

## Greater New York Metropolitan Area Chapter

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

*4. Develop and deliver responsive professional development programs that build the skills and capacity for leadership and local data-informed and evidence-based advocacy.*

ACRL/NY New Librarians Discussion group sponsored event "New librarianship: lessons learned" featuring Margaret Bausman, newly hired ad Instructional and Reference Services Librarian (Feb 21, 2012)

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

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

The following workshops/training sessions were free and open to ACRL/NY membership: At ACRL/NY Information Literacy/Instruction Discussion Group's annual "meet & greet" meeting, Clara Tran (Stony Brook University) presented a review of how academic librarians are incorporating iPads into instruction and Gail Delaporte (ACRL/NY Long Island Section, Vice-Chair) presented on ways to combat Google spam (June 13, 2012) ACRL/NY Distance Learning Discussion Group sponsored workshop "e-Portfolios and the role of the academic librarian" featuring Nancy Wozniak (Instructional Designer, Learning Architect and ePortfolio Program Manager, SUNY Stonybrook) and Danielle Apfelbaum (Reference and Instruction Librarian, NYIT, Old Westbury) (April 20, 2012) ACRL/NY User Experience (UX) Discussion Group held a workshop on "Signage Audits: Guidelines, tips and tricks to creating effective signage" (March 23, 2012) ACRL/NY Long Island Section hosted the workshop "Making the most of library space"

### ***3. Increase collaborative programs that leverage partnerships with other organizations in order to support and encourage local and national team approaches.***

ACRL/NY Graduate Services Discussion Group in partnership with ARLIS/NY organized the workshop "Outreach at the Metropolitan Museum of Art's Watson Library" where librarians from the Watson Library—Lisa Harms (Assistant Museum Librarian for Collections and Access), Erika Hauser (Collection Management), John Lindaman (Technical Services), and Andrea Puccio (Cataloging and Departmental Technical Services)—discussed how the Metropolitan Museum of Art's main library does outreach to graduate students. (April 26, 2012) ACRL/NY has created a new ad hoc Professional Development Committee. The primary goals of this committee are: 1. determine if the ACRL/NY bylaws should be revised to restructure the organization to include a permanent standing Professional Development Committee that would incorporate the current three geographic sections committees already in existence (New York City, Westchester County/Lower Hudson Valley, Long Island); 2. to determine how that restructuring would take place; 3. to develop programs and events of interest to ACRL/NY members and in the three geographical area in person, online, or both; 4. to determine if this could be accomplished in collaboration with the discussion groups and outside library organizations and LIS institutions such as: LACUNY, Long Island University Palmer School, METRO, New York Public Library, NYTSL (NY Technical Services Librarians), Pratt Institute LIS, Queens Borough Public Library, Queens College LIS, St. Johns University LIS, SUNYLA, and WALDO; 5. to develop, organize, facilitate and sponsor joint professional development programs with other metropolitan New York library organizations (see above); 6. to promote and encourage ACRL/NY and ACRL members to attend these sessions at a members' discount (free or small minimal fee) 2011-2012 Professional Development Programs: "Libraries in Flux", featuring Lee Rainie, Director of Pew Research Center's American Life Project, jointly sponsored by ACRL/NY and METRO, March 19, 2012 "Catablogging: Leveraging Blogging Software to Present Your Collection on the Web" featuring Chela Scott Weber, jointly sponsored by ACRL/NY, ACRL/NY Archives & Special Collections DG, and METRO, May 10, 2012 "Fair Use is Not Civil Disobedience: Rethinking the Copyright Wars and the Role of the Academic Library" featuring Jim Neal, VP of Information Services and University Librarian, Columbia University, cosponsored by ACRL/NY and METRO "Change in the Digital Age: Metadata Trends for Libraries" featuring Rebecca Guenther, jointly sponsored by ACRL/NY and METRO.

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### ***4. Build capacity for the librarians' role in supporting faculty development and the preparation of graduate students as instructors.***

ACRL/NY successfully initiated its Pilot Mentoring Program in January 2012, matching new librarians with experienced professionals. Mentors/mentees met in-person and virtually in one-on-one sessions, and the entire group came together for several face-to-face meetings. Each month the mentors/mentees were assigned a different topic to encourage dialogue. These included "Keeping up-to-date and connected professionally" (January), "Networking: the importance of participation in committees, organizations and professional associations" (February), "Leadership" (March), "Change and the academic library: trends for the future" (April), "Maintaining a professional online presence" (May), "The mentoring experience: lessons learned, continuing the connection" (June). The pilot program will be evaluated and assessment will be done to determine if this should be a permanent program for ACRL/NY, and, if so, assessments will be made as to how to improve and move forward. ACRL/NY is currently gathering data to this end, including an online survey distributed to participants. Members of the steering group for this pilot program worked in close partnership with the ACRL/NY New Librarians Discussion Group chairs. (For more on the goals, objectives and procedures for this pilot program, see <http://acrlny.org/?p=2075>)

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

#### ***4. Create and promote new structures that reward and value open scholarship.***

ACRL/NY User Experience Discussion Group sponsored workshop on the use of LibGuides, the popular web-based management tool for the creation and development of web-based guides for many academic libraries. (Oct 7, 2011)

