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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Karen Topham

NJLA CUS/NJ ACRL Chapter President

Spring Break is almost over. This feels very much like the groundhog seeing its shadow. There are only a half dozen weeks left in this semester; it's time to begin wrapping up projects and teaching. It's also time to look ahead and to learn new skills, to prep for the next academic year. NJLA Annual is around the corner and ALA Annual is not too far behind. What great venues in which to learn! These conferences help us to extend our missions to teach, to research, to share.

Teaching—researching—sharing. These seem to be at the core of academic librarianship and central to what our section—our chapter—has been focused. Once again we co-sponsored the annual VALE ACRL-NJ Conference. Our theme, “Mission Possible: Partnering for Change,” brought together many ways that academic librarians partner with content faculty, staff, school librarians, special librarians, and public librarians to build student success and strengthen our own abilities. Sometimes we forget that this is really what we do day-to-day. It's good to shine the spotlight on our partnerships. It helps us to find more of them. For many presenters, VALE is a steppingstone toward deeper research. Some examples of programs that began at VALE will be found at the NJLA Annual Conference. (Please see a preview of these academic offerings in this newsletter.)

Our User Education Committee drafted an important statement on the inclusion of in-

formation literacy as a distinct competency, separate from technological competency, for our students moving from two-year to senior colleges and universities. The statement was endorsed by our Executive Board and by the NJLA Executive Board. It has now been forwarded to the Chair of the Academic Officers Association's General Education Committee for consideration as they work out the thorny issues of general education and transfer across the State.

Our Research Committee continues to search for innovative research publications. They have selected this year's award recipients, but it is not too late to begin thinking about next year. Remember, colleagues, publishing does not happen only in paper these days. Are there research articles you have published in e-journals? Through websites? Please consider sharing your research with your association.

Our Technologies Committee works to bring innovations to all of our libraries through the groundbreaking work of many of our colleagues. I am looking forward to hearing and seeing the work of our tech winners at NJLA Annual.

We have so many bright, innovative folks in our profession! Please share what you are doing--trying different teaching strategies, developing new technologies, engaging in new research.

It's been my privilege to serve as your President and to meet and work with so many of you. I thank you for a great year!

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Julie Maginn
NJLA CUS/NJ ACRL
Newsletter Editor

As usual, the spring issue is full of handy information about the NJLA Annual Conference. The section is sponsoring nine programs as well as the poster session, "The Way We Were: 60 Years Ago at NJLA College and University Section Libraries." Please stop by to see all the wonderful pictures from the past.

Additional highlights in the newsletter include an article about the recent issue of *The Journal of the Rutgers University Libraries*; award winners; ACRL's new chat service; and a list of some interesting library-oriented blogs and listservs.

For future newsletters, please feel free to submit articles, updates about your library's special projects, personal experiences, and announcements regarding employees and their contributions. If you are interested in serving on the Newsletter Committee, please contact me at 908-526-1200 ext. 8303, or you can email me at jmaginn@raritanval.edu.

Julie Maginn
Newsletter Editor



IMPORTANT NJKI UPDATE

The original NJKI ended on February 28, 2008, due to a shortfall in state funding despite a massive effort on behalf of the library and business community to advocate for a restoration of funds. The program is now budgeted for \$2 million in FY 2009, which will most likely mean cutbacks in terms of the number of vendors, the number of databases and/or the number of customers the program can serve. Norma Blake, State Librarian, and others will be participating in a meeting arranged by the Governor's Office with agencies that may have both an interest in this initiative and funding to contribute. This meeting is scheduled for April 22. The NJKI Task Force will be asked to meet after this date and another update to the field will be sent after that meeting.

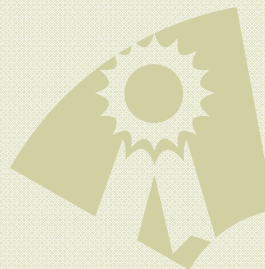
Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer, MSLS
Associate State Librarian for Library Development
New Jersey State Library



The **Research Committee** wants to encourage all NJ librarians to consider submitting their electronic publications for the annual research award. What is an electronic publication? It comes in many forms, including:

- Electronic versions of print; extensions of print and posted as e-versions of journals, newsletters, or books.
- All forms of digital publishing (exclusively electronic); published online as e-books, e-zines, or e-journals.
- Websites that publish research results from government, professional organizations, colleges, or university presses.
- Specialized communications on the Internet such as blogs, wiki's, discussion groups, and author websites.
- Multimedia presentations such as CD ROM videos.
- Resource sets such as online databases or standalone software.

Visit the NJLA CUS/ACRL NJ Research Committee website at <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/ResComm?ResComm.html> or call the Chair, Mark Thompson, at Bergen Community College, 201-447-7447.



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FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Drew University

- **Christopher Anderson**, Methodist Librarian, published a review of *The Encyclopedia of Religious Revivals in America*, edited by Michael McClymond, for the *International Bulletin of Missionary Research* 31:4, Oct. 2007.
- **James Farrugia** Systems and Electronic Resources Librarian, was awarded a Ph.D. in Spatial Information Science and Engineering from the University of Maine in May 2007, with a dissertation entitled *Semantic Interoperability of Geospatial Ontologies: a Model-Theoretic Analysis*.
- **Beth Patterson** Reference and Government Documents Librarian, is serving as Chair of DANJ, the Documents Association of New Jersey, for the academic year 2007/08.
- **Ernest Rubinstein** Theological Librarian, published *Religion and the Muse: the Vexed Relation between Religion and Western Literature* (SUNY Press, 2007).
- **Andrew Scrimgeour**, Dean of Libraries, was reelected Vice Chair of the Executive Committee of VALE. Andrew also edited *Just Call Me Bob: the Wit and Wisdom of Robert W. Funk* (Polebridge Press, 2007). Funk, a leading New Testament scholar of the second half of the twentieth century, began his career at Drew.
- **Elise Zappas** Humanities and Theological Cataloger, was awarded an M.A. in English Literature from Drew University's Caspersen School of Graduate Studies in May 2007.

Monmouth University

- **Eleonora Dubicki**, Assistant Librarian, authored a chapter, "Statistics Drive Marketing Efforts" in *Usage Statistics of E-Serials* (Haworth Press, 2007). It was co-published simultaneously in *The Serials Librarian*, Volume 53, Supplement Number 9, 2007. Eleonora also edited a book, *Marketing and Promoting Electronic Resources: Creating the E-Buzz!* (Haworth in 2008). Co-published simultaneously in *The Serials Librarian* 53:3, 2007. Eleonora wrote the Introduction and a chapter, "Basic Marketing and

Promotion Concepts." **Mark Thompson** and **Lynn Schott** from **Bergen Community College** have also contributed a chapter to the book, "Marketing to Community College Users." Finally, Eleonora's Captivate tutorial, "Journal Locator" has been selected for inclusion in ACRL's PRIMO (Peer Reviewed Instructional Materials Online) database.

- **Ma Lei Hsieh**, Assistant Librarian, and **Hugh Holden**, Coordinator for Off-Campus User Services at Piedmont College in Georgia had their article, "The State of Wireless Laptop Lending Programs: A Survey of Academic Libraries," published during 2007 in *Library Hi Tech* 25:2, pages 260-275. An additional paper they authored, "A University Library Laptop Lending Service: An Analysis Using Two Student Surveys" has been accepted by *Library High Tech* and will be published in the third issue in 2008.

Also, Mai Lei will co-present "Assess the Mess: From Immediate Feedback to Summative Assessment" with two other librarians at the annual conference. In addition, she was a speaker for the breakout session "Creating Chaos in Your Instruction: Experiments in Active Learning" at the VALE/NJLA CUS—NJ ACRL Conference in January. She also moderated a lunch table discussion: "Getting Students Involved during Library Instruction," during the conference.

Finally, Ma Lei will participate in the Global Understanding Convention (GUC) and speak as a panelist in "2008 Olympics—A Crossroads for China—Panel Discussion" on April 9th at Monmouth University. She will prepare for a book exhibition on China in the Library during the GUC Week.

Montclair State University

- **Mary Mallery**, Associate Dean for Technical Services, wrote the article, "Tales of Technology Innovation Gone Wrong" published in *Computers in Libraries* 28:4, April 2008.

