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IACRL Spring Conference Looks at “Libraries in the Digital Future”

Karen Hovde, Northern Illinois University

Join us **March 29-31** for the 2006 IACRL Spring Conference at the Chateau Hotel and Conference Center in **Bloomington, IL**. Speakers and presenters on this year's theme, “Libraries in the Digital Future,” will explore some of the strengths and challenges that characterize the digital environment in general and the Illinois spin in particular.

CARLI (Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois) leads the way as the subject of the **Pre-conference** presentations and breakout sessions on **March 29**. The opening address will be by the **new CARLI Executive Director, Susan Singleton**. Ms. Singleton brings to her position many years of experience as Executive Director of the Missouri Library Network corporation. She worked closely with the Missouri State Library and the MOBIUS academic library consortium on joint projects, negotiated group pricing for electronic resources, and instituted and led the Missouri Digitization Planning projects.

Libraries in the Digital Future

IACRL 2006 Spring Conference



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IACRL Spring Conference
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- New Academic Reference Librarians Group
- In Memoriam: Dr. Chuck Hale

The main conference opens on **March 30** with keynote speaker **Michael Jon Jensen**. Currently the Director of Web Communications and Director of Publishing Technologies for the National Academies and the National Academies Press, and with an extensive background in university presses and a large number of online publishing projects (both free and subscription), Michael Jensen is eminently qualified to address one of the primary concerns of the digital library—**the interface between digital technologies and scholarly/academic publishing**.

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IACRL BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT ILA

Matthew Paris, SIU, Edwardsville

The Annual Business meeting of IACRL was held on Thursday, October 13, 2005, during the ILA Annual Conference at the Peoria Civic Center. Outgoing President, Scott Drone-Silvers chaired the meeting and introduced the 2005-2006 executive committee members. Scott delivered a brief annual report noting the increase in IACRL membership over last year.

Scott turned the meeting over to Barbara Galik, 2005-2006 President, who discussed preparations for the 2006 IACRL Conference. Barbara reported that the conference will be held at The Chateau and Hotel Conference Center with the theme *Libraries in the Digital Future*. Michael Jensen, Director of Web Communications for the National Archives, and author of a *Chronicle of Higher Education* article on the Google Library Project, will be the keynote speaker. Anne Craig, Director of the State Library will be the closing speaker. The pre-conference will be devoted to CARLI (**see registration form in this issue**).

The committee also addressed problems concerning current committee assignments. Barbara stated that members have expressed interest in serving on committees but without an authoritative list of committee membership, she cannot assign new members to committees. It was decided to start the Awards, Continuing Education, and Membership committees from scratch. Anyone interested in joining committees should contact Barbara Galik at Barbara (at)Bradley.edu or (309) 677-2830. The next IACRL Annual Business meeting will be held during the 2006 ILA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois, Oct 3-6.

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CARLI Boosts Funding for Collections Grants Program

Elizabeth Clarage, Director of Collections Services, CARLI

The Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) Board of Directors approved an increase in the funding for the CARLI Collections Grants Program from approximately \$175,000 to \$250,000. (The grant program was previously part of the Illinois Cooperative Collection Management Program (ICCMP)). The funding increase applies to fiscal year 2007. The deadline for grant applications for this grant cycle is March 22, 2006. The grants program will run very similarly to past years. More information on the grants can be found on the CARLI website at: <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/comms/collwg.html>. The CARLI Collections Working Group will review the grants and make recommendations to the CARLI Board of Directors at its May meeting. CARLI will announce the funded grants in July.

CARLI Collections Grants

Due: March 22

For more information:
<http://www.carli.illinois.edu/comms/collwg.html>

Many thanks go out to those that helped review and score the grant proposals for the past year. Seven grants were funded for this fiscal year. The titles of these grants and a primary contact for each are:

- ◆ *Allied Health: Special Populations Materials*,
Stacey Knight-Davis at Eastern Illinois University;
- ◆ *Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies*,
Cindy Ingold at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign;

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Recent Publications by Academic Librarians in Illinois: Spring 2006

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Illinois Library Day: Be There or Be Square!

An Open Letter from Mary Munroe, Chair, CARLI Board of Directors

March 1, 2006 is Illinois Library Day in Springfield. The CARLI Board challenges each academic library in the state to send at least one librarian to Springfield to participate in the Illinois Library Day rally and to talk to your representatives about academic libraries in Illinois.

Don't think academic libraries have any legislative issues? What about funding from the state for academic libraries, which has been static for four years? What about procurement rules that make purchases difficult? What about attempts to filter all state owned computers, including those at state universities? What about confidentiality of library records?

Don't think you can have a voice? Each person who talks to a legislator has the weight of 200 folks. Your legislator needs to know that you care about libraries and you vote! Our theme this year is "I Love Libraries and I Vote!"

