

# *Association of College & Research Libraries*

## **ACRL Chapter Annual Report**

**Chapter Name:**

Eastern New York Chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries, Inc. (ENY/ACRL, Inc.)

**Chapter President:**

Barbara Norelli, May 2000 - May 2001

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**Chapter's Officers' Terms begin in and end in:**

May to following May; terms begin immediately after the spring conference and end with the following spring conference

**Number of ACRL National Chapter Members:** 320 ENY/ACRL members

**Dates of meetings and programs in coming year:**

Fall conference: October 22, 2001 at University at Albany (SUNY)

Spring conference: May 2002, yet to be determined

*Please indicate your Chapter's status:*

**Independent**

Date of Incorporation: July /07/1999

**State in which Chapter is incorporated:** New York

Each ACRL unit is asked to address the following issues in order for ACRL to assess how it is making progress on the strategic plan. Please provide a short summary of the Chapter's activities for the following issues.

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

§ The Program Committee held two conferences during the 2000-2001 year-the 25th anniversary year of the Eastern NY Chapter of ACRL

§ LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY was the host of the ENY/ACRL spring conference on May 21, 2001 with 107 registrants. The program titled, "TOMORROW'S LIBRARIANS: YOU CAN GET THERE FROM HERE," featured 2 morning speakers, Althea Jenkins, Executive Director of ACRL, and Michael Gorman, Dean of Library Services, California State University, Fresno.

The afternoon session began with a panel discussion, "Different Paths, Different Perspectives, One Profession." The discussion included responses to the earlier presentations by Althea Jenkins and Michael Gorman and addressed issues such as appropriate training of future colleagues, recruiting qualified professionals, the role of library schools and professional organizations in the profession, and professional development paths throughout one's career.

§ The ENY/ACRL Fall 2000 conference at Hamilton College in Clinton, NY on October 2nd addressed the changing

nature of library collections in the digital age. The keynote address given by Paul Gherman of Vanderbilt University and guest speakers focused on the growth of electronic resources and their effects on both technical and public services staff and users. We had one of the highest attendances ever with 140 registrants present to hear about "The Changing Nature of Collections: Responses and Strategies." Following on the previous year's "call for papers," this conference included six poster sessions from a "call for posters."

§ ENY/ACRL Librarian of the Year award bestowed on Mary Jane Brustman, SUNY Albany, Dewey Graduate Library. She was presented with a plaque and an award of \$250 at the Spring Conference in recognition for a career marked by "constant growth and the taking on of new challenges".

§ The Janice Newkirk scholarship, \$500/each, was awarded to 2 deserving librarians at the Fall 2000 conference, Steve Black and Jerry Burke for their research and scholarship activities.

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

§ Karen Ingeman, Government Relations Chair, continues to alert members via the ENY-ACRL listserv to relevant legislative activities and informs members of appropriate means for voicing concerns.

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

§ Displayed information on ACRL at ENY-ACRL conferences.

§ Links to the ACRL web site from the ENY-ACRL web site.

§ Library school students are encouraged to attend conferences and join ENY-ACRL with discounted registration and membership fees.

§ ENY-ACRL membership is discounted for those members who also belong to ACRL.

§ Membership committee members contacted institution liaisons to encourage enrollment in ENY-ACRL and ACRL.

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

§ Commemorative magnets were distributed to the membership in celebration of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The magnets highlight our web site and listserv addresses.

§ Inspired by the Chapters Council presentation on chapter web sites we have begun a review and upgrade of the ENY/ACRL web site. A privacy policy and the chapter bylaws as well as a historical chart of all previous ENY/ACRL conferences have since been added to the site. We are looking at adding a conference report/selected proceedings section.

§ In order to provide more continuity in representation at the Chapters Council meetings, in March 2001 our Board approved a motion to support the Vice President, President, and/or Past President to attend these meetings.

§ The membership database was upgraded from FileMaker Pro version 2.0 to version 5.0, without incident.

Posted July 30, 2001 by Steve Black, Communications Chair

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