

ACRL leadership opportunities

Get involved in your association

Now is a good time to increase your involvement in ACRL by volunteering to serve on a division or section committee. Vice-president Mary L. Reichel invites all ACRL members to contact the Appointments Committee about serving on one of ACRL's 24 committees for next year. Members may also contact one of the section vice-chairs regarding service on one of the many section committees.

Committee members help shape the organization by implementing its strategic plan (available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/stratpla.html>), reshaping the association, and influencing the direction of academic and research librarianship.

You benefit by volunteering

Volunteers not only give to the association, they get back from the association:

- Build ties with academic and research librarians around the country.
- Enhance your leadership abilities through consensus building and persuasion.
- Share your expertise with colleagues.
- Gain additional expertise—learn more about a new area of academic librarianship or pick up new ideas for your current area.

Appointments: The process

Appointments are made at both the section and division levels. The ACRL vice president is responsible for the committee appointments at the division level for the year he or she serves as president. Likewise, section vice chairs are responsible for committee appointments in their respective sections the year they serve as chair. Committee slates are usually completed shortly after the Midwinter

Meeting during the year in which the individual serves as president-elect or chair-elect. The ACRL Appointments Committee assists the president-elect in this process in an advisory capacity.



Meet new people when you staff the ACRL Booth. Here Lois Cherepon (right) greets Lenora Lockett (left).

Factors influencing appointment

Although the em-

phasis in the appointment process may vary from year to year according to the prerogatives of the president-elect and section chairs, the same factors are considered. They include:

- **Evidence of potential committee member's interest.** Have you attended the meetings and introduced yourself to the chair? Do you have previous experience that relates to the work of the committee? Have you indicated your interest on the volunteer form?
- **Demographics and composition of committee.** A balance is sought with respect to type of library (community college, col-



Members work together to solve common problems.

lege, or university), geographic representation, ethnic diversity, and gender.

• **The recommendation of the current committee chair.** Current committee chairs are asked to suggest potential members. Although all of these factors are considered, the final appointments are the prerogative of the ACRL president-elect and the section chair-elects.

How to apply

1) Select the committees that interest you. The *ALA Handbook of Organization* lists all of ACRL's committees and their charges. (*Ed. note:* The *Handbook* is published as a special issue of *American Libraries* and will automatically be mailed to all ALA members in mid-November.) Attend the committee's meetings at the Mid-winter Meeting and Annual Conference to help you decide if those are the activities that interest you.

2) Introduce yourself. Talk with committee members. Express your interest to the committee chair. Explain how you might contribute to the work of the committee.

3) Submit a volunteer form. Complete the volunteer form included with this article. (*Ed. note:* This form is also available on ACRL's homepage at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.policy/apxafrms.html>.)

Be sure to cover all of the items asked for in the background information section of the form. If you have attended committee meetings or programs, mention that. Fill out one form for ACRL division committees and a different form for each ACRL section you volunteer to serve on. Send the ACRL committee volunteer form to Susana Hinojosa at the

address on the bottom of the volunteer form; send the section volunteer forms to the appropriate section chair-elects (see list of addresses below).

4) Volunteer again . . . and again. If you are not successful in being appointed one year, volunteer again the next year . . . and the next. Remember that a multitude of factors—number of appointments made, number of volunteers for each committee, number of volunteers from your type of library or your geographic area—determine the actual appointment, and these factors change from year to year.

ACRL section appointments

ACRL has 17 sections (listed below). You will find a description of their areas of responsibility in the *ALA Handbook of Organization, 2000–2001*. The chair-elect of a section appoints the chair and members of all section committees. Most of these appointments are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference.

If you would like to be considered for appointment as a chair or member of a section committee, fill out the ACRL Section Committee Volunteer Form and mail it to the chair-elect of the appropriate section listed below before December 4, 2000.

African American Studies Librarians Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Carol A. Rudisell, Librarian, University of Delaware Library Newark, DE 19717-5267; e-mail: rudisell@udel.edu.

