

### **ACRL announces information literacy consultants**

ACRL has appointed a team of librarians from California State University (CSU)-San Marcos to serve as ACRL Information Literacy Consultants. ACRL has defined the role of the consultants as one of providing infrastructure to leverage librarians, faculty, and others in higher education efforts to advance the information literacy agenda.

The consultants will work with existing ACRL information literacy projects, develop a framework for expanding programs in response to needs, and create a core of baseline information. The ACRL Board has appointed an Information Literacy Advisory Committee that will work closely with the consultants to set priorities and identify needs.

The ACRL Information Literacy Consultants will also serve as project leaders for the two-year grant ACRL received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The grant will fund a pilot study addressing the assessment of student learning outcomes using ACRL's "Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education."

"ACRL is committed to being the leader in providing information literacy resources and programs that will help students become discerning, thoughtful, and productive information consumers," said Althea Jenkins, ACRL executive director. "The work of the ACRL Information Literacy Consultants will help us reach that goal."

The consultant team is composed of Gabriela Sonntag, coordinator of the Information Literacy Program; Ann Fiegen, business librarian; Judith Downie, adjunct librarian; and Marion Reid, dean of Library and Information Services at CSU.

### **University of Illinois joins Digital Library Federation**

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) joined the Digital Library Federation (DLF), a consortium of research libraries that facilitates the development and dissemination of information about digital li-

brary tools, methods, practices, trends, and strategies. University Librarian Paula Kaufman believes that UIUC is well positioned to enhance DLF's activities in architectural work, the development of digital collections, the assessment of online collections and services, and international collaboration. "As the third largest academic library in North America, we are committed to increasing access to our extensive collections. Our expertise in digital technology will support this effort and further the goals of DLF," she explained.

### **University of Pittsburgh endows chair**

The University of Pittsburgh has established an endowed chair for the university librarian and director of the university library, thanks to a \$2.5 million grant from the Hillman Foundation, Inc. Rush Miller, head of the Univer-



California National Guard Lt. Colonel Terry Knight, University Library Dean Susan Curzon, Associated Students President Robert Hanff, Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, and CSU, Northridge President Jolene Koester cut the ribbon at the rededication of the California State University Northridge's Oviatt Library. Major portions of the library were destroyed in the January 17, 1994, Northridge earthquake.

# Applications/Nominations Invited for *C&RL* Editor

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of editor of *College & Research Libraries (C&RL)*, the bimonthly, scholarly research journal of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The editor is appointed for a three-year term, which may be renewed for an additional three years. Applicants must be a member of ALA and ACRL. Qualifications include professional experience in academic libraries, a record of scholarly publication, editing experience, an ability to meet publication deadlines, an understanding of the scholarly communication process, and a broad knowledge of the issues confronting academic libraries.

Some funding for editorial assistance and travel to relevant conferences is available, and there is a small honorarium for the editor.

*The deadline has been extended. Review of applications will begin January 3, 2001, and will continue until position is filled.*

sity of Pittsburgh's University Library System, will be the first incumbent of the Hillman Chair. "World class universities have world-class libraries, and we have been impressed with the steps that the University of Pittsburgh has taken to respond with innovative technological solutions to the changing and increasing needs of library patrons," said Ronald Wertz, president of the Hillman Foundation. "We have confidence in Rush Miller and the University and their ability to re-

Appointment will be made by the ACRL Board of Directors at the 2001 Annual Conference upon the recommendation of the search committee and of the ACRL Publications Committee. The incoming editor will serve a one-year internship with the current editor before assuming full responsibility for *C&RL* in July 2002.

Nominations or résumés and letters of application, including the names of three references, should be sent to:

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spond positively to the increasing demands in higher education and in library services, and we are pleased to help support those important efforts."

## **Penn State opens wired Paterno Library**

The new Paterno Library at Penn State University Park opened this fall, providing users with improved access to collections, additional space for private and group study, and sophisticated digital resources.

Named for Penn State Head Football Coach Joseph V. Paterno, his wife Suzanne P. Paterno, and their family, the new building is connected to the renovated Pattee Library, creating a 490,000 square foot complex. The new complex seats approximately 2,000 users and includes 139,000 square feet of new space and 250,000 square feet of renovated space.

Designed by Celli-Flynn and Associates, Architects and Planners of Pittsburgh, the facility features 2,000 data ports for computer hook-ups, almost 500 computer workstations, wired seminar and instruction rooms,



Penn State University dedicated its new Paterno Library this fall. The fully wired facility features 2,000 data ports, nearly 500 computer workstations, and a 134-seat auditorium with data ports in every chair.

## NCSU Fellows Program lives up to its promise

The NCSU Libraries Fellows Program began its second year with the appointment of another stellar group of new librarians: Anne E. Pemberton, James Jackson Sanborn, and Lisa A. Sheets. The program identifies talented new graduates with MLS degrees and introduces them to career-enhancing opportunities in academic librarianship in a research library with strengths in science, technology, and digital library activities.

The Fellows Program is also intended to help the profession in general—during a time of declining numbers of MLS graduates coupled with rising competition for librarians from the private sector—by developing a pool of highly qualified professionals who wish to pursue careers in libraries.

Each fellow is appointed for a two-year term as a full member of the library faculty, based half-time in a home department and

assigned to a special project for the other 20 hours per week. The library strives to ensure that the fellows help to meet library goals, as well as offering substantive work in areas of each candidate's personal interest and skills.

The success of this arrangement for both the library and the fellows is evident in the fact that every member of the first group of fellows has already accepted a permanent faculty position on the library staff in a variety of positions, including digital projects, visual resources, and media



The 2000 NCSU Libraries Fellows (left to right): Lisa Sheets, James Jackson Sanborn, and Anne Pemberton.

resources.

For more information about the NCSU Libraries Fellows Program, send e-mail to Wendy Scott, assistant director for Organizational Design and Learning ([wendy\\_scott@ncsu.edu](mailto:wendy_scott@ncsu.edu)).—*Jinnie Y. Davis, North Carolina State University Libraries, [jinnie\\_davis@ncsu.edu](mailto:jinnie_davis@ncsu.edu)*

and a 134-seat auditorium with data ports in every chair. The Gateway Commons, a fully electronic library, has staff ready to help students start their research in any subject. A cafe with indoor and outdoor seating provides space for a study break.

The Paterno family has long supported the libraries and they led the Campaign for the Library, which raised \$13.75 million in private funds to build a new library.

The final \$34.4 million project included a combination of private, state, and university funds. ■

### More ACRL Friends

ACRL would like to thank the following members for becoming Friends of ACRL.

Century Club: Cary Sowell  
Friends: Lawrence McCrank

These members were inadvertently left off the list of Friends in the November issue.



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