New Jersey City University

- **Judy Jeng** is serving as the evaluation consultant for NJVid, a new digital video library. Judy has previously evaluated Rutgers University Libraries and Queens College Library (as part of her doctoral study), the Moving Image Collections, and the New Jersey Digital Highway.

New Jersey Institute of Technology

- **Andrea Spender** joined NJIT library as our new Reference Librarian and Liaison for the Math and Physics Departments and the School of Management in January 2008. Prior to joining NJIT Andrea was a Senior Research Analyst at McKinsey & Company and the Boston Consulting Group, two leading strategic consulting firms. She has also worked as an Information Specialist in the Mergers and Acquisitions Library at BMO Nesbitt Burns (a major Canadian investment bank) and the Wireless Development Center of Nortel Networks.



Raritan Valley Community College

- **Megan Dempsey** joined the library in December 2007 as the new Reference/Instruction Librarian. A recent MLS graduate of Long Island University, Megan previously worked as a part-time Reference Librarian at Montclair State University.
- **Julie Maginn**, Access Services Librarian, has been granted tenure. Julie began working at the library in 2004 and is currently pursuing a M.A. in Leadership and Public Administration at Centenary College.

Rider University

- **Diane Campbell** and **Pat Dawson** co-wrote a paper published in *The Progressive Librarian* (Summer 2007, Issue 29, pp. 8-17): "Cataloging the Path to a New Dark Age: A Taxonomy of the Bush Administration's Pervasive Crusade against Scientific Communication."
- **Pat Dawson** also presented a poster session at the January 9, 2008 annual VALE Conference: "Waste Not, Want Not: Partnering for Resource Waste Reduction at Rider University's Libraries."

Rutgers University

- **Benjamin R. Beede**, Librarian Emeritus, the Rutgers University Libraries, was recently informed that his manuscript, "The Roles of Paramilitary and Militarized Police" has been accepted by the *Journal of Political and Military Sociology* for its next issue.

Seton Hall University

- **Marta Mestrovic Deyrup** was appointed a visiting fellow at Columbia University (2008-2009) and is the editor of a forthcoming book, *Digital Scholarship*, published by Haworth Press.



AROUND THE STATE

Drew University

- Drew University and Africa University (a United Methodist Church-related institution in Zimbabwe) received a grant from the International Collaboration Committee of the American Theological Library Association. The award will fund the exchange of digitized and photocopied documents from the 19th and early 20th centuries. Both universities will gain primary resources related to the history of missionary work in Africa.

Rutgers University

- The Rutgers University Libraries continue to impress prominent federal agencies. In order to advance such projects as the New Jersey Digital Highway and the Moving Images Collections (MIC), the Libraries created a sophisticated software program called the Workflow Management System. The Library of Congress recognized the merits of the Workflow Management System as a "next generation" information management tool and granted the Libraries \$145,000 to tailor the Workflow management System for MIC. The Workflow Management System has enabled the Libraries to make other contributions to the fields of inquiry, scholarship, and intellectual growth outside Rutgers as well. The Libraries will be moving the Workflow Management System into the open source software community to benefit other libraries and digital consortia. They have announced plans to collaborate with Northwestern University, Penn State, Princeton University and Virginia Tech. For more information and complete details, please visit http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/news/07/07_mic.shtml.

A STUDIED LOOK AT SOME OF THE LIBRARIES' RARE TREASURES, IN THE JOURNAL OF THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Scholars of politics, history, linguistics, pharmacy, and medicine may all find some unusual and delightful surprises in the new issue of the Journal of the Rutgers University Libraries.

The Journal of the Rutgers University Libraries is an annual publication of the Libraries that publishes scholarly articles based on the holdings of the Rutgers University Libraries, with particular focus on the resources in Special Collections and University Archives. The Journal supports inquiry and investigation of topics that examine the history of New Jersey, Rutgers University, prominent political or social leaders, and/or libraries, books, or printing. Robert G. Sewell, Associate University Librarian for Collection Development and Management at the Rutgers University Libraries, serves as editor of the Journal.

