

Mississippi 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 ACRL section of MLA met on October 19, 2011, during the Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference in Jackson. Michael Mounce, Chair, welcomed attendees to the luncheon. Melissa Dennis, Vice Chair, introduced the speaker: Joyce L. Ogburn, ACRL President. Joyce's interactive presentation was titled "The Future of Academic Libraries" and outlined an image of the future using concepts of "Active...Connective...Generative...Transformative...Position...Strategic." This presentation promoted and articulated the value of academic and research libraries by identifying common themes for the future of the profession.

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.

The ACRL section of MLA met for the spring meeting on May 24, 2012, at 11:30 a.m. at the Mississippi Library Commission in Jackson. Melissa Dennis, Chair, welcomed attendees. Jennifer Brannock, Vice Chair, introduced the speakers: Corrie Marsh, Associate Dean for Collections and Scholarly Communication at the University of Southern Mississippi Libraries, and Dr. Stacy Creel, Assistant Professor in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Southern Mississippi. Both speakers discussed their experiences with the institutional repository at USM. After each presentation, there was time for questions and answers. The presentations showed attendees the importance and value of an institutional repository that created a space to store digital scholarship and data in a way that allows researchers and their work to be more accessible and available to others.