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ACRL New England Chapter News (for March 2014 issue of Chapter Topics)

Greetings from the ACRL New England Chapter! Since our last report our chapter has continued to focus on providing high quality professional development and networking events for librarians in our region. We held our 2013 Annual Conference on May 10, 2013 at College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. This sell-out event, which was attended by more than 320 librarians from New England and afar, was themed *Communities in the Cloud, the Commons, and the College*. Lynn Sutton, Dean of Z. Smith Reynolds Library, Wake Forest University was our keynote speaker and perfectly set the tone of the conversation for the day. Her library won the ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in 2011 – clearly in part due to superior community building. After the morning keynote was a satisfying day of speakers, panels, posters, vendors, and networking with colleagues. The conference included our popular student-pairing program, in which library school students and professional librarians are matched for the day, appointments for resume review, and a ride-share program.

During the conference business meeting outgoing President, Leslie Button (UMass Amherst), thanked the Conference Planning Committee, officers, SIG chairs, and committee chairs for their hard work over the past year and handed over leadership of the chapter to incoming President Eleta Exline (University of New Hampshire). Results were announced for the election of new 2013/2014 officers (Phil Waterman, Vice President/President Elect, Assumption College and Karin Heffernan, Member-at-large, New England College) as were recipients of chapter scholarships and awards (Best Paper Award, Angela Locknar, MIT Libraries; ACRL National Conference Scholarship, Jeanette Lundgren, Becker College; Annual Conference Scholarship for Library School Students, Shelley Gayler, Texas Women's University; Continuing Education Scholarship, Ruth Alcabes, Springfield Technical Community College). Laura Hanlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) announced the creation of a new scholarship to honor the life of Christine Drew, a much loved and much missed member of our chapter. The Christine Drew Scholarship will support a member of ACRL/NEC to attend one track of ACRL Immersion. The scholarship includes a registration and travel stipend up to \$1000 to attend the ACRL Immersion program and complimentary registration and a travel stipend to attend the ACRL/NEC Annual Conference.

The Conference Planning Committee, led by Vice President and Chair Phil Waterman, has been busy planning our 2014 Annual Conference, themed *We're All in This Together: Strengthening Librarians Through Professional Development*. The event will take place May 9, 2014 at College of the Holy Cross and feature keynote speakers Susanne Markgren and Tiffany Eatman Allen, authors of *Career Q&A: A Librarian's Real-life, Practical Guide to Managing a Successful Career*. The outstanding schedule of sessions and posters is now available, and registration is open: <http://conference2014.acrlnec.org/>. Our colleagues from other chapters are welcome to attend this always-popular event!

Throughout the year our chapter's special interest groups develop, plan, and coordinate events on a variety of topics of interest to our members:

The Access Services Group (ASIG) held its spring event - *Say Whaaaaat???* *Communication in Access Services* - on June 14, 2013 at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. The morning session was entitled *Interpersonal Communication with Focus on Libraries* and presented by Diane McNamara (Bentley University). The afternoon was devoted to roundtables and panel discussions on varied topics, including social media and networking, library staff development, "saying no," and student training. More than 50 people attended this event. ASIG's next conference, *COEXIST: Workplace Culture*, will be held February 21 at College of the Holy Cross. Featured speakers are Michael Krasulski, an editor of *Twenty-First-Century Access Services: On the Front Line of Academic Librarianship* and Brian Greene (Northeastern University), who will speak on Northeastern's reorganization and the changes in Access Services that accompany the library's move into the digital era.

The Collection Development Interest Group (CDIG) and Electronic Resources Interest Group (ERMIG) co-sponsored *Cutting edge Issues in Licensing: Text Mining, MOOCs and More* held at Northeastern University, Boston, MA on April 25, 2013. M.S. Vijay Kumar (MIT) provided an overview of developments in online, open education in a talk entitled *Open Education on the Move: New Pathways for Learning*. Ryan Cordell (Northeastern University) presented *Why Humanists Need Data: New Uses for Electronic Archives* where he discussed his digital humanities project using nineteenth century U.S. newspapers. Jolee West (Wesleyan University) presented *Tipping Point: MOOCs, Copyright and the Challenges and Rewards of Wesleyan's Coursera Partnership* where she described her experiences doing copyright research for Wesleyan's MOOCs. Next was Kyle Courtney (Harvard Law School) with *Making the Legal Case for Transformative Fair Use: MOOCs and Text Mining* in which he discussed the recent HathiTrust case (The Authors Guild, Inc. et al v. Hathitrust et al) and the concept of text mining as transformative fair use. The program's final speaker was Celeste Feather (LYRASIS) with *The Consortial Arena: The Challenges of Negotiating Cutting Edge Licensing Provisions*. Feather discussed her role at LYRASIS as the lead negotiator for the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Licensing Initiative. This day-long event was attended by more than 50 people.

