The Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois
David Carlson, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Illinois’ long and distinguished history of interlibrary cooperation and resource sharing spawned three separate state consortia: ICCMP, IDAL, and ILCSO. Each was established to meet a particular need or service. Over time, the extent of overlapping jurisdiction among the three organizations increased, while the perception of their distinct responsibilities among officials in the state decreased.


It is not possible to summarize all important aspects of the recommendations and the new organization in this brief notice but some of the most critical changes and characteristics are:

- A new position of Assistant Vice President and Executive Director.
- A formal Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Illinois as Host Institution.
- A set of bylaws with the goal of creating an agile, membership-driven organization.
- A commitment to new services and leadership at the national level.

Readers are encouraged to go to the VLT web site where all documents are available in PDF format. The URL is: www.illinoisvlt.net.

The recommendations of the Vision and Leadership Team have already been voted on and unanimously approved by IDAL and ILCSO. At press time, ICCMP voted 72-5 in favor of the merger. With all three organizations now in agreement, the merger process will formally begin. A call for nominations to the CARLI Board will be issued and once the slate of candidates is determined, an election is expected to be held in mid-April. CARLI will become a reality on July 1, 2005.

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Thursday, May 5
Illinois State University
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LIBRARIANS ON THE MOVE
Karen Hovde, Northern Illinois University

The ILCSO Office bids farewell to Cindy Fuller, who returns to Millikin University after nearly four years with ILCSO. And coincidentally, going in the other direction from Millikin to ILCSO is Jennifer Masciadrelli, where she will perform a variety of technical, system support and instruction services. Also new to ILSCO is Mary Burkee, from UIUC, who has worked with cataloging, data cleanup and system troubleshooting.

Illinois State Library welcomes Andy Taylor to his new position as Web Services Librarian. Andy was formerly an Information Systems Librarian at Lee University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Marcia L. Thomas, formerly Director of Technical Services at Illinois Wesleyan University, is the new Library Director at the University of Wisconsin—Baraboo/Sauk County.

Janice Derr, from the Stephens College Library, began new duties in the fall as an instructor in Library Services at Eastern Illinois University. Janice will be the night supervisor for Booth Library. Her MLS is from the University of Missouri at Columbia and she has a bachelor’s degree in creative writing.

Ladka Khailova, MLS from the University of South Carolina, comes from a teaching position at South Carolina State University to join Northern Illinois University as the new Education Librarian. (see On the Move, page 9)

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IACRL Newsletter — 2
NOMINATIONS: ILLINOIS ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR
Matthew Paris, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

The IACRL Awards Committee invites nominations for the annual Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year Award, which will be presented during IACRL’s business meeting at the ILA Annual Conference in October, 2005. This recognition is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to academic or research librarianship and especially to those whose activities have had notable effects within Illinois. This is a wonderful opportunity to honor the achievements of friends and colleagues.

A nominee should have demonstrated achievement in one or more of the following areas:

- Service to the organized profession through ILA, IACRL, and related organizations.
- Significant and influential academic or research library service.
- Contributions to the development of academic or research librarianship through research or publications.
- Planning and implementing a library program of exemplary quality.

Submissions must consist of a letter explaining how the nominee meets the criteria. If possible, a vita or resume should be included. Other documentation, such as letters of support, will also be considered.

The deadline for nominations is May 15, 2005. Letters and supporting documentation should be sent to the ILA office. Requests for further information should be directed to IACRL Awards Committee Chairperson, Kristine Hammerstrand at 217-244-7593 or khammer@uillinois.edu.

Previous Recipients of the Academic Librarian of the Year Award

1986 Doris Brown
1987 Hugh Atkinson (posthumously)
1988 Clayton Highum
1989 Donna Goehner
1990 Arthur Miller
1991 Charles Hale
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2000 Susan E. Stroyan
2001 Arthur P. Young
2002 Jay Starratt
2003 Gary Newhouse
2004 Mary Munroe

Help IACRL recognize excellence in academic librarianship!
Submit as many nominations as you like.
Nominate yourself! But Remember:
** The deadline is May 15, 2005 **

DON’T DELAY... NOMINATE TODAY!
IACRL Spring 2005 Workshop
Thursday, May 5, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Illinois State University
Normal, Illinois

Track 1:  **What tangled webs we weave: assessment of your library’s web site**

Have you ever wondered how effectively your patrons are using your site? This day-long workshop will cover the process of doing a usability assessment of your library's website. The morning session will provide potential funding sources for your project, how to navigate an institutional review board process and how to develop an assessment tool. In the afternoon session, participants will work hands-on in pairs assessing each other's web sites. A discussion of what to do with the results will follow.