The 2007 issue of the Journal offers an in-depth look at four topics of scholarly interest, two related to the history of the book and two related to the history of medicine;

- An article by Karl Morrison, the Lessing Professor of History and Poetics in the Department of History in Rutgers-New Brunswick, highlights the book genre of Festival Books – elaborate publications, many with rich illustrations, published in early modern Europe to celebrate milestones in the lives of royalty, nobility, and church elites. Rutgers' Special Collections holds a growing collection of Festival Books.
- A transcript of the February 2007 public lecture by Rutgers-Newark History Professor Jack Lynch, presented at the opening of the Libraries' exhibition of the Edward Bloustein Dictionary Collection. Professor Lynch's spirited address offered a humorous and illuminating chronicle of the battles between early English lexicographers as they sought to advance their craft and differentiate their wares from their bitter competitor's works.



Illustration of the temporary procession area built to celebrate the return of William III to Holland, after his coronation in 1690. Image from the *Festival Book*, published in Amsterdam in 1691. This image, and others, accompanies the article by Professor Morrison in the 2007 issue of the Journal of the Rutgers University Libraries.

- A personal essay by Professor David Cowen, an internally renowned scholar on the history of pharmacy (now deceased), on the stories that accompany some of the rare volumes in his collection. Professor Cowen's notable collection of publications on pharmacy's history was donated to the Rutgers University Libraries after his passing in April 2006.
- An investigation by Sandra Moss, a retired MD and current Rutgers history department graduate student, on the 'medical topography' practices of 19th century New Jersey physicians – wherein they correlated illnesses with the geographical features and weather conditions of specific areas. Such practices were a common feature of public health studies and epidemiological research in that era.

The new issue of the Journal of the Rutgers University Libraries, soon to be mailed to subscribers, is available now as open-access journal. Copies of the four articles described above, including all accompanying illustrations, as well as the journal editor's preface can be viewed at: <http://jrul.libraries.rutgers.edu/index.php/jrul/issue/view/30/showToc>.

Inquiries about the Journal, including subscription requests and submissions of articles for consideration, should be addressed via email to Journal editor Robert G. Sewell at rgsewell@rci.rutgers.edu.

COMMITTEE NEWS

Research Committee

This year's Research Award, again sponsored by Seton Hall University, goes to co-authors Ma Lei Hsieh, Assistant Librarian at Monmouth University Library, and Hugh Holden, Coordinator for Off-Campus User Services at Piedmont College. Their article, "The State of Wireless Laptop Lending Programs: A Survey of Academic Libraries," was published during 2007 in *Library Hi Tech* 25:2, pages 260-275. The Research Award will be presented during the 2008 NJLA Annual Conference.

This year's Research Forum winners will present their research projects at the NJLA Annual Conference on May 1, 2008. This year the three winners are: Xiaoli Shirley Fang (Distance Learning Librarian at New Jersey City University) for her project: "Library Program via WebCT: A Case of Macro-Level Integrating Library into Source Management System;" Dr. Judy Jeng (Head of Collection Services at New Jersey City University) for her project: "Usefulness Evaluation of the New Jersey Digital Highway;" and co-researchers, Catherine Ryan (Reference Librarian) and Elizabeth Patterson (Reference and Government Documents Librarian) both from Drew University for their project: "Assessing a First Year Information Literacy Program at an Academic Institution: Intended and Unintended Consequences."

Technology Committee

The Technology Committee would like to announce that the 2008 Technology Innovation Award will be presented to Mei Ling Lo and Choong Hoong Liew from the Rutgers University Libraries for their project, "The Rutgers Library Toolbar." Based on LibX, a web browser add-on based on open-source technology created at Virginia Tech, this toolbar application is being piloted at Rutgers University Libraries with the hopes of shifting the burden of navigating a complex web site to find resources and links, away from the user.

User Education Committee

In addition to planning conference sessions for both the VALE User's Conference and NJLA, the User Education Committee has been focusing on active learning methods, discussing the use of clickers and the Cephalonian method in the classroom, as well as the roles of instructional librarians in advancing information literacy on college campuses, as well as making recommendations regarding the NJ Community College General Education Guidelines for Information Literacy. For more details about the committee, please contact committee chair, Theo Haynes at (856) 225-2838 or haynes@camden.rutgers.edu.

