter.

It has been wonderful working with so many talented and eager folks this year. Thank you all for a fantastic year.

Warmest wishes,  
Rebecca Funke  
ILA/ACRL President

## Library News

### Private Academic Library News

#### *Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant*

Holiday decorating took on new meaning at Chadwick Library this year when four library student employees built an 8-foot Christmas tree from over 750 books.

Utilizing blue and green non-circulating books, students spent a recent Sunday evening creating and decorating this unique tree, which is located in the Chadwick Library Café. The colors of the books were selected to convey an artistic interpretation of a blue spruce tree. The tree will be on display until January 11. Another book sculpture created by library student employee, entitled "Old Glory" is also on display and depicts the American flag constructed of red and blue non-circulating books. The field of blue features books of related to American history. Both the tree and the flag are part of a new exhibit entitled, "Images of Art: Books as Art, Art as Books," which is currently under construction. "Images of Art" will be on display through spring semester and includes a variety of mediums explaining the intricate relationship of books and art. The exhibit is located on the main level of Chadwick Library and is available during regular library hours.



#### *Dordt College, Sioux Center*

We're in the final stages of migrating from SirsiDynix Symphony to OCLC's WorldShare Management. We're already live with [the patron interface](#) and by mid-December will go live with the staff interface for all circulation, cataloging, acquisitions, and serials.

#### *Buena Vista University, Storm Lake*

Jodie Morin is serving as Acting Library Director at the Buena Vista University Library, as of November 1, 2012.

## *Grinnell College, Grinnell*

### New Faces

Jieun Kang: A newly graduated librarian from Kent State University in Ohio. Jieun also holds an MA in History from The Ohio State University, with a concentration in modern U.S. history and a BA in history education from Seoul National University (South Korea). Jieun has a broad range of intellectual and cultural and cross-cultural interests, is deeply committed to teaching, and complements the language skills of the other librarians with working knowledge of German, Japanese, and Chinese and fluency in Korean.

Mark McFate: Digital Library Applications Developer. Mark has over 30 years of information technology experience and has served on the South Tama County Community Schools Board of Education. Though based in Grinnell's libraries, Mark will collaborate with campus curricular technologists as well.

Chelsea Soderblom: Library Assistant, Burling Circulation Desk. Since earning a BA in English at the University of Iowa, Chelsea has worked in customer service positions for Hy-Vee in Newton and Half Price Books in Clive.

### Digital Grinnell

In collaboration with several other campus units, the Grinnell College Libraries have launched the [Digital Grinnell repository](#) for making selected scholarly and creative work of Grinnell faculty, students, and staff accessible, searchable, and visible to the world. Most materials in Digital Grinnell will be available world-wide and will be indexed by Google and Google Scholar. Selected materials that document college history will also be part of Digital Grinnell. Digital Grinnell currently has three components within one system:

- A general repository for student projects; published articles written by Grinnell faculty, students, or staff (with proper copyright authorization); video or audio files; and other materials. Each item is fully cataloged with abstract, authors, advisors, and subject terms. The repository allows searching and browsing. Materials in Digital Grinnell can be showcased through the college or departmental websites.
- A journal publication platform: Digital Grinnell can host peer-reviewed or editor-reviewed journals and can help manage submission, review, and publication of journal issues.
- A conference paper platform: For an academic conference, Digital Grinnell can help manage submission, review, and publication of the conference papers.

Digital Grinnell is built on three open-source software packages: [Islandora](#), the general repository; [Open Journal Systems](#), the journal publication platform; and [Open Conference Systems](#), the conference paper platform. We have a support contract with a firm called Discovery Garden, Inc., for all three systems.

Digital Grinnell is a collaborative project of the Libraries, Curricular Technology, Falconer Gallery, the Dean's Office, Information Technology Services, Communications, and the Office of the President.

## **Community College Library News**

*Northeast Iowa Community College—Peosta*  
First Anniversary



The library is celebrating its first year in its new facility. We have also partnered with the Dubuque County Library and are acting as their Peosta branch, which allows us to serve the community in a broader capacity. It has been fun to see the college day care children join in story hour in the story room, which is equipped with huge bean bags and an aquarium. Students have found the bean bags useful for studying and at times napping. (They are warned that we do not wake them up for class.)

With the new library we have made many withdrawals, so we decided to copy another's holiday idea by making them into a tree.

Humanities Iowa Grant

The Peosta Campus Library and Dubuque County Library have jointly received a grant from

Humanities Iowa that supports a Literature into Films program. Its purpose is to demonstrate how books and movies can tell the same story in a different way. The books include *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* (the movie is *Blade Runner*), *The Great Gatsby*, *True Grit*, and *Seabiscuit*.

### *Hawkeye Community College, Waterloo*

iPad circulations have been brisk at the Hawkeye Library. The library has 10 iPad 3s that students may check out for one week. Purchasing Apple Care+ for the devices has paid off, as the library has just replaced its first broken iPad. With Apple Care+, the repair cost was limited to \$49, which was passed along to the student.

In addition, the library has added six new desktop computers for student use, repurposing a space that was previously devoted to video stacks. The Hawkeye Library now offers students 36 desktop computers, 12 wireless laptops for library use only, and 20 laptops that check out for one week.

The Hawkeye Library will be launching a streaming portal for Media Education Foundation films in January. If others have not seen this new streaming service, please check it out. Candace Havelly, Library Director, is quite impressed and feels that it is easy and flexible to use.



## **Special Libraries & Library Education News**

### *University of Northern Iowa School Library Studies Program, Cedar Falls*

We have a program review coming up in March. We will be visited by Dr. Sherry Crow, University of Nebraska at Kearney, and Dr. Deborah Jesseman, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

We will begin seeking applicants for our Fall 2013 cohort as the second semester begins.

## **Regents Universities Library News**

### *University of Iowa, Iowa City*

#### Van Allen Data Tapes

The UI Libraries has been awarded \$200,000 from the Carver Trust to digitize the data tapes from the Explorer I satellite mission that led to the discovery of the Van Allen radiation belts. These tapes were recovered from the basement of Maclean Hall through the outstanding efforts of our Preservation Department in 2010-2011.

#### Arthur Benton Award

Jennifer DeBerg is recipient of the Arthur Benton Excellence in Reference Services Professional Development Award. This award is given biennially to a University Libraries' professional staff member who has demonstrated outstanding commitment in providing reference service for the university community. The honor includes a \$1,000 stipend to be used for professional development activities related to the advancement of reference services.

#### Gallup Papers

The complete work of one of the University of Iowa's famous alumni has found its home in the University of Iowa Special Collections and University Archives. The papers of the late George Gallup Sr. (1923 BA, 1925 MA, 1928 PhD), founder of the Gallup Poll, now live within UI Special Collections after being generously donated by the Gallup family.

"This gift from the Gallup family is an incredible resource for the university, and one that will be eagerly sought after by researchers and scholars," says Greg Prickman, head of UI Special Collections and University Archives. "The development of polling in the United States is a story with great historical significance, and these papers will open up that history for the first time." More on this story at [Iowa Now](#).

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

We have a new librarian in our family! Leila Rod-Welch started her new assignment as Outreach Services Librarian in October. In the upcoming year Leila plans to: 1) work closely with students in UNI's Culture and Intensive English Program to help them acclimate to our library, 2) work with departments throughout campus and find ways to deliver our services to them, and 3)

provide sessions to the parents of new students during summer orientation sessions. Welcome, Leila, to the Rod Library and UNI!