

Iowa Chapter

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.

The Iowa Chapter of ACRL initiated a formal, collaborative partnership with Iowa Association of School Librarians. This partnership is just underway and looks to address the preparedness of high school graduates in terms of information literacy skills. In addition to a desired increase in the readiness of our students, we hope to also provide a more focused advocacy for libraries and librarians in K12 and higher educational settings.

Enabling Programs and Services

1. Education

The Iowa Chapter of ACRL offered a Spring Conference this year at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. The conference is a one day event with a keynote speaker and four tracks of concurrent sessions. This year our theme was Build on Our Strengths :: Design for Our Future and Michael Porter (aka Library Man) was our keynote. Our concurrent sessions included:

- Archives as Incubators: Germinating our Future Using Seeds from the Past
- Takin' Care of Business: A Model of Comprehensive Embedded Librarianship Supporting Undergraduate Business Students
- Saving Space: Honoring the Leisure Nook
- Illuminating Hidden Collections within College Archives
- Screaming at the Library: Using Social Media, Food, and Toilets to Connect with Students
- Bringing Information Literacy Skills to the Tablet
- Gather Ye History While Ye May: Capturing Oral Histories for Your Archives
- Green Academic Libraries: Sustainability in Iowa and Beyond
- Lightning Round: Instruction
- An Analysis of an Unidentified Medieval Manuscript in the Grinnell College Libraries Department of Special Collections and Archives
- Ready to Stream? Investigating Offering Online Video Content for Courses
- Lightning Round: Building Issues

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2. Publications

The Iowa ACRL Awards committee announces a \$500 grant to be awarded to an ILA/ACRL Chapter member for a presented or published scholarly work. The following rules and qualifications apply:

- A qualifying presented paper must be text-based and have been delivered at a regional, national or international conference.
- A qualifying published paper is to have appeared in a scholarly journal.
- A qualifying book is to be scholarly in nature.
- The subject matter of the material submitted may be on any scholarly topic.
- The papers should have been delivered or published since October of 2009.
- Power point slides, video or audio submissions will not be considered.
- Entries may be self-submitted or nominated.
- Entries will be considered by the Awards Committee on the basis of a blind ranking process.
- If the committee finds that none of the entries are meritorious, it may decide not to make an award.
- The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2012. The results of this process will be announced at the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference in May 2012.

This year the award went to Jean Donham, University of Northern Iowa, "Mental Models of Research: Generating Authentic Questions," *College Teaching*, 58: 8–14, 2010, co-authored by Jill Heinrich and Kerry Bostwick of Cornell College.

We have also completed five newsletters to update our members on chapter activities and member accomplishments.

3. Advocacy

The Iowa ACRL Awards committee announces a \$500 grant to be awarded to support creating and implementing a public relations or marketing program in an academic or research library in Iowa. Winners have 12 months to spend the grant monies, and are requested to write an article describing the implementation of the project for the Iowa ACRL Newsletter. In Addition, the winner is encouraged to submit a presentation proposal for the Iowa ACRL Spring Conference, detailing the project. The 2011 award went to Loras College.

4. Member Engagement

The Iowa Chapter of ACRL provides several opportunities for membership involvement by serving as elected officers or serving on the following committees:

- Nominating Committee
- Spring Conference Committee
- Fall Program Committee
- Electronic Communications
- Awards Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Membership Committee
- Directory Committee
- K12/HE Ad Hoc Committee

In addition, the Chapter offers two different scholarships for awarded members to attend the Iowa Library Association Fall Conference or the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference.