Eastern New York
ACRL Chapter

ACRL Chapter Annual Report 2004

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

Number of ACRL National Chapter Members:

Dates of meetings and programs in coming year:

Fall Conference on Assessment: October 18, 2004 at Vassar College. Spring Conference in May 2005 will be on the theme of bridging instruction from High School to the Freshman Year.

Board meetings: June 14, 2004, November 18, 2004, April 28, 2005.

Please indicate your Chapter's status:

Independent xx
Date of Incorporation: ____7___/_7____/___1999____ (founded in 1970s)

State in which Chapter is incorporated: ____NY__

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.

How has the Chapter facilitated professional development activities?

The Chapter held two conferences this past year.

Fall 2003 Conference at SUNY Institute of Technology in Utica, NY:

95 attendees enjoyed "2003: A (Library) Space Odyssey," held in October at SUNY/IT in Utica. Library Director Dan Schabert gave the keynote address on the planning and construction of the Cayman Library at SUNY/IT. The panel discussion on wireless libraries with Jeff Liles (SUNY/Geneseo), Pam McLaughlin (Syr. Univ.), and Ken Herrold (Hamilton College) was very well-received as well. To top off the day, we held the Great Coffee Café Conundrum which was a debate between Chan McKenzie (RIT) and Jean Mahalov of St. Rose. The program committee initiated poster sessions for the first time.

Spring 2004 Conference at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs:

James Neal of Columbia University made the keynote address at "Controlling Chaos: Harnessing Digital Collections," held on May 17, 2004. Prof. Deborah Lines Andersen spoke on the tenure and promotion process and how it is changing with electronic publishing. A panel representing large and small academic libraries and vendors (Nan Hyland, Cornell Univ.; Mike Poulin, Le Moyne College; and Sandy Hurd, Innovative Interfaces) discussed the ins and outs of federated searching. Nine poster sessions on all aspects of digital libraries and demonstrations of federated search products by vendors.rounded out the program.

The Janice Graham Newkirk Research Award of $500 was presented to Jane Kessler, Linda Loeser, Mary Van Ullen, University at Albany Libraries for their a comparative study of online and pc-based software programs that create bibliographies.

The ENY/ACRL Librarian of the Year Award was conferred on Jane Subramanian, SUNY Potsdam. She was presented with a plaque and an award of $250 at the spring conference in recognition of her dedication to ENY/ACRL, and her publications in the professional literature.

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

The new Government Relations Chair on the Executive Council is Gretchen Lieb of Vassar College. She will continue the work started by Michael Matis of creating a web page under the Chapter's main page on legislative issues.

How has the Chapter contributed to ACRL membership recruitment activities?

Displayed information on ACRL at ENY/ACRL conferences

Continued to provide links to the ACRL web site from the ENY/ACRL web site.

Encouraged library school students to attend ENY/ACRL conferences and join ENY/ACRL by offering discounted registration and membership fees.

Discounted ENY/ACRL membership fees for those who also belong to ACRL.

Encouraged membership in ENY/ACRL and ACRL by having the ENY/ACRL Membership Committee contact institutional liaisons to solicit new members.

Has the Chapter undertaken any special efforts this year?

The Chapter lowered its conference registration fee for its most recent conference to encourage attendance at a time when college and university travel money is tight.

The vendor support process was revised with the creation of a subcommittee of three librarians from the conference program committee. This team created a presence on the Chapter's web page and revised the levels of vendor support.

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