

Delaware Valley 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.

The chapter invited Margaret Grotti (University of Delaware), a member of ACRL's Value of Academic Libraries committee to its spring program to talk about current activities of ACRL's Value of Academic Libraries Initiative.

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

Area librarians presented on a wide range of local initiatives to demonstrate the value of academic libraries at the chapter's spring program: Stepping Out and Stepping Up: Making a Difference on Campus. In the call for proposals we asked: "What has your library done to prove its value or increase its visibility on campus? Have you adopted new roles as librarians? Found innovative ways to collect or use statistics? Devised new marketing? Developed new programs? Adjusted budgeting? Designed new outreach for faculty or students? Tried something else entirely?"

Enabling Programs and Services

1. Education

The Delaware Valley Chapter continued its Mentoring Program, matching up current M.S.I.S. students and newer librarians with experienced librarians. The chapter's legislative representative, Larissa Gordon, matched thirteen students with mentors. The Delaware Valley Chapter continued its Resume Review Program, allowing students and new librarians to send a copy of their CV and a sample cover letter, which are then reviewed by two experienced librarians who provide feedback. Larissa Gordon facilitated ten resume review requests. The Delaware Valley Chapter continued to offer a \$1000.00 stipend to a promising library school student who lives, works, or attends library school in the chapter's service area. This year's winner was Mary Marissen, a student at Drexel who also works part-time as a library assistant at Swarthmore College.

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2. Publications

The Delaware Valley Chapter publishes a biannual newsletter which is disseminated to chapter members via email and posted to the chapter's web site. The Delaware Valley Chapter uploads or posts links to presentation slides and handouts submitted by program contributors to its web site.

3. Advocacy

The Delaware Valley Chapter continued to offer a stipend to send a chapter member to National Library Legislative Day in Washington, DC. This year the stipend was offered to Shawn A. Woodson who works as an Information Assistant for Library Academic Partnerships at Drexel Libraries. The Delaware Valley Chapter's Legislative Liaison, Larissa Gordon, continued to forward communications about legislative issues related to libraries to the chapter membership.

4. Member Engagement

The Delaware Valley Chapter organizes a spring and fall program on topics of interest to its members. The 2011 fall program on Patron-driven Acquisitions: Collaborative Collection Development took place on November 18, 2011 in Malvern, PA. More than seventy area librarians attended the program. The 2012 spring program Stepping Out and Stepping Up: Making a Difference on Campus took place on April 20, 2012 in Wilmington, DE. Over fifty area librarians attended the program. The Delaware Valley Chapter regularly surveys its membership for feedback on its programs and suggestions for future programs. The Delaware Valley Chapter regularly publishes member news in its newsletter. The Delaware Valley Chapter advertises regional programs and events through its newsletter and email distribution list, allowing its members to stay abreast of current issues.