

North Dakota - Manitoba Chapter

Value of Academic Libraries: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

1. Leverage existing research to articulate and promote the value of academic and research libraries.

1. In April 2012, the North Dakota/ Manitoba ACRL chapter held its annual symposium that brought together over 50 academic librarians from both North Dakota and Manitoba. The theme of this year's symposium was, Enhancing Library Services With New & Emerging Technologies. Librarians shared their knowledge, research and experience, by covering such topics as: roving reference, app training sessions, and open source digital repositories.

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2. Undertake and support new research that builds on the research agenda in *The Value of Academic Libraries: A Comprehensive Review and Report*.

The focus of this year's chapter's symposium, Enhancing Library Services With New & Emerging Technologies, built upon the research agenda in the, Value of Academic Libraries: A comprehensive Review and Report. Each presentation was followed by questions and a discussion on the topic in focus. There was great interest in the presentations that looked into how social media assisted in the promotion of the library as a space for teaching and learning. One example, was the University of Manitoba Health Sciences libraries' program to introduce students, resident nurses, and physicians to mobile devices and relevant medical apps.

Student Learning: Librarians transform student learning, pedagogy, and instructional practices through creative and innovative collaborations.

1. Build librarian capacity to create new learning environments (physical and virtual) and instructional practices.

1. One of the topics, that's of interest to our librarians, is roving reference. Some of our chapter librarians have taken part in pilot projects promoting roving reference. In our recent symposium, roving and "flash" reference (surprise/ on the spot instruction) was presented and discussed. There is much interest in this service, with some students feeling more comfortable approaching librarians in this setting, rather than in the traditional reference desk environment.

Research and Scholarly Environment: Librarians accelerate the transition to a more open system of scholarship.

2. Enhance members' ability to address issues related to digital scholarship and data management.

2. The chapter listserv is the venue used to promote and address the issues related to digital scholarship and data management. As was mentioned earlier, our symposium addressed the issue of archiving institutional digital content. Academic librarians from North Dakota and Manitoba see digital repositories as an important open source resource for their patrons.

Enabling Programs and Services

2. Publications

Kristen Borysewicz chaired a Bylaws Committee and presented a new Chapter Constitution and Bylaws to the membership. The documents will be sent and voted on electronically this summer. The Bylaws had not been updated since 1997. The committee looked at the websites of other ACRL chapters, the North Dakota Century Code, and National ACRL to bring our requirements in line. Fellow committee members were: Sandi Bates (UND Medical Library), Karen Chobot (North Dakota State College of Science), Laurie McHenry (UND Law Library) and Jim Sutherland .

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4. Member Engagement

Besides the annual symposium, which brought together academic librarians from both North Dakota and Manitoba. The chapter also held a 'Meet and Greet' at the North Dakota Library Association's conference, where attendees were able to socialize, and learn about our Spring 2012 symposium, as well as being able to pick up some freebies including the ACRL publications "The Power of Personal Persuasion Toolkit" and @Your Library Toolkit for Academic and Research Libraries. Several attendees renewed their memberships at this event.