



Come One, Come All: Symposium 2000

Final plans are being made for ACRL/NY's 20th annual symposium, *Information Literacy and the Academic Library: Choices and Challenges*, to be held on Friday, November 17th.

Please be aware that there was a misprint on the registration brochure; the correct address of the Donnell Library Center is **20 West 53rd Street**.

The keynote speakers are Betsy Wilson, ACRL National President and Associate Director of Libraries at the University of Washington, and Michael Eisenberg, Director and Professor of the School of Library and Information Science also at the University of Washington.

Afternoon panelists include Patricia Carroll-Mathes, Kimberley Donnelly, Clara Fowler, and Carol Kuhlthau. Three are ACRL National award recipients, two for the Innovation in Instruction Award and the other for the Miriam Dudley In-

struction Librarian Award.

Be sure to register by October 29th to obtain a reduced fee. If you need additional registration forms, please print one from the Web site: <http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/acrlny/sympos2000.htm> or contact Tian Zhang at zhangt@stjohns.edu

In addition to a great program, we will be looking back at our rich history as we celebrate the chapter's 20th birthday. Special souvenirs commemorating the anniversary will be given to attendees. We're looking forward to an exciting day!

Marilyn Rosenthal
Vice-President and
Symposium Committee Chair

New York Section to Take Trip Down Garden Path

Nestled among the concrete and steel towers of midtown Manhattan, just one block south of Central Park, is the unique Library of The Horticultural Society of New York. The Library is open to the public serving all with an interest in gardening. The street level entrance with its greenhouse and garden shop draws passers-by into a book-lined open space that invites browsing.

The Library is a remarkable resource for gar-

deners at all levels of expertise as well as everyone fascinated by plants. Its reading room provides a center for ready reference information and a refuge for reading and study. The facility has served as a home away from home for a great number of writers whose works have been inspired by the library's holdings.

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President's Message by Tian Zhang

ACRL/NY successfully completed the process of incorporation at the end of August, following most of the other ACRL chapters. The next thing the Executive Board needs to do is to file with the IRS for tax-exempt status.

Recently, ballots for ACRL/NY officers for 2001 were mailed to you. Most of the candidates are current members of either the ACRL/NY Symposium Planning Committee or the Executive Board. Some of them have been working on these teams for many years. Their rich experience and their dedication to the organization will certainly continue the success of ACRL/NY in the new century. I urge you to make your vote count and return the ballot at your earliest convenience.

At the national ACRL Chapters Council meeting on July 9, 2000 in Chicago, the loss of members was a big concern for many chapters, (please read the report by Lucy Heckman in this issue). Our chapter is facing the same problem. For 20 years, ACRL/NY has been a strong voice of academic libraries. Each year, our symposium has always reflected current topics of interest and attracted many professionals from libraries around our district. To keep the organization growing, we need

nourishment from each of our members. Please support our chapter as you did before and continue your membership. Invite your colleagues and friends to do so too.

Before I finish my last message as President of ACRL/NY, I want to take the opportunity to thank all the members of both the Executive Board and the Symposium Planning Committee, for working hard to accomplish our goals. This year at our Annual Symposium, we are going to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our chapter. We welcome all the past presidents and officers of ACRL/NY to join us for the celebration. Lois Cherepon, our Archivist, is preparing historical displays. The Symposium Committee has invited a wonderful group of speakers to address a hot topic: *Information Literacy and the Academic Library: Choices and Challenges*. Please do not miss the report, in this issue, from Marilyn Rosenthal, the Symposium Planning Committee Chair.

Greetings From Jennifer Schwartz

I'm very pleased to introduce myself as the new editor for *ACRL / NY Connections*. Since April of this past year, I've been the Librarian for U.S. and World History at the Elmer Holmes Bobst Library of New York University. Prior to that, I was employed at Bobst as a Reference Associate, while earning my MLS from Pratt Institute. Since this is still the beginning of my professional career, I'm eager to take on this new role and challenge, and to work more closely with the members of ACRL / NY as colleagues.

I intend to continue with the wonderful work that Mary Habstritt has done with the newsletter this past year, by providing informative and timely news. If you have suggestions or ideas for the coming editions, please send me an email: jennifer.schwartz@nyu.edu. Looking forward to a great year!

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<http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/acrlny/acrlny.html>

Chapters Council Report

ACRL Chapters Council convened at the McCormick Center in Chicago on Sunday morning, July 9, 2000 at the American Library Association conference. Lynne King, Chapters Council Chair presided over the meeting. Tian Zhang and I sat at the table representing the Greater New York Chapter and were able to meet and talk to other Chapters Council members from around the country.

Several important news items were reported. A list giving the current incorporation status of the various chapters was distributed by Melissa Cast, Director of Member Services; nearly all of the chapters are either incorporated or part of their state library associations. Melissa Cast reported that, since Midwinter 2000, California, New York (Western Ontario), and Washington have become incorporated. A directory of the Officers Speakers Bureau was distributed listing those available from

the Speakers Bureau 2000-2001 as Betsy Wilson, ACRL President-elect; Mary L. Reich, ACRL President-elect; and Althea Jenkins, ACRL Executive Director. Linda Kopeck, Heather Ward, Chapter Topics Editor, presented the next deadlines for Chapter reports. Linda Kopeck, Brochure Committee Chair, distributed copies of the draft of *ACRL Chapters & Chapter Council* brochure.

After a break, Larry Hardesty moderated an extensive discussion about ACRL Initiative Grants, specifically, the application process and the selection criteria. Application forms were distributed and discussed as well as copies of past submissions of forms.

Lucy Heckman
Past-President

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Full members of the society may borrow from an extensive circulating collection.

The library collects material on general gardening practices and the history of horticulture and garden design. Included are works on specific plants, urban horticulture, gardening with children, indoor gardening, plant folklore, careers in horticulture, plant exploration and related fields such as botanical illustration, floral design and basic botany.

Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of The Horticultural Society of New York Library on Wednesday November 29 at 6:00. This is located at 128 West 58th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues. Katherine Powis, Head Librarian of the Horticultural Library, will be giving the tour. She has facilitated the growth of this library for twelve years. She holds an M.L.S. from Queens College

with a background in English literature and has worked in medical and academic libraries.

As a special feature, Carol Bolt will demonstrate some of the techniques used in her basic botanical illustration class. Ms Bolt teaches flower painting and botanical illustration and drawing at the society. Her paintings have been widely exhibited and her works are in the collection of the Missouri Botanical Garden as well as in corporate and private collections.

Refreshments will be served. No pre-registration is required. If you need more information, please contact Tammy Wofsey at Twofsey@mmm.edu.

Tammy Wofsey
Chair, New York Geographic Section

Membership Tip

New with this issue of *Connections*, your mailing label includes the expiration date of your membership. Check the date to see if it is time for you to renew.

Membership forms were mailed with symposium registration information. If you no longer have a form, or would like to give one to a friend, print a form from the chapter's Web site: <http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/acrlny/sympos2000.htm> or contact Marsha Spiegelman, Membership Secretary, at spiegelm@sunynassau.edu.

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