

## ACRL CHAPTER 1997-98 ANNUAL REPORT

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

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**Chapter's Officer's Terms** run from the end of one year's Spring Conference (May) to the end of the next year's Spring Conference.

**Number of Chapter Members:** 292

Please indicate your **Chapter's status:** Independent

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

The Eastern New York Chapter has continued its practice of delivering two, day long conferences each year for its members and other interested librarians. The executive council of the chapter has encouraged recent program committees to engage nationally known speakers whenever possible, and to use the Chapter treasury to cover costs which may exceed conference income, if necessary. The Chapter remains committed to providing the highest quality professional development programming possible to its members. '97/'98 conference information is as follows:

#### Fall 1997 Conference

Adirondack Community College  
"Books, Bytes, and Bailiwicks: Professional Ethics in the Academic Library"  
October 9, 1997  
81 Attendees

#### Spring 1998 Conference

Marist College  
"Full Speed Ahead: The Impact of Full-Text Databases"  
May 8, 1998  
99 Attendees

In addition to conferences, the Chapter, with a generous monetary gift from a former member's family in her memory, has established a research and professional development fund for its membership, the Janice Graham Newkirk Award. Details of the Chapter's first award from this fund are provided below in section #4. The Chapter also continued its tradition of recognizing excellence in librarianship among its membership through its annual Librarian of the Year award. The '97/'98 award was made during the Spring 1998 conference to Gillian McCombs, Assistant Director, Technical Services and Systems, University at Albany.

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

The Chapter's Government Relations Chair, an elected officer of the Chapter, became the official liaison to ACRL's LEGNET group, and began a regular process of excerpting LEGNET listserv information for distribution to members, primarily via the Chapter's newly established listserv.

The Government Relations Chair worked with library colleagues this year to send messages to state and federal legislators regarding copyright, telecommunications and intellectual property issues. At the state level, the Chair continued to participate in and seek support from Chapter members for the New York Library Association's annual Legislative Day in Albany, New York. At the regional level, the ENY/ACRL Government Relations Chair served this year as the Chair of the Legislative Committee of the Central New York Library Resources Council, and represented academic librarians in programs with local lawmakers.

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

ENY/ACRL continues to offer a reduced chapter membership fee (\$12 per year) for ACRL members, compared to the \$15 fee for non-ACRL members. Additionally, we regularly run articles and announcements on ACRL programs, Chapters Council activities, etc. in the Chapter's newsletter, on its listserv, and its website; provide ACRL members attending our conferences with ACRL ribbons for their nametags; sell ACRL promotional items at Chapter conferences; and utilize ACRL Speakers Bureau participants when eligible.

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

ENY/ACRL established a chapter listserv, enyacr-1, in 1997/98, which supplements our existing print newsletter and our chapter website.

ENY/ACRL also made its first cash award (\$500) from our professional development and research fund, the Janice Graham Newkirk Award. The presentation was made at the Chapter's Fall 1997 Conference to ENY/ACRL members Cheryl LaGuardia, Harvard University and Mary Cahill, Union College, for their research on the image of librarians.

Submitted by Lynne King

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