For each person who attends, CARLI will write a letter to your director thanking you for coming and asking that the letter be placed in your personnel file under service to the State of Illinois. Many of the systems are taking buses. Springfield is not that far away, and it is on Amtrak. No excuses, just come!

Where do I sign up? The URL is https://www.ila.org/events/reg_ild.htm . Be sure to give your address so we can get your letter to the right place.

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- ◆ *Global Business*,
Holly Bravender at the Illinois Institute of Technology;
- ◆ *Music Education*,
Don Widmer at VanderCook College of Music;
- ◆ *Performing Arts*,
Therese Z. Dickman at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville;
- ◆ *Preservation Workshops on Mold & Integrated Pest Management for Member Institutions*,
Jennifer Hain Teper at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign;
- ◆ *World Literature Year Two*,
Ilellen Miller at the University of Illinois at Springfield.

Full grant information can be found at: <http://www.niulib.niu.edu/ccm/fy06.html>.

There is a new listserv for Collections and Contents issues. This listserv's purpose is to provide a forum for library collection issues including (but, not limited to) collaborative collection efforts, electronic (or digital) collection issues, electronic resources, preservation issues, and offers of gifts to other institutions. This listserv is open to all staff at CARLI institutions. There is no limit to the number of people that may subscribe to this listserv from any CARLI institution. To subscribe, complete the form found at <http://www.carli.illinois.edu/mailman/listinfo/ccg>.

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LIBRARIANS ON THE MOVE

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Illinois State University welcomes **Victoria Heiduschke** as the Preservation Librarian. Victoria has as MS in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin, with an endorsement of specialization in Preservation Administration. She came from UT Austin where she was head of the Conservator and Book Repair Unit. **Jeff Ridinger** is the new Access Services Librarian at *Illinois State*.

Janet Miranda starts off 2006 as part-time Reference Services Librarian at Oesterle Library, *North Central College*. Janet has her BA from Northern Illinois University and her MLS from Dominican University. She has worked previously at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Loyola University School of Law, and MINITEX.

Heather Stecklein recently assumed the position of Librarian/Archivist at *Rush University Medical Center*. She previously served as an archival consultant at the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston, and she has worked with the Iowa Women's Archives, the Loras College Archives, and the Illinois Regional Archives Depository. She received an MA in Historical Administration from Eastern Illinois University, and an MA in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa. She is currently completing her Ph.D. in U.S. History at Loyola University, Chicago.



The new Information Delivery Services Librarian at *Northern Illinois University* is **Sarah McHone-Chase**. Sarah received her MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her MA in English from Illinois State University.

James Huesmann, formerly Dean of Libraries at *Western Illinois University*, has been named Dean of Libraries at the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Sherrill Weaver takes on the Chair of Library Services at *Oakton Community College*. Her BA and MA in English are from Northern Michigan University. She earned her MLS and SpLIS degrees from Indiana University, and has an Ed.D. in Adult and Continuing Education from National-Louis University. *Oakton Community College* also welcomes **Julia Frass**, Associate Professor of Library Services. Julia received her BA in Art History and MA in Library Science from the University of Missouri and her MA in Adult Education from National-Louis University.

Joan Schuitema, Catalog Librarian and Assistant Clinical Professor, has been head of cataloging at *University of Illinois—Chicago* since last spring.

And a new Ph.D. in Educational Administration/Higher Education from SIU Carbondale (Dissertation title: The Teaching of Information Literacy by Public Community College Librarians in the United States) for **Jan Zuke**. Jan is Librarian at the Granite City Campus of *Southwestern Illinois College*.

**Don't miss your chance to meet new colleagues at the
IACRL Spring Conference!
March 29-31, 2006**

CARLI ANNOUNCES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Matthew Paris and Ann Riley, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

In 2005 Illinois academic librarians traded in their old "alphabet soup" of organizations (IDAL, ILCSO, ICCMP) for a single, overarching consortium, CARLI. In January of this year CARLI announced the selection of its first Assistant Vice President and Executive Director, Susan Singleton. Singleton will launch and direct operations of CARLI and oversee an annual budget of over \$5.27 million and a staff of 25 employees.

Singleton was selected after a national search and a series of intensive interviews with CARLI Board members, CARLI managers and staff and University of Illinois administrators. She previously served as the Director of the Center for Library Initiatives at the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC). At CIC Singleton oversaw numerous projects focused on collaborative activities between the 13 largest academic libraries in the Midwest. Singleton's career has included work in all types of academic libraries including 10 years as the Executive Director of the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC). Just a few days before ALA Midwinter, the new Executive Director of CARLI graciously agreed to answer a few questions we put to her. Singleton will be addressing issues and plans concerning CARLI at the IACRL Preconference on March 29, 2006 at Bloomington, Illinois.

