

“Guidelines Regarding Thefts in Libraries” makes literary debut

ACRL’s “Guidelines Regarding Thefts in Libraries” is referenced in *The Maltese Manuscript* (Poisoned Pen, 2003), a murder mystery written by Fordham University English professor Joanne Dobson. At the heart of the story is the theft of a number of rare books from a university’s library. This puts the administration in a quandary, as they know they should adhere to ACRL’s guidelines, which “mandate prompt and full disclosure of stolen rare books and manuscripts,” but want to “buy a little time” as they work on getting an alumnus to donate a collection (p. 54). The plot thickens.

An updated version of “Guidelines Regarding Thefts in Libraries” was approved by the ACRL Board at the Midwinter Meeting and will be published in an upcoming issue of *C&RL News*.

CLIR surveys audio collections

The Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) has undertaken a survey of the state of audio recordings in academic libraries. The goal of the survey is to inform decision makers in libraries and funding agencies about the significant barriers to access to the collections. Survey findings will be the basis of a report that will discuss these barriers. The report will help position institutions with important audio holdings to find support for them. The Communications Office, Inc. of Alexandria, Virginia, was selected by CLIR to design and conduct the survey.

WilsonWeb expands art and social sciences databases

WilsonWeb’s Art Full Text and Social Sciences Full Text databases are being enhanced with increased journal coverage, new treatment of key specialties, and broader international scope. Fifty-one new periodicals have been added to ART Full Text (beginning with January 2003 issues), bringing new coverage of crafts, costumes and

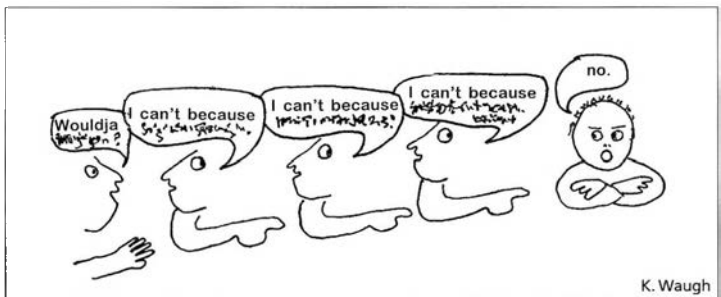
textiles, non-western art, contemporary art, and feminist criticism. Social Science Full Text is adding 32 journals (beginning with June 2003 issues), which will more than double its coverage of mass media and communications titles.

Webcasts of ACRL National Conference programs available

If you weren’t able to attend the ACRL National Conference in Charlotte last month, or if you attended and found yourself in the “so many programs, so little time” predicament, ACRL is offering another chance to experience select conference programs. The e-Learning Webcasts series has expanded to include Webcasts of six National Conference programs. Webcasts featuring streaming audio of speakers’ presentations, synchronized with PowerPoint slides, and links to supplemental information have been created for the following:

- Socializing Information: Research Libraries from Print to Packets (opening keynote session with Paul Duguid)
- Scholarly Communication: Taking Stock, Charting Next Steps
- Connecting the Dots: Using the Assessment Cycle to Foster Student Success
- Information Literacy for Educators
- Where Do We Go From Here? Usability Testing and Library Service Assessment
- Books and Budgets: A Guide to Survival (closing keynote session with Belle Wheelan)

Individual and institutional rates are available; reduced pricing is offered for ACRL members, ALA members, and students. Visit <http://acrl.telusys.net/webcast/> for complete information.



The process

ACRL conducts an ongoing environmental scan to identify trends and emerging issues that may affect the future of higher education, academic libraries, and the association. The environmental scanning process seeks to identify trends and changes in key areas affecting ACRL and its members.

The process involves accumulating information from a wide variety of sources and interpreting this information relative to the association and its members. When the scanning process is shared with the membership, it can become a useful tool in assessing the impact of these trends on all academic libraries.

Methodology

ACRL staff began the scan process by reviewing a wide range of publications and other sources of information in the following areas:

- the economy,
- academic libraries,
- higher education, and
- professional associations.

In addition to the work of staff, the ACRL Board established the Focus on the Future Task Force to "help the association meet

the challenge of keeping our focus on the big questions—those questions which have the potential to help academic librarians shape and change their services to further improve learning and research." Over the past 18 months, the task force has collected data concerning the most important issues facing academic libraries.

Librarians at open forums, both online and face-to-face, have articulated the issues they believe are most pressing—the issues with which they must deal effectively to retain the important role of academic libraries in the academy. Some 300 librarians have been involved in generating ideas for this task force. These ideas have also informed the ACRL environmental scan.

Prior to beginning its research, staff identified a number of key areas that impact the environment of the association and its members, and the information that was subsequently acquired was organized into these areas. The principal categories are:

- Economic Overview
- Societal Overview
- Academic Library Issues
- Higher Education Trends
- Professional Association Trends

Assoc. Colleges of the South creates online journal

The Associated Colleges of the South has launched an online journal, *Transformations*, whose mission is to serve as a forum for faculty, students, and library and information technology staff to "explore the concept of digital information fluency and its significance for the educated citizen of the 21st century." *Transformations* seeks to engage these groups to develop creative and effective practices related to liberal arts education in the digital age. The journal debuted in March 2003 and includes discussion boards for reader feedback and interaction. *Transformations* is available online at <http://www.colleges.org/transformations>.

LexisNexis provides free information on war in Iraq

LexisNexis is packaging relevant content from its archive of new, legal, legislative, and business information to assist people in dealing

with the ongoing effects of the war in Iraq. The general public can keep abreast of news and developments by visiting www.lexisnexis.com/iraq for the most recent articles on war-related topics. Free registration for a temporary LexisNexis ID is available for those who require more in-depth information. This ID will provide full access to all of the company's news sources. Current LexisNexis news customers can access a new War in Iraq Hot File at no additional charge.

Harvard's Baker Library prepares for renovation

The Baker Library building at Harvard Business School (HBS) will undergo a complete renovation beginning summer 2003. The renovation will result in a redevelopment of the building as the Baker Library/Academic Center, which will be home to the library and office space for faculty and their assistants, research associates, and other staff who support

Within each of these categories there are a number of subtopics. The implications of the data gathered for both the profession and the association are stated in each section.

Summary of implications

Not surprisingly, the overriding characteristic of the present environment was found to be change. Change occurs in all eras, but the striking nature of the current changes is that they are causing, or have the potential to cause, major paradigm shifts in all of the areas studied. In many cases, assumptions and methods of operation that have not changed for many years are now becoming less effective and new approaches will be necessary to ensure continued viability. This applies across all areas studied including the association, academic libraries, and higher education.

On the economic scene, the end of 18 years of economic growth and a bull market are causing major upheavals, and these shifts will affect many areas such as business, funding, jobs, and support for the association. Academic libraries are affected by the enormous impacts of shifting demographics caused by the graying Boomers and the electronic revolution, which is calling into question methods of information delivery that have remained little changed

research, teaching, and curriculum development. The goals of the renovation are to strengthen the intellectual community at HBS; to create a place where faculty, students, alumni, and outside scholars can come together to build knowledge; and to stimulate interaction and collaboration by increasing access to each other and to sources of information. The facility is expected to open for the fall 2003 semester.

Univ. of Pittsburgh launches eprint archive

The University Library System of University of Pittsburgh has launched its second Open Archives Initiative compliant eprint service, Archive of European Integration (AEI). AEI will hold noncommercial, nongovernmental full-text publications, such as short monographs, working or policy papers, and conference papers dealing with some aspect of Euro-

pean integration. The archive is hosted by the library system and cosponsored by the European Union Studies Association and the Center for West European Studies/European Union Center at Pitt. It is also in partnership with the European Integration online Papers in Vienna, Austria. Pitt's first eprint archive is PhilSci Archive, which began in 2001. The university intends to launch an institutional repository during summer 2003.

for several hundred years. These changes will have implications for academic libraries, from budgets to information delivery methods. Higher education also is being forced to reexamine assumptions and methodologies that have been in place for many years, as it also copes with the impacts of an electronic world and shifting demographics.