### **Enabling Programs and Services**

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### *1. Education*

ACRL/NY's 2011 Annual Symposium (December 2, 2011) "The Global Librarian: Information Without Borders" was a full-day symposium. Featured speakers were: Lane Wilkinson ("Transliteracy and the demands of library instruction in the 21st century"), Angela Whitehurst ("Distance education librarians: removing boundaries and barriers to information"), Kenneth Crews ("Copyright, libraries, and the pressure of international law") and Amy Bryant ("Traveling librarians: Building campus, community and international relationships through support and leadership of off-campus programs"). Poster session topics included: "Outreach to international campuses: removing barriers and building relationships," "CUNY librarians in China," "Open access and liberal education: a look at Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia," "International cataloging community on the web: a case of personal cataloging/metadata blogs," "The limitless librarian: research assistance anywhere," "Information for all: leveraging the blacklight search-and-discovery layer to increase international use of open access collections," "Reaching out to international students," and "e-Books unbound." 184 academic librarians and academic administrators attended the symposium, representing institutions and organizations in New York City and its surrounding regions, New Jersey, New England, Pennsylvania and parts of Maryland. (See <http://acrlnysymp2011.wordpress.com/> for more on the symposium) In addition, the ACRL/NY Discussion Group Chairs have dedicated much of their meeting times to professional development activities. Those groups are: Distance Learning Services to Graduate Students Information Literacy/Instructional Services New Librarians Resource Sharing Special Collections/Archives User Experience For more information, see [http://acrlny.org/?page\\_id=268](http://acrlny.org/?page_id=268)

### *2. Publications*

ACRL/NY has embarked on a new joint publication endeavor with METRO (Metropolitan New York Library Council): the Global Librarian Publication Project. The project was developed by Caroline Fuchs (ACRL/NY President) and Jason Kucsma (Executive Director, METRO). Two ACRL/NY Executive Board Members are on the Editorial Board for the publication (Caroline Fuchs, Carrie Netzer Wajda) and will not be compensated financially for their time: both view this as service to the organization and as a way of promoting ACRL (national and local). Chapter proposals were submitted by July 10, 2012. Fifty-three chapter proposals were submitted. Expected date of publication is March 2013. METRO has agreed to cover the administrative costs: ACRL/NY will not gain monetary profit from this publication. Any actual profit accrued will be used by METRO to create of professional development workshops and to defray the registration/participation fees for ACRL/NY and ACRL members. (See <http://acrlny.org/?p=1791>) ACRL/NY publishes a semi-annual newsletter which is disseminated to our membership and available online, with a link to a downloadable PDF. This year (2011-2012, ACRL/NY published an additional Special Symposium Edition dedicated to the theme of the symposium "The Global Librarian: Information without Borders" (see [http://acrlny.org/?page\\_id=79](http://acrlny.org/?page_id=79)) ACRL/NY redesigned and released it's new website, which enables more inter-activity by incorporating "2.0" and social media tools. The release of the new website coincided with the development of our new logo (see <http://acrlny.org/>)

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### **3. Advocacy**

ACRL/NY has a designated Legislative Liaison, who is a voting member of the Executive Board. Caroline Fuchs, as Legislative Liaison, has actively engaged in advocacy campaigns over the last year, including: responding to legislative alerts, email, phone and in-person correspondence with elected officials on the national, state, city and local levels; working with other local and state library organizations to create a united "advocacy" message; successfully revitalizing and being appointed as a member of the standing Library Committee of the New York City Community Board 5 Q (an official New York City Agency), which has successfully lobbied to fight the proposed budget cuts to New York City public libraries; established and co-chair, with Carol Fentes, University Librarian at Rockefeller Institute) a METRO Advocacy Special Interest Group to promote awareness and offer training for "newbie" advocates (see <http://libguides.metro.org/advocacysig>); invited to conduct instructional workshops on advocacy and research training for New York State Legislative Aides at METRO(see <http://metro.org/articles/metro-invites-nys-legislative-aides-to-special-event/>); attendance at National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC; created an "Advocacy" page on the ACRL/NY website, which includes links to ACRL Advocacy & Issues web page (see [http://acrlny.org/?page\\_id=1837](http://acrlny.org/?page_id=1837))

### **4. Member Engagement**

Each of ACRL/NY's Discussion Groups (Distance Learning, Services to Graduate Students, Information Literacy/Instructional Services, New Librarians, Resource Sharing, Special Collections/Archives, User Experience) held its annual "meet & greet" networking event, to encourage discussion and collaboration among group members and to encourage new membership in both ACRL and ACRL/NY. These events are free and open to ACRL/NY membership as well as to any other interested librarians. These events were held on the same dates as the Symposium Committee and Executive Board meetings, prior to those meetings. Those in attendance were encouraged to join us for either/both of the following meetings since they are open meetings. ACRL/NY created a new membership benefits brochure. Current ACRL members receive a discounted ACRL/NY membership fee. A link to ACRL National and a link to ACRL Chapters Council are displayed prominently on our webpages in the right hand navigation bar. ACRL/NY has formed an ad hoc committee to review and recommend revisions to the current ACRL/NY bylaws. The work of that committee is in progress. ACRL/NY has formed an ad-hoc social media committee. The charge of this committee is to develop a draft social media policy statement, including guidelines and best practices. The work of that committee has just begun.