TEN QUESTIONS FOR SUSAN SINGLETON

1. *What aspects of your experience with other networks do you think will be the most useful for your new position with CARLI?*

There are several things that I think will be useful. At the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) we had hundreds of member libraries that included all levels of institutional services: academic, public, corporate and a few schools. That gave me great experience responding to the diverse needs and varying levels of participation in the consortiums services. It taught me, among other things, that size and funding do not matter when it comes to the commitment of librarians to serving their users.

At the CIC I had the opportunity to work with the largest research libraries in the Midwest. That experience provided a valuable lesson in how to harness the expertise and resources of those libraries for collaborative projects. Each of these consortia was funded differently. MLNC was entirely self-supporting and funded by member libraries. The CIC Center for Library Initiatives received the majority of its funding from the CIC provosts and the rest from member library assessments. I think this experience with different funding and institutional models will be very helpful as CARLI moves forward.

2. *Do you have any personal goals for your role in CARLI?*

I hope to provide an effective and enthusiastic 'face' for CARLI. I want our members to take pride in their participation. I want to see a time when Illinois librarians think of CARLI and can't quite remember what the initials in IDAL, ILCSO, and ICCMP stood for.

3. *What would you like to see CARLI do in the next few years?*

I have a few things in mind. I would like to see more training, continuing education and consulting for our libraries. I would also like for CARLI to examine its role in negotiating with electronic publishers. For example, should we get contracts for as many products as we can even if the discounts are not big and the license terms are poor or should we be more activist and 'just say no' to publishers that have very restrictive terms. Of course, all of this is in addition to the many projects that CARLI currently has underway.

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4. *Are there any big challenges you see coming in the near future?*
The biggest things on our plate right now are: defining a membership structure, improving delivery, and finishing the merger. We need to continue hammering out the details that will reduce duplication, streamline the process for evaluating new products and services, and provide members with better timelines for delivery of those services.

5. *CARLI brings together a number of separate groups: any ideas on developing a shared viewpoint?*

This may take a while, but I believe a shared viewpoint can be developed. It will not come about magically but through a lot of listening, talking and acting.

6. *Will CARLI members be seeing you at any workshops or meetings soon?*

Here are the meetings I am scheduled to attend in the next couple of months. I'm sure more will be added.

2/3	ISCC
2/6	Meeting with Anne Craig and monthly thereafter
2/10	Bibliographers Meeting
2/16	ISLAC & ISL reception
2/21	CODSULI
2/24	IUAG Reference/Public Services forum
3/23	Alliance Library System
3/29	IACRL preconference
5/17	ILLINET OCLC Users Group

7. *Have you had the chance to visit many parts of Illinois?*

I'm familiar with several parts of the state because of travel or friends in the area. This spring and summer I hope to travel to all regions of the state and meet librarians at local meetings.

8. *What do you like to do in your spare time?*

At least for the next few months, the answer is 'decorate'. My house was remodeled this winter. The contractors are gone and I'm left with a lot of empty space and blank walls to fill.

9. *Libraries face a lot of issues at the moment, including so-called googlization and ever less literate students. What role do consortia like CARLI play in helping members meet these challenges?*

I consider myself a realist about these challenges. Libraries exist in a broader world where we have little control over the culture. The more we can do to educate libraries and each other about the patrons we serve and how they seek information, so much the better.

10. *Anything else you'd like to say to Illinois academic librarians?*

I am honored to be the first Executive Director of CARLI. There is much to do. I ask for your help and support as we start this new era of academic library collaboration in Illinois.

Come and meet Susan Singleton
at the IACRL Pre-Conference
Wednesday, March 29
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The **conference program** will include sessions on how Illinois academic libraries are using the latest technology—such as web conferencing, podcasting, and collection digitization—to improve and facilitate access. Other sessions will focus on a variety of approaches to information literacy and life-long learning. The conference offers best practices in getting the most out of technology to enhance core services, such as reference, reserves, interlibrary loan, and collection management. Check back with the conference link at the IACRL website (<http://servercc.oakton.edu/~iacrl>) to obtain the complete program list.

A **special conference event** is planned for the evening of March 30, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., at ISU's Ewing Cultural Center. A reception, to include wine tasting and hor d'oeuvres, will be held at Ewing Manor, a classic example of post-Victorian affluence designed by Bloomington architect Phil Hooten in the

An Evening with Library Vendors
Ewing Cultural Center
Thursday, March 30
6-8 PM

Channel-Norman style. Ewing Manor is located on the Sunset Hill estate of the late Hazel Buck Ewing, situated majestically in a wooded landscape at the northwest corner of Towanda Avenue and Emerson Street in Bloomington. The **Vendor Fair** will be held during the reception, and transportation will be provided to and from the conference hotel. (For more information on the Center, visit <http://www.ewingmanor.ilstu.edu/>, and consult the

IACRL website for a vendor information page.)

