ACRL Chapter Annual Report Form, 1998-1999

Chapter Name: Eastern New York Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries

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Chapter's Officers' terms begin in May 1998 and end in May 1999

Number of Chapter Members: 329

Please indicate your Chapter's status:

Independent- We have recently completed our incorporation process and the certificate of incorporation has been filed with the New York State Secretary of State, to become a not-for-profit incorporated body. When we receive confirmation of our incorporated status, we will notify ACRL.

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1. **How has the Chapter facilitated professional development activities?**

   We held two highly successful conferences this year. The Fall conference, held at Skidmore College, featured Marjorie Hodges Shaw as keynote speaker. She is the Policy Advisor to the Office of Information Technologies at Cornell University, and the Director of the Computer Policy and Law Program at Cornell. The conference drew approximately 130 participants. This Spring, we held a conference and annual business meeting, at SUNY Cortland. The conference drew approximately 100 registrants, including six students from library and information science graduates programs at Syracuse and Albany. In addition to the conferences, the Chapter awarded the second Janice Graham Newman Research Award to Holly Heller-Ross, a librarian at SUNY Plattsburgh. The chapter maintains, under the able supervision of Michael Engle from Cornell, an active chapter website (http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/acrl/) as well as a chapter listserv, managed by Melissa Jadlos, SUNY Binghamton (enyacr-l@bingvmb.cc.binghamton.edu)

2. **How has the Chapter influenced legislative activities regarding information policy or higher education at the state, regional, or national level?**

   Karen Ingeman, our Government Relations Committee Chair, keeps us apprised of legislative issues and continually exhorts chapter members to get active. In addition, the wrote a letter, on behalf of the Chapter, to the New York State Regents' Commission on Libraries. Our newly installed President of the Chapter, Teresa Ronning, Adirondack Community College/SUNY, is speaking at a Regents Commission hearing on libraries this June.

3. **How has the Chapter contributed to ACRL membership recruitment activities?**

   Our Membership Committee Chair, Jane Subramanian, and her hard-working committee members, contact chapter liaisons for each campus to continuously remind them of the need to recruit members to the chapter. They staff a table at each conference and supply information and membership forms at the table. They actively encourage library and information science students to join ENY/ACRL. We provide incentives for people to join at the time they register for the conference by providing them with members' rates to the conference if they join the chapter. We have been able to keep our dues very low and this also encourages prospective members to join. Our strongest recruitment tool for ACRL continues to be the high quality, low cost, and regional delivery of programs to our members, whose interest in ACRL results from positive experiences at the chapter level. We supply ACRL information at all of our conferences, provide a link to ACRL's website from our chapter website,

and regularly include information from ACRL in our chapter newsletter.

4. **Has the Chapter undertaken any special efforts this year?**

The process of incorporation was a special effort this year and the process is nearly complete. Increasing our chapter's membership continues to be an ongoing special effort each year and has been quite successful.

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