ACRL NEWS



ACRL OnPoint

ACRL OnPoint is a live series of informal monthly chat sessions that provide the opportunity to connect with colleagues and experts to discuss an issue of the day in academic and research librarianship. All ACRL OnPoint chats are free and open to the public. Sessions are unmoderated, 30-45 minutes in length and take place in a Meebo chat room. Upcoming chat sessions include Section 108 Study Group Report in April, Green Libraries in May, and ACRL 101 in June. For more details and links to the chat log archives visit, <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/OnPoint/onpoint.cfm>.



ACRL Invites Applications for New Immersion Assessment Track

ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy (IIL) is pleased to announce a new addition to its popular Immersion program. *Assessment Immersion Track: Assessment in Practice* is intended for librarians active in teaching and learning and those with leadership roles for information literacy program development who want to improve their knowledge and practice of both classroom and program assessment.

Complete details about the program, including learning outcomes, are available at: <http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/acrlinfolit/professactivity/iil/immersion/assessmentimmersion.cfm>. Application deadline is June 2, 2008.

Registration Open for ACRL/LAMA Joint Spring Virtual Institute

Registration continues for the ACRL/LAMA Joint Spring Virtual Institute, "Leading from the Middle: Managing in All Directions." The Virtual Institute will be held April 29-30, 2008 and feature live, interactive webcasts and asynchronous online poster sessions. Programs will address issues of management and leadership, including developing library professionals, inspiring change, interim appointments, library 2.0 transformation, innovation and more. Complete descriptions of the institute programs and learning outcomes are online at: <http://www.acrl.org/ala/acrl/acrlvents/springvirtualinstitute.cfm>. Registration deadline is April 21, 2008.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8, 2008 **5:00 p.m.**
Tracking History in the Making:
The Research Value of Political Papers
A Talk by Professor James A. Wooten
The Louis Faugères Bishop III Lecture

To prepare *The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974: A Political History*, which traces the development and passage of a law that affects tens of millions of workers, author James Wooten drew upon many archives, including the papers of U.S. Senator Harrison A. Williams Jr. in Special Collections and University Archives. In this lecture Professor Wooten of the University at Buffalo Law School, State University of New York, will discuss the research value of political papers and their impact on scholarship in law, history, political science, and public policy.

The lecture will be in the Scholarly Communication Center in the Alexander Library at **Rutgers University**. To RSVP, call 732-932-7505, or send email to events@rci.rutgers.edu.



President Gerald Ford signs the Employment Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), Labor Day 1974. Photo credit: The White House, official photograph. Source of photo: The Harrison A. Williams Jr. Papers, Special Collections and University Libraries, Rutgers University Libraries.

April 10, 2008: **5:00 p.m.**
Panel Discussion: The Transformation of New Jersey Farms: Perspectives from the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station

The panel discussion will be held in the Pane Room of Alexander Library at **Rutgers University**. Speakers include Professor Emeritus William Roberts of Agricultural Engineering, Professor Emeritus Morris Fabian of Agricultural Engineering, Professor Emeritus Charles Holmes, Mercer County Senior Agent, Professor Emeritus Warner Thurlow, Middlesex

County Senior Agent, and moderator, Mark Robson, Director of the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station.

This program is part of the spring 2008 exhibition in the Special Collections galleries in Alexander Library, "Garden State Harvest: New Jersey's Agricultural Heritage. The exhibition also includes an orange combine from the NJ Museum of Agriculture, sitting on the library's front lawn!



April 22, 2008 **10:00 a.m. to Noon**
The VALE Last Copy Program Workshop

Members of the VALE Last Copy Pilot Project and Scherelene Schatz from the Library Development Bureau will give a hands-on workshop and walk you through the procedures for indentifying and cataloging last copy items in your circulating collections and entering them into the VALE Last Copy Collection of the JerseyCat Union Catalog.

The workshop will be held in the Scholarly Communication Center in the Alexander Library at **Rutgers University**. Please inform Mary Mallery, Chair of the VALE Cooperative Collection Management Committee and Associate Dean for Technical Services at Montclair State University (973-655-7150 or email, mallerym@mail.montclair.edu) if you plan on attending.