Target audience: webmasters, library administrators and librarians interested in usability and assessment of library websites.

Speakers:  
- **T.J. Lusher**, Assistant Dean, Automated Library Systems, Northern Illinois University Libraries
- **Leanne Vandecreek**, Social Sciences Librarian, Northern Illinois University Libraries

Location:  
Milner Library Computer Lab
*Please note there is a registration limit of 50 for this Track.*

Track 2:  **Get Numbers? Got Numbers? Now What?**

This workshop will outline basic statistical concepts, while focusing on applied statistical tools for librarianship including sampling, surveys, and interpreting electronic journal/database usage and national library statistical reports. Discover how you can use data for problem-solving, decision-making, assessment and strategic planning.

Target audience: academic librarians responsible for gathering, reporting and using library statistics for assessment and planning.

Speakers:  
- **Regina McBride**, Associate Dean, Lovejoy Library, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- **Kathlyn Behm**, Science, Nursing and Dental Health Librarian, Lovejoy Library, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- **Charlotte Johnson**, Director of User Services, Lovejoy Library, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- **Lydia Jackson**, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Lovejoy Library, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Plus a panel of librarians from different types of academic libraries to be announced

Location:  
Bowling and Billiards Center Activity Room
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Deadline for registration is April 29, 2005. Cancellations must be received in writing before May 1. Cancellations received after May 1 and before May 5 will receive a 50% refund. No refunds will be given for cancellations received on or after May 5. Confirmations and additional information will be sent after the registration deadline. Secure online registration form at: http://www.ila.org/events/

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Illinois Librarians at ACRL!
Sarah George, Illinois Wesleyan University

If you’re headed to Minneapolis for this year’s ACRL Conference, be on the look out for your Illinois colleagues! Illinois academic librarians participating as presenters or panelists are listed below.

**Thursday, April 7**
Sharon Hogan Management Symposium (8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) Peter Hepburn, University of Illinois at Chicago; and others.

**Friday, April 8**
A Liaison Model for Integrating the Library, IT, Web & Marketing Teams (10:00-11:00 a.m.) Pamela M. Salela, University of Illinois at Springfield; and others.

Academic Librarians for the 21st Century: The Small College Library as a Crucible for the Future of the Profession (10:00-11:00 a.m.) Ayanna Gaines, Elmhurst College; Donna Goodwyn, Elmhurst College; Jacob Hill, Elmhurst College; Elaine Page, Elmhurst College; Jennifer Paliatka, Elmhurst College; Susan Swords Steffen, Elmhurst College.

(r)Evolutionary (e)Books; Developing (e)Scholars (10:00-11:00 a.m.) William Harroff, McKendree College; Charlotte Johnson, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

Creating a Dynamic Database of Faculty Publications at Your Institution: Librarians Bring It All Together (10:00-11:00 a.m.) Morag Boyd, Illinois State University; Susan Braxton, Illinois State University; Vanette Schwartz, Illinois State University; Bruce Stoffel, Illinois State University.

Faculty-Library Collaboration in Dataset and Statistics Management (10:00-11:00 a.m.) Lynda Duke, Illinois Wesleyan University; Kristin Vogel, Illinois Wesleyan University; Suzanne Wilson, Illinois Wesleyan University.

Meeting the Student Learning Imperative: Building Powerful Partnerships Between Academic Libraries and Student Services (2:30-3:30 p.m.) Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and others.

Full Text Psychology Journals in Aggregator Databases (3:30-4:30 p.m.) Kathleen Joswick, Western Illinois University

Implications of Multi-Institution Collaboration for Retrieval of Digitized Images from a Database (3:30-4:30 p.m.) Peter Hepburn, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Rethinking Information Literacy Instruction for First Year Students (4:30-5:30 p.m.) Connie Ghinazzi, Augustana College; David Weaver, Augustana College; and others.