Anthropology and Sociology Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Anna L. DeMiller, Coordinator, Reference Services—Collection Management, Colorado State University Libraries, Ft. Collins, CO 80523-1019; e-mail: ademiller@manta.colostate.edu.

ARTS Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Mary R. Strow, Head, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Library, Indiana University at Bloomington, HPER Building 031, Bloomington, IN 47405; e-mail: mstrow@indiana.edu.

Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Junlin Pan, Ref-

erence Librarian, Northern Illinois University, Founders Memorial Library, Room 145E, DeKalb, IL 60115-2868; e-mail: jpan@niu.edu.

College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Lynn Scott Cochrane, Director of Libraries, Denison University Library, Granville, OH 43023; e-mail: scottie.cochrane@marymount.edu.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: David S. Voros, Lehigh Carbon Community College, 4101 Sand Spring Road, Apt. L2, Schnecksville, PA 18078-2502; e-mail: sv1@lccc.edu.

Distance Learning Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Anne M. Casey, Off-Campus Library Services Librarian, Central Michigan University, Rose 143, Mount Pleasant, MI 48859; e-mail: anne.marie.casey@cmich.edu.

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Brian A. Quinn, Social Science Librarian, Texas Tech University Libraries, Box 40002, Lubbock, TX 79409-0002; e-mail: libaq@lib.ttu.edu

Instruction Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Beth S. Woodard, Central Information Services Librarian, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 300 Library, 1408 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801; e-mail: bswoodar@uiuc.edu.

Law and Political Science Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Lisa R. Stimatz, Pub Affairs/Government Inf., 7 Wedgewood Apts E. Willow Street, Elizabethtown, PA 17022; e-mail: lzs3@psu.edu.

Literatures in English Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Kristine J. Anderson, Purdue University Libraries, 1530 Stewart

Center, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1530; e-mail: kanderso@purdue.edu.

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: M. Susan Taraba, University Archivist, Wesleyan University, 2 Maple Shade Road, Middletown, CT 06457-5107; e-mail: staraba@wesleyan.edu.

Science and Technology Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: JoAnn DeVries, Reference/Bibliographer, University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus Libraries, 1984 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108; e-mail: j-devr@maroon.tc.umn.edu.

Slavic and East European Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Sandra L. Levy, Assistant Slavic Librarian, University of Chicago Library, 1100 E. 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637-1502; e-mail: sll6@midway.uchicago.edu.

University Libraries Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Julia A. Zimmerman, Dean of Libraries, Ohio University Libraries, Alden Library 510, Athens, OH 45701-2978; e-mail: zimmerj1@ohio.edu.

Western European Specialists Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Barbara L. Walden, European History Librarian, 278A Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 728 State Street, Madison, WI 53706; e-mail: bwalden@library.wisc.edu.

Woman's Studies Section.

Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Connie L. Phelps, University of New Orleans, Earl K. Long Library, P.O. Box 24307, New Orleans, LA 70148; e-mail: cphelps@uno.edu.

ACRL divisional committee appointments

ACRL has 24 standing committees to which appointments may be made for 2000-2001. A list appears on the volunteer form at the end



Kristine Brancolini and Carleton Jackson grab a bite to eat between their committee meetings.

of this article. You will find the committees listed with a description of their charges in the *ALA Handbook of Organization*. Appointments to ACRL standing committees are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The Appointments Committee recommends to the president-elect of ACRL the names of members who might fill the vacancies. The president-elect makes the final appointments. If you want to be considered for an appointment to an ACRL committee, complete the form and return it to Susana Hinojosa at the address given on the form before December 4, 2000.

Editorial boards

ACRL has editorial boards for these six publications: *CHOICE: College & Research Libraries*; *College & Research Libraries News*; *New Publications*; *Publications in Librarianship*; and *Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship*.

Appointments to editorial boards are made at the Midwinter Meeting for terms that begin immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The editors recommend the name of a person to fill the vacancy. The Publications Committee must approve the recommendation, and the president of ACRL makes the appointment. If you would like to be considered for ap-

pointment to an editorial board, contact the editor of the editorial board early in the fall.

CHOICE editor: Irving Rockwood, *Choice*, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457; e-mail: irockwood@ala-choice.org.