April 24-26, 2008
Italians in America, An International Conference

Fran Kaufmann, past president of the Chapter will be presenting a paper, *Unlocking My Italian-American History: Reading Pietro Di Donato and Richard Gambino* at the conference. The conference is sponsored by the John D. Calandra Institute of Queens College and will be held in Manhattan. Ms. Kaufmann is honored to be among scholars from North and South America who have been selected to present. The conference will result in a publication of refereed essays from the papers delivered.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS AT THE NJLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

What if a University Library Lent Laptops and Nobody Came? A Analysis Using Three Surveys
Ma Lei Hsieh (Monmouth University) and Hugh Holden (Piedmont College)

**Sponsored by
the NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ
Research Committee**

**Wednesday, April 30th
9:00-9:50am**

Technology Innovation Forum

The NJLA College and University Section Technology Innovation Award honors a librarian or group of librarians for innovative use and application of technology in a New Jersey academic library. The award may be given either in recognition of a specific project, or for ongoing delivery of innovative technology applications. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinguished leadership in developing new technologies for academic libraries.

**Sponsored by
the NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ
Technology Committee**

**Wednesday, April 30th
3:30-5:20am**

Tools for Engagement in Library Instruction

Eleonora Dubicki (Monmouth University), Jacqui DaCosta (The College of New Jersey), & moderator, Steven Chudnick (Brookdale Community College)

Active learning is a method of teaching which encourages students to participate extensively during instructional sessions. Student discovery is elicited and they are guided to apply the knowledge they gain to complete research assignments. This session will discuss several active learning tools which can be incorporated into library instruction to improve student engagement: small group discussion, role-playing, think-pair share, hands-on projects, games, and demonstrations. Results of student and faculty evaluations of active learning programs will also be presented.

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the NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ
User Education Committee**

**Thursday, May 1st
9:00-9:50am**

Second Life for the Academic Librarian

Steven M. Adams (Princeton University), Sister Anita Talar & Mary Balkin (Seton Hall University), & Craig Anderson (Kean University)

Panel Session on the uses of the Second Life virtual world online environment to deliver research and information literacy instruction services in three academic libraries in New Jersey.

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Technology Committee**

**Thursday, May 1st
9:00-9:50am**

CHAPTER PROGRAMS AT THE NJLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Assess the Mess: From Immediate Feedback to Summative Assessment

Ma Lei Hsieh (Monmouth University), Ellen Parker (Atlantic Cape Community College), Lynee Richel (County College of Morris), & moderator, Ruth Hamann (Passaic County Community College)

We will review some information literacy assessment tools, including clickers, pre-test/post-tests and standardized tests. Participants will be able to use clickers during this hands-on demonstration.

**Sponsored by
the NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ
User Education Committee**

**Thursday, May 1st
11:30am-12:20pm**

Blogging, RSS & Academic Libraries—Applications & Technology *Denise O'Shea (Fairleigh Dickinson University)*

Are you looking for a more effective way to communicate within your library, and with your library patrons? This presentation starts with an overview of blogging in academic libraries. It uses real world examples from academic libraries to illustrate applications and best practices, and wraps up with a discussion of RSS—what it is and its use in the academic environment.

**Sponsored by
the NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ
Technology Committee**

**Thursday, May 1st
11:30am-12:20pm**

College and University Section/ACRL-NJ Chapter Luncheon

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Jay K. Lucker

Celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Section with an historical look at New Jersey's academic libraries and with a special presentation on how we might engineer our libraries for the 21st century.

**Sponsored by
the NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ**

**Thursday, May 1st
12:30-2:30pm**

Research Forum

This program includes a presentation by the annual Research Award winner, given to a New Jersey librarian for the best published research in the previous calendar year. The forum also includes presentations given by New Jersey librarians on their current research efforts. These presentations are selected on a competitive basis by members of the Research Committee.

**Sponsored by
the NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ
Research Committee**

**Thursday, May 1st
2:30-4:20pm**

Scriblio Solution for Improving the Library OPAC *Casey Bisson, Information Architect, Plymouth State University*

**Sponsored by
the NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ and
Technical Services Section**

**Thursday, May 1st
2:30-3:20pm**

BLOGS & LISTSERVS GALORE!