**Saturday, April 9**
How to Become a Swimming Instructor in a Sea of Change (8-9 a.m.) Lisa German, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Michael Norman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (see ACRL, page 7)
Partners in the Firm: Faculty Government and Librarians (8-9 a.m.) Brian Clark, Western Illinois University; William Thompson, Western Illinois University.

Wireless and Laptop: Taking the Library on the Road – or Across the Campus (8-9 a.m.) Denise Shorey, Northwestern University; and others.

Peep-tastic! Beyond the Cellophane Wrapper: How a Marshmallow Confection Raised One Library’s Campus (and World) Visibility (9:30-10:30 a.m.) Susan Avery, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Jennifer Masciadrelli, Illinois Library Computer Systems Office.

Literature and the Library: A Day of World Literature with Librarians (9:30-10:30 a.m.) Erik Estep, Illinois State University; Patricia Meckstroth, Illinois State University; Toni Tucker, Illinois State University.

Why Get the SPIRIT? Outreach Partnerships to Improve Student Achievement in High Need School Districts (10:30-11:30 a.m.) Stephanie Davis-Kahl, Illinois Wesleyan University.

Expertise in Our Ranks: Designing Peer Review Conference Sessions for ACRL Sections (12:30-1:30) Lynne Rudasill, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and others.

Hiring a Special Collections Librarian: The Skills, the Qualifications, and the Challenges of Recruitment (12:30-1:30) Hjordis Halvorson, Newberry Library; and others.

The Library & the Academic Enterprise: Trends In Illinois (2:00-3:15 p.m.) Bradley Baker, Northeastern Illinois University; Jay Starratt, Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

Is Quality Metadata ‘Shareable’ Metadata? The Implications of Local Metadata Practices for Federated Collections (2:00-3:15 p.m.) Timothy Cole, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library; Ellen Knutson, GSLIS University Of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Carole Palmer, GSLIS University Of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Sarah Shreeves, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Besiki Stvilia, GSLIS University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Michael Twidale, GSLIS University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Stacks Management in the Wireless Environment (3:30-4:30 p.m.) Andrew Lenaghan, Eastern Illinois University; Marlene Slough, Eastern Illinois University; Jan Sung, Eastern Illinois University.

Teaching Information Literacy in Off-Campus Classrooms: Challenges and Responses (3:30-4:30 p.m.) Jacob Hill, Elmhurst College.

UIUC’s Global VILLAGE (3:30-4:30 p.m.) Dawn Schmitz, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
IACRL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING HELD AT ILA
Matthew Paris, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

The Annual Business meeting of IACRL was held on Thursday, September 30, 2004, during the ILA Annual Conference on Navy Pier in Chicago. Past President, Charlotte Johnson, chaired the meeting and introduced the 2004-2005 executive committee members. Barbara Galik, executive director of the Cullom-Davis Library at Bradley University, was selected as the 2004-2005 President-Elect.

Other business conducted at the meeting included:

- Members approved of the minutes of the April 1, 2004 meeting.
- Carolyn Sheehy reported on the progress of the Vision and Leadership Transition Team and invited people to check the website (http://www.illinoisvlt.net) for updates.
- Pam Gaitskill suggested that the Mortenson scholars be invited to the IACRL Luncheon as a welcoming gesture.

Members also discussed ideas for the spring workshop. They agreed to focus on library assessment. Earl Shumaker asked for volunteers to work on the program and Regina McBride, Lydia Jackson, Sherrill Weaver, Barbara Galik, and Scott Drone-Silvers agreed to serve.

The next formal meeting of the membership will take place during the ILA conference, October 11-14, 2005, at the Peoria Civic Center.

NETWORK CONSULTANT RETIRES
Rita Stalzer, Loyola University Chicago

Barbara B. Alexander, Network Consultant at the Illinois State Library, retired at the end of December 2004. She had worked at the State Library since 1998. During her tenure there, she served as the State Library’s liaison with IACRL. The academic library community will miss her.