College & Research Libraries editor: Donald E. Riggs, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314-7796; e-mail: driggs@nsu.acast.nova.edu.

College & Research Libraries News editor: Mary Ellen Davis, *C&RL News*, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: medavis@ala.org.

New publications editor: Hugh Thompson, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: hthompson@ala.org.

Publications in Librarianship editor: John Budd, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, 217 Townsend Hall, Columbia, MO 65211; e-mail: libsjmb@showme.missouri.edu.

Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship editors: Lisa M. Browar, Director, Indiana University, Lilly Library, Bloomington, IN 47405; lbrowar@indiana.edu; Marvin J. Taylor, Special Collections, New York University, Bobst Library, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012; taylorm@is2.nyu.edu. ■

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ACRL committee volunteer form

Background information

On a separate single sheet of paper, briefly summarize your background and activities in the following areas: 1) ALA professional activities; 2) ACRL professional activities; 3) state and regional offices held and committee appointments; 4) educational background and/or other experience that will inform the committee about special gifts and talents you would bring to the committee for which you are volunteering.

Please include in your application an expression of your professional concerns and the contribution that you can make toward strengthening ACRL.

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Job title: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Organization/library: _____

Institution's address: _____

Ethnicity (optional):

- African American Asian/Pacific
 White/non-Hispanic Latino/Hispanic
 Native American Other (specify) _____

Division committees

To volunteer for a division committee, complete this form and return it to:

Susana Hinojosa
University of California, Berkeley
218 Doe Library
Berkeley, California 94720-6000
phone: (510) 643-9347
fax: (510) 642-6830
e-mail: shinojos@libraru.berkeley.edu

- **Membership in ALA and ACRL is required.**
- **Attendance at ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is required.**

The following divisionwide committees have vacancies annually. Please indicate your first three choices by marking "1," "2," and "3" on the corresponding lines.

- Academic Librarians Status
 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award
 Budget and Finance
 Bylaws
 Copyright
 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
 Effective Practices
 Ethics
 Excellence in Academic Libraries
 Nomination
 Selection
 Government Relations
 Information Literacy Advisory
 Intellectual Freedom
 International Relations
 (Samuel) Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Collections and Technical Services
 Media Resources
 Membership
 Professional Development
 Publications
 Racial and Ethnic Diversity
 Research
 (K. G.) Saur Award for Best *College & Research Libraries* article
 Standards and Accreditation
 Statistics
 I am willing to serve on any committee for which I am qualified and needed as a regular member or as an intern.

Note: By accepting an appointment, I agree that all working papers and final products of the group are the sole property of ACRL and are not to be used for any personal projects unless written permission has been obtained from the appropriate governing body. I also certify that it does not represent a conflict of interest. I understand that failure to attend two meetings without an explanation acceptable to the chair constitutes grounds for removal.

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Section committee volunteer form

Background information for section committees

Provide a separate sheet of information about yourself following the instructions given on the ACRL committee volunteer form (previous page) under background information. To indicate your particular interest in serving on a committee in one of ACRL's 17 sections, write the committee name(s) next to the section below.

- African-American Studies Librarians _____
- Anthropology and Sociology _____
- Arts _____
- Asian, African and Middle Eastern _____
- College Libraries _____
- Community and Junior College Libraries _____
- Distance Learning Section _____
- Education and Behavioral Sciences _____
- Instruction _____
- Law and Political Science _____
- Literatures in English _____
- Rare Books and Manuscripts _____
- Science and Technology _____
- Slavic and East European _____
- University Libraries _____
- Western European Specialists _____
- Women's Studies _____

Date of application: _____ Organization/library: _____

Name: _____ Institution's address: _____

Job title: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____ Ethnicity (optional):

- ____ African American ____ Asian/Pacific
____ White/non-Hispanic ____ Latino/Hispanic
____ Native American ____ Other (specify)

Return form to:

Return this completed form to the appropriate section vice-chair/chair-elect as indicated in the accompanying article. (Use duplicate forms if you are interested in more than one section.) You must be a member of the section to be considered for appointment.

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