Do you know about the following???

ACRLog: the official blog of ACRL aims to discuss the issues of the day in the field of academic librarianship.

<http://www.acrlblog.org/>

New Jersey Academic Librarian: the blog was created by TCNJ librarian, Marc Meola, for sharing information among New Jersey librarians.

<http://njacademiclibrarian.blogspot.com/>

Blake's Blog: update from the State Librarian.

<http://www.njstatelib.org/blakesblog/>

Central Jersey Academic Reference Librarians' Blog: an informal forum for the discussion of practical issues affecting academic reference librarians.

<http://cjarl.blogspot.com/>

NJLA Blog

<http://blog.njla.org>

Confessions of a Mad Librarian: Owned and maintained by Eli Edwards, this was cited as one of the new weblogs to watch by Frederick Emrich at *commons-blog*.

<http://edwards.orcas.net/~misseli/blog/>

The Handheld Librarian: A collaborative weblog concerned with "handheld computer news, ideas, and opinions from librarians and others interested in libraries."

<http://www.handheldlib.blogspot.com/>

Beyond the Job: provides professional tips for librarians, including articles, job-hunting advice, professional development opportunities, and other news and ideas on how to further your library career. Compiled by the Library Job People, Sarah Johnson and Rachel Singer Gordon.

<http://www.beyondthejob.org/>

The Information Literacy Land of Confusion: Michael Lorenzen, Head of Reference Services, Park Library, Central Michigan University, has a blog "discussing library user education, library instruction, librarianship, information literacy, and search engines."

<http://lorenzen.blogspot.com/>

Do you know about the following???

ACRL Update: designed to keep you informed about ACRL initiatives, professional development opportunities, publications, and other items of interest in the academic and higher education community.

To subscribe visit:

<http://lists.ala.org/www/info/acrlupdate>

Scholarly Communication: a forum for the examination and analysis of topics associated with scholarly information and scholarly publishing.

To subscribe visit:

<http://lists.ala.org/www/info/scholcomm>

ILI-L Information Literacy Instruction Listserv
Information Literacy Instruction List (continues BI-L)

To subscribe visit:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrlbucket/is/ilil.htm>

COLLIB-L The College Librarians List

Serves as a means of communication for the College Libraries Section of ACRL and for college librarianship in general.

To subscribe visit:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/collegelibraries/collibldisc/collibldiscussion.cfm>

DIGLIB

A discussion list for librarians, information scientists, and other information professionals to share information about the issues and technologies pertaining to the creation of digital libraries.

To subscribe visit:

<http://www.ifla.org/II/lists/diglib.htm>

LIBREF-L

Library Reference Issues

To subscribe visit:

<http://listserv.kent.edu/archives/libref-l.html>

NEWLIB-L

New Librarians Discussion List

To subscribe visit:

<http://www.lahacal.org/newlib/>

Visit

<http://www.librarysupportstaff.com/4subscribe.html>

for an extensive list of library listservs.

CONFERENCES

2008 NJLA CONFERENCE

“Valuing Libraries, Librarians and Library Staff”
Ocean Place Conference Center, Long Branch, NJ
April 29 - May 1, 2008



The 2008 NJLA conference is only a few weeks away. Keynote speakers include Sarah Vowell, acclaimed author, storyteller, essayist, actor and social commentator; and Lorlene Roy, 2007-2008 President of the ALA, professor in the School of Information at The University of Texas at Austin, and the first Native American president of

ALA. Also, visit the main conference webpage to learn about volunteer opportunities at the NJLA Store and the NJLA Registration Desk.

Complete details can be found at <http://www.njla.org/conference/2008/>.

Check out the conference wiki @: <http://njlaconference.pbwiki.com/>.

2008 ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA
June 26 - July 2, 2008



ACRL is offering 3 pre-conferences and 18 programs at the 2008 ALA Annual Conference. Topics to be covered include assessment, library instruction, conflict resolution, scholarly communication, virtual learning, and media literacy. Complete program information is available at [http://](http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlevents/acrlatannual.cfm)

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