Alexander explained in an interview: “I am…moving to Northwest Arkansas to be near my mother, who is 80 and doing great. I won’t be retiring to sit on the porch; rather, I’m looking forward to doing some new things; in general, just seeing what new adventures come my way.” “It will be very difficult to leave my job and the Illinois library community,” she continued. “This is a great library state, and the Illinois State Library offers so many opportunities to serve all the ILLINET libraries. I will miss it all, especially the people. But I feel that I am needed, and if you can’t put your mom first…”

Pat Norris has assumed Barbara’s duties as network consultant at the Illinois State Library. IACRL thanks Barbara for her contribution to the libraries of Illinois and wishes her the best in her retirement years.

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New to the University of Illinois at Chicago is Emily Guss, with an MLIS from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Emily is Head, Access and Technical Services Librarian and Visiting Assistant Professor.

Catherine Grove was recently appointed assistant head of the Monographic Acquisitions and Rapid Cataloging Department at Northwestern University Library.

And a bevy of RETIREMENTS: We wish you all of the best (and no more Monday mornings).

Carol Covey, long serving and much appreciated collection development librarian, retired from Western Illinois University in December.

Oakton Community College is losing Joan Cichon and Susan Maltese this year.

Sonia Bodie, Professor of Bibliography and Director of the Brandel Library at North Park University, will be retiring at the end of June. She has been at North Park since 1981.

Gretchen Lagana, (Special Collections Librarian) and Nimala Bangalore (Assistant Catalog Librarian) retired early in the year from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Digital Libraries/Digital Institutional Repositories Colloquium
Steve Kerber, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

“Digital Libraries/Digital Institutional Repositories,” a colloquium on the future of academic libraries and scholarly communication in the twenty-first century, will be held at Lovejoy Library, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, on the morning of April 21, 2005. The program will feature three distinguished speakers who will discuss issues pertaining to digital libraries, digital institutional repositories, and scholarly communication. The program will also provide opportunities for questions from the members of the audience. Presenters at the “Digital Libraries/Digital Institutional Repositories” colloquium will include:

9:00 a.m. Beth A. Sandore, Associate University Librarian for Information Technology Planning & Policy Professor of Library Administration, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

10:00 a.m. H. Frank Cervone, Assistant University Librarian for Information Technology, Northwestern University.

11:00 a.m. Philip C. Bantin, University Archivist, Director/Coordinator for Humanities & Social Sciences Libraries, Indiana University Bloomington.

The colloquium will be held in the John C. Abbott Auditorium, Lovejoy Library, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Attendance is open and without charge. Librarians, archivists, and academics from institutions throughout the Midwest are cordially encouraged to attend. Visitors from outside the SIUE community should notify SIUE of their intention to attend by calling Ms. Maxine Bell at 618-650-2730.
Recent Publications by Academic Librarians in Illinois: Spring 2005
Kathleen E. Joswick, Western Illinois University


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ILLINOIS LIBRARIANS STANDING FOR ACRL OFFICE
Rita Stalzer, Loyola University Chicago

Due to the success of last year’s online election and the resulting 28% increase of membership participation, ALA will hold its 2005 election online. ALA made a number of enhancements to this year’s process. Paper ballots will be distributed between March 15-31 to those who requested them. All other members with valid email will receive an email with voting instructions and a password for accessing the ballot. The electronic polls will be open from March 15 until April 22. Results will be announced on May 2. Please consider supporting these academic librarians from Illinois:

ACRL Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Studies Section: Member-at Large: Rajwant Chilana, South Asian librarian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Anthropology and Sociology Section: Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Jo Ann Jacoby, anthropology and sociology subject specialist, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Secretary: Lynn C. Hattendorf Westney, assistant reference librarian, University of Illinois at Chicago.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section: Vice-chair-Chair-elect: Ellen D. Sutton, associate dean, College of DuPage.

Distance Learning Section: Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Sherrill Weaver, professor, library services, Oakton Community College.

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section: Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Lisa Romero, Head, Communications Library, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Secretary: Sharon Naylor, education librarian, Illinois State University.

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Tinerella, Vincent P. "The American Catholic Effort to Preserve European Manuscript Collections After World War II." Catholic Library World 75, no. 3 (2005).


Preservation and High-Density Storage
Jennifer Hain Teper, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Many libraries need additional stack space. One popular solution to the space problem is the construction of a high-density storage facility (HDSF). Lesser-used materials, as identified by low circulation rates, are housed in these facilities. By maximizing the utilization of space and the efficiency of operation, these high-density facilities reduce storage costs. An added benefit is the enhanced preservation that materials stored in high-density facilities may receive in the process. The experience of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library illustrates how materials were prepared for transfer to their HDSF and the impact the transfer had on the library’s collections.