Approximately 50 people also attended CDIG's program "*Creating Community with Digital Collections: A Conversation about Curation and the Public Good*," which was held at Tufts University, Medford, MA on December 13, 2013. The program highlighted two digital collections designed and created to engage community, illuminating the larger issues surrounding digital collections. The featured panelists were Dan Cohen, Executive Director of the Digital Public Library of America and Elizabeth Maddock Dillon, co-director of the NULab and co-founder of *Our Marathon Archive* at Northeastern University. The conversation was moderated by Michael Leach (Harvard University).

On March 13, 2013 the Information Technology Interest Group (ITIG) held its *DigiCamp '13* at Bryant University, Smithfield, RI. This low cost half-day conference featured a community-driven format where each technology related session was designed and delivered by attendees. *DigiCamp '14*, featuring the same unconference format, will be held on March 14 at Simmons College.

The New England Library Instruction Group (NELIG) held its Spring Meeting on April 19, 2013 at Phillips Academy, Andover, MA. Laura Saunders (Simmons College) presented the workshop *The Future of Information Literacy: Taking a Lead in Collaboration and Assessment*, which included interactive sessions and hands-on practice with assessment tools. NELIG's June 21 Annual Program, *Libraries, Librarians & Literacies: Information Literacy in Context*, took place at Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH. Keynote speakers Thomas P Mackey and Trudi E. Jacobson presented *Reimagining Information Literacy as a Metaliteracy: Empowering Learners for Participation, Collaboration, and Reflection*. The day included two workshops presented by the keynotes, eight breakout sessions, and time to connect with presenters and attendees. More than 100 people attended this event. On September 27 NELIG held its Fall Meeting at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, featuring the panel discussion *Playing Fair: Intellectual Property in the Age of Digital Research* with Arlene Bielefield (Connecticut State University), Martha Kelehan (Tufts University) and Greg Wallace (MassArt Library). The group's Winter Meeting on December 6 took place across three different campuses (Trinity College, Hartford, CT; Wheelock College, Boston, MA; and St. George's School, Middletown, RI) and featured 10 sessions where librarians shared lessons, described the lesson planning process, identified learning outcomes, and discussed assessment. On February 7, 2014 the group held its Spring Meeting featuring *When Speaking Feels Like Streaking: Learning to Teach and Present Confidently* presented by Amanda Good Hennessey (Boston University). Amanda used her experience in as an actor and acting teacher to guide participants in the art of public speaking. NELIG's 2014 Annual Program will be held June 6 at UMass Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA. *Teaching Across Difference* will feature keynote speaker Yu-Hui Chen who co-authored an article with Mary K. Van Ullen - "Helping International Students Succeed Academically through Research Process and Plagiarism Workshops." The program will explore how instruction librarians negotiate and accommodate difference in their work.

The Scholarly Communication Interest Group (SCIG) held the program *New Roles for Supporting Digital Scholarship in Academic Libraries*, on June 19, 2013 at Northeastern University, Boston, MA. The day explored the various ways in which academic librarians are supporting digital scholarship on their campuses. Speakers were Nick Shockey (Right to Research Coalition/SPARC), Jean Bauer (Brown University), and Jen Ferguson (Northeastern University). On November 14, 2013 the SCIG held *Altmetrics: Help Your Researchers Measure Their Full Impact* at Northeastern University. Speakers Heather Piwowar (ImpactStory), Andrea Michalek (Plum Analytics), and Nettie Lagace (NISO) discussed new metrics based on the social web for analyzing and informing scholarship.

Panelists Scott Lapinski (Harvard University), Megan Brooks and Adele Wolfson (Wellesley College), John Furfey (MBL/WHOI) and Lisa Palmer (UMass Medical) shared their experiences in using altmetrics to advance scholarly communication.

The Women's Studies Interest Group (WSIG) recently conducted a survey of members in order to understand their interests. Results will be used to develop programs in the coming years.

The Leadership Development Committee is presenting a program March 7, 2014 called *Numbers and Spreadsheets and Budgets (Oh my!)* at College of the Holy Cross. Tracey Leger-Hornby (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) and Diane Klare (Wesleyan University) will give practical information targeted to those with little financial background on developing budgets as a means of setting priorities and communicating needs. Case studies and hands on activities will provide the opportunity to practice and explore strategies in a safe environment.

The New England Chapter is looking forward to commissioning the design of a new chapter logo this spring and will redesign our website soon. Our chapter welcomes any opportunities to collaborate with other ACRL chapters on initiatives, ideas, and programs. Please let us know if you'd like to start a conversation!