Finally, professional associations must be ready to adapt their missions to meet the new challenges brought about by the effects of change on their members. Business plans must also be revamped to meet new realities caused by the either declining memberships, lean economic times, delivery of services, or members' changing needs.

Access the Environmental Scan

ACRL members may access ACRL's 2002 Environmental Scan online by visiting the ACRL Web site (go to <http://www.acrl.org>, click on "Publications," then "White Papers & Reports"). To view this content you will need to log on using your membership login and password. If you need help getting your login and password, visit ALA's online customer service center at <https://cs.ala.org/ScriptContent/Index.cfm>.—*Shannon Cary, ACRL program officer, scary@ala.org*

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Sirsi selected by Bibliocentre

Bibliocentre, a consortium of Ontario, Canada, community colleges, has selected Sirsi's Unicorn Library Management System to bring its myriad resources to its users. Bibliocentre's prime mandate is to support college learning and resource centers as a unique cost-saving enterprise through consortium purchasing of library materials, centralized cataloging and processing, and supporting a province-wide integrated library system.

Burke Library to join Columbia

The Burke Library at the Union Theological Seminary will become part of the Columbia University Libraries in July 2004. Under the agreement signed in March between Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, Union's library will retain the name Burke Library as well as its basic theological character. Burke's collections, services, and technology programs will be fully integrated into the Columbia Libraries. As part of the Columbia Libraries, Burke's collection will continue to expand and new information services, such as digital library, electronic publishing, and online education resources, will be available to the seminary's students, faculty, and researchers.

The Burke Library is in the process of completing a \$2.5 million renovation of its facility. Through funds from an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant, the library is converting its catalog records to electronic format. The collection of more than 700,000 items will become the property of Columbia University and the records of the Burke Library will be converted into Columbia's online catalog. The library building itself will remain the property and responsibility of the seminary.

Music literature abstracts available through IDS

RILM Abstracts of Music Literature, published by Répertoire International de Littérature Musicale (RILM), is now available via the Internet Database Service from Cambridge Scientific Abstracts. The database covers all areas of music research, including interdisciplinary studies of music in its relation to various other fields. All types of media are abstracted and indexed in RILM from books to periodicals to electronic media.

Dynix and YBP Library Services enter partnership

Dynix has entered a product development and technology-sharing partnership with YBP Library Services that will streamline the acquisition process for joint customers using the Horizon Information Management System. Under the partnership, YBP customers using Horizon will be able to place EDIFACT orders directly from the acquisitions module of their Horizon system. Dynix and YBP are also working to streamline acquisition workflows through the use of local data embedded in MARC records. ■

Register now for the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute August 3-8, 2003, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Academic libraries exist in a constantly changing environment with many new challenges and many available opportunities. New demands on academic libraries call for fundamental shifts in leadership know-how. In response to these challenges, ACRL is collaborating with the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education to offer its popular ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute this summer.

- Learn among the leaders and trendsetters in academic library administration. At the ACRL/Harvard program, you will be among your fellow leaders in academic librarianship. The institute is designed for directors of libraries and individuals in positions such as associate university librarian, assistant dean, vice president of information resources, university librarian, and college librarian. Attendance would also be useful for individuals regularly involved in decision-making that affects the entire library operation and that involves other important relationships on campus.

- Increase your capacity to lead and manage. Find out if your organization is well-positioned to meet current and future challenges and discover if your own leadership is effective. Harvard Institutes for Higher Education faculty will give special attention to issues such as leadership, organizational strategy, transformational learning, and planning.

- Mark your calendars now. The 2003 ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute will be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 3-8, 2003.

Don't miss this exciting educational opportunity! Registration materials and complete details about the institute are available on the Web at <http://www.gse.harvard.edu/~ppe/programs/acrl/program.html>. Registration spots will fill quickly.

Don't forget to register early to ensure you have a space in this prestigious institute. Questions about this institute can be directed to acrl@ala.org; (800) 545-2433, ext. 2523.



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