Preservation benefits begin in the Library, both directly to the items being transferred and indirectly to those items remaining on the shelves. In preparation for transfer to high-density storage, all selected items are removed from the shelf and reviewed for condition by trained conservation staff. This team addresses those items that exhibit damage, a high potential for damage, or severe deterioration. They work to arrest any further damage by using inexpensive preservation supplies to either stabilize the books or repair them. Any evidence of water damage, insect damage, and mold are reviewed by the Conservation Librarian and treated as needed. Of the estimated 400,000 books thus far prepared for transfer to the HDSF, 15% required repair or stabilization. Indirectly, those materials not transferred benefited from the relaxed shelving environment once the selected items were removed. Books that are housed on shelves with ample free space can be more easily removed and reshelved without undue stress on the bindings. If enough space is created, shelving can be adjusted to allow for all books to be shelved upright. This eliminates the all-too-common practice of fore edge shelving, thus drastically reducing the strain on books’ internal hinges.

Once the selected and stabilized or repaired materials arrived at the HDSF, they were cleaned with a HEPA-brand vacuum. This removes years of dust from the covers and heads of books. Thorough cleaning not only creates a cleaner storage environment at the HDSF, it also helps preserve book and paper materials by removing mold spores and abrasive and acidic particles from the books.

The most obvious preservation advantage of an HDSF is the long-term storage environment. Due to the low personnel load, the environment of the storage space can be adjusted to maximize the preservation of book and paper materials. Temperature and humidity levels in the storage space at UIUC are set at 50°F (±2°) and 40% RH (±2%). These settings provide a more stable storage environment for organic materials and drastically reduce their degradation rate.

The high-density storage of low-use materials at the UIUC Library has greatly facilitated the preservation of the collections. Although not a simple undertaking, the shift of lesser-used materials to our HDSF will benefit the preservation of all of the Library’s collections as a whole.

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Instruction Section: Secretary: Melissa Koenig, coordinator of suburban academic support services, DePaul University. Member-at-Large: Terry Taylor, coordinator of library instruction, DePaul University.

Literatures in English Section: Member-at-Large: Kathleen M. Kluegel, English librarian, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

University Libraries Section: Secretary: Betsy Baker, library educator and private consultant

Western European Studies Section: Vice-chair/Chair-elect: Sebastian Hierl, bibliographer for English and romance literatures, University of Chicago.
Four Honored with ILCSO Awards
Bernie Sloan, ILCSO Office

Four individuals recently garnered awards from the Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization (ILCSO - http://office.ilcso.illinois.edu):

Jay Starratt, Dean of Library and Information Services and Associate Vice Chancellor for Information Technology, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, was presented with the ILCSO Distinguished Contributor Award. This award is presented in recognition of sustained contributions to the organization. Mr. Starratt is a past president of ILCSO, is a long standing member of ILCSO's governing board, has served as chair of the ILCSO Policy Council, and has chaired a number of important ILCSO committees, including the ILCSO System Assessment Task Force which selected the Endeavor Voyager system as ILCSO's integrated library system. Mr. Starratt is the eighth recipient of the Distinguished Contributor award since its inception in 1995.

Jean Wilkins, recently retired director of the Illinois State Library, received the ILCSO Special Citation Award in recognition of her more than two decades of outstanding service and support for the ILCSO consortium and all Illinois libraries. Ms. Wilkins has served at the State Library in various capacities since 1980 and held the position of Director for the past six years. Ms. Wilkins has served on the ILCSO Board of Directors and numerous other ILCSO committees.

Diane Dates Casey, Dean of Library Services and Academic Computing at Governors State University, and Bernie Sloan, Senior Library Information Systems Consultant with the University of Illinois Office for Planning and Budgeting, became the first two recipients of the ILCSO Distinguished Publication Award. This award was established by the ILCSO Board of Directors in 2003 to (1) recognize authors of superior articles which pertain to ILCSO consortium practices, services, and resources and (2) to encourage the submission of such works to the library literature, and (3) to promote the availability of such works to the library community. The award is given every three years. The awards were given for the following publications:


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