Closing the conference at noon on Friday will be **Ann Craig, Director of the Illinois State Library**. She will speak of her vision for the State Library, and provide an update on the budget.

The **registration deadline** for both the Pre-conference and the Main Conference is **March 15**. Early-bird registration, at \$90, is due by **February 28, 2006**, and thereafter the rate is \$100. A flat rate of \$75.00 is available for student registration, either before or after February 28. There is no charge for the Pre-conference, but registration (by March 15) is required. Registration fees include continental breakfast and lunch each day

The Chateau Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington has reserved a block of rooms at the rate of \$81.00 per night + tax. Contact the hotel directly by February 28, toll-free at 866-690-4006, and mention the code "ILCLIBGR" (all caps) to get the special rate. Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging reservations.

Bloomington offers a new vista to IACRL Spring Conference participants. The IACRL website will provide "Welcome to Bloomington Normal" information, with directions, restaurants, and activities in town for those contemplating the present, rather than the future.

You can **register now** with the enclosed Conference Registration Form, or register online at <http://www.ila.org/events>. Our students get a spring break—librarians need one too. We hope to see you in Bloomington.

See you in Bloomington!

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New Academic Reference Librarians Group Formed

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A new Chicago area Academic Reference Librarians group began meeting in May 2005. The three academic librarians who initiated the group were Margaret Power, Head of Reference at DePaul University; Paula Dempsey, Reference/Instruction Librarian, DePaul University; and Firouzeh (Fifi) Logan, University of Illinois at Chicago. They drew up a proposal and went to the Chicago Metropolitan Library System office for help from Kathryn Deiss, Director of Strategic Learning; and Veronda Pitchford, Director of Academic and Special Library Services. The result was the first meeting of the Academic Reference group in May at the Chicago office of the MLS.

The original proposal read: "We would like to propose that MLS sponsor a Chicago Academic Reference Librarians group. This group would allow area librarians to get to know one another and one another's organizations as they relate to reference. This would not only enhance public services at area reference departments, but also initiate discussions of service expectations and outcomes in our area."

The proposal itemized expectations such as ideas for programs would be drawn from suggestions of the librarians who attended the meetings. These programs might include peer training with subject experts from two or three institutions as presenters, works in progress with librarians presenting their research designs or preliminary findings on reference services research, discussion of Chicago reference issues, and topics initiated at the meetings. MLS would provide meeting space, promote the meetings on its website and include it in their mailings. This group would be likely to spark new ideas for research projects and provide opportunities for peer to peer collaboration among the reference librarians.

The first meeting in May had a good attendance of over 30 librarians and it was chiefly organizational. The second meeting in November, also well attended, centered on the topic of "Webfeat." Three librarians presented their ideas from their experience of using that federated search software at their libraries. The three speakers were: Sue Peacock, DePaul; Anne Armstrong, UIC, and Susan Augustine, Columbia. A lively discussion among the attendees followed.

The next meeting was planned for February or March 2006, exact date to be announced. The group brainstormed for topics for future meetings and included: A discussion of the article: "The Anxiety of Learning" found in *Harvard Business Review*, March 2002, Vol. 80, Issue 3, p.100-1006; Report on gaming; Instruction to special groups (i.e., grad students); Using blogs and wikis in reference.

The Steering Committee will consist of a Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary. Appointments are for 1-3 years; each Steering Committee member will rotate up to the next position annually. The first set of officers will be Chair Sue Peacock, now of Columbia College; Vice Chair, Sue Shultz, DePaul; and Krystal Lewis, UIC as Secretary. If you wish to have your name added to the notification list please send an email to Yvonne Riley at MLS [rileyY@mls.lib.il.us] and Krystal Lewis [kmlewis1@uic.edu].

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In Memoriam: Dr. Chuck Hale, Former IACRL President

Dr. Charles E. Hale, 67, died January 29, 2006. A well-known Illinois academic library leader, Dr. Hale held many national and statewide offices and was the recipient of numerous awards. A former Captain in the U.S. Air Force, he received his Ph.D. from Indiana University and served as Director of Millikin University's Staley Library for almost twenty-four years. He served as a member of the Illinois Library Association Executive Board, President of the Illinois Association of College and Research Libraries, and Rolling Prairie Library System (RPLS) Board of Trustees.

In 1991 Dr. Hale received the IACRL "Academic Librarian of the Year" award. He was also the recipient of ILA's Hugh Atkinson Memorial Award and the RPLS Life-time Achievement Award. In 2003, Dr. Hale was named a member of Millikin University's "Medallion Society" and recognized as one of 100 living people who had an extraordinary impact upon the University since its founding in 1901. Memorial gifts may be made to the Staley Library at Millikin University.

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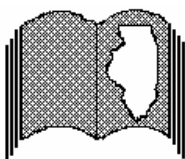
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