

ACRL announces keynote speakers for 12th National Conference

ACRL has selected a distinguished lineup of keynote speakers for its 12th National Conference, "Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change," which will be held in Minneapolis, April 7–10, 2005.

The Opening Keynote Session will feature William J. Mitchell, professor of Architecture and Media Arts and Science, academic head of Media Arts and Sciences, and former dean of the School of Architecture and Planning at MIT. Mitchell will discuss changes brought about by new communication and information technologies and what they mean for libraries.

National Public Radio host Liane Hansen will moderate a keynote luncheon, "Women of Mystery," on Friday, April 8, featuring a panel of female mystery authors.

Sylvia Hurtado, associate professor at the Center for the Study of Higher and Post-secondary Education at the University of Michigan will provide the Closing Keynote session. Her address will cover her thoughts on post-September 11 changes in the student body and campuses nationwide and the ways in which colleges and universities are preparing students to participate in a diverse democracy.

Complete information about the ACRL National Conference is available at www.ala.org/acrl/minneapolis.

OhioLINK to fund PLoS publication fees

The Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK) announced that it will fund half of the publication fee for all faculty and researchers at OhioLINK member institutions whose articles are published in the Public Library of Science's (PLoS) open-access journals. OhioLINK is a consortium of 84 Ohio college and university libraries, plus the State Library of Ohio. The group was motivated to support PLoS to help address the difficulties many academic libraries face in maintaining journal collections, due to budget constraints and the rising costs of

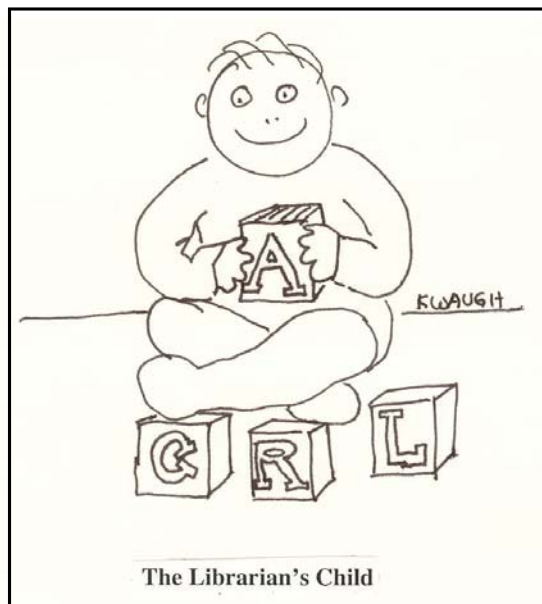
journal subscriptions. Six OhioLINK members further support PLoS as institutional members. The consortium's commitment to fund 50 percent of the publication fee for PLoS journals will remain in effect indefinitely, subject to periodic review.

Ingenta and ABC-CLIO sign linking partnership

ABC-CLIO has signed a partnership agreement to link its abstracting and indexing databases, "Historical Abstracts" and "America: History and Life," to online journals from Ingenta. With the new agreement, users of the ABC-CLIO history databases will be able to follow direct links to full-text articles in the more than 6,000 journals in Ingenta's collection when searching article titles and abstracts. ABC-CLIO also has linking partnerships with JSTOR, Project Muse, History Cooperative, and H-Net.

Rockefeller University Press launches open archives

Not-for-profit scientific publisher Rockefeller University Press has created new open archives for its three research publications: the *Journal of Cell Biology*, (JCB) the *Journal of Experimental Medicine* (JEM), and the *Jour-*



nal of General Physiology (JGP). The archives feature full-text, searchable PDF versions of all articles dating back to volume 1, issue 1.

Full-text content of JCB and JEM is released after a six-month delay, and full-text content of JGP is released after a 12-month delay. The press offers free full-text content from the day of publication to scientists working in 142 developing nations.

University of Louisville launches Ekstrom Library expansion project

More than 100 people from Kentucky and across the country gathered behind the University of Louisville's William F. Ekstrom Library on April 12 for the ceremonial groundbreaking launching a \$14.2 million expansion of the library. Funded through federal earmarks secured by Senator Mitch McConnell, the 42,500-square-foot addition will feature technologically advanced instructional laboratories, conferencing spaces, offices, an accessible auditorium featuring modern instructional technology, a 24-hour study facility, and a European-style cafe.

Approximately 8,000 square feet of the expansion will house

an automated storage and retrieval system for environmentally controlled on-site storage of 1.2 million volumes. Access to the volumes will be through a rapid robotic delivery system that can retrieve and deliver items in less than four minutes from the time of request.

The expansion is expected to be complete by fall 2005.



(l. to r.) Michael Sticklen, president, Student Government Association; Hannelore B. Rader, dean, University Libraries; U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell, R-KY; Ulysses L. Bridgeman Jr., chair, Board of Trustees; and James R. Ramsey, president, University of Louisville, break ground at the Ekstrom Library in preparation for its expansion.

Lowé named 2004 ACRL/DLS Haworth Press Distance Learning Librarian Conference Sponsorship Award Winner

Susan S. Lowé, assistant dean for off-campus library services, University of Maine-Augusta, has been named the 2004 recipient of ACRL's Distance Learning Section (DLS) Haworth Press Distance Learning Librarian Conference Sponsorship Award. This first-time annual award honors an ACRL member working in the field, or contributing to the success of, distance learning librarianship or related library service in higher education.

"Susan Lowé's work in the field of distance learning librarianship has set the bar for future award winners," said Jack Fritts, chair of the DLS Award Committee. "To quote from one of the letters of nomina-

tion: "Susan has an incredible impact on the state of Maine. She and her staff work with every new instructor, educating her or him about access to library services for students, manage the copyright approval process for course packs, and provide direct instruction and reference services for students on TV and online. In her spare time, Susan also represents all distance education needs in the University of Maine System by sitting on the UMS Library Directors' Council."

The Haworth Press, Inc., sponsor of the award, presented the \$1,200 award and plaque during the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando during the DLS program.

Diversity in Libraries Conference draws record crowds

Nearly 300 librarians, library staff, and library and information science students from across the United States participated in the 2004 National Diversity in Libraries Conference, held May 4–5 in Atlanta. The conference featured two dozen presentations and roundtable discussions covering a wide range of subjects, including descriptions of various fellowships and recruiting techniques for minority librarians and the creation of the first library archive of African American lesbian and gay cultural materials at the New York Public Library. The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, the Historically Black College and University Library Alliance, and the Association of Research Libraries co-hosted the conference. Support was provided by 50 libraries and library programs throughout the region and corporate sponsors.

Swets offers broadband portal to content in China

As part of its e-journal management drive, Swets Information Services has opened a broadband portal to electronic content in China. Through an agreement with CERNET, the Chinese academic Internet service provider, Swets will provide users in China with rapid access to SwetsWise Online Content. The new service is expected to solve slow access problems and ensure that university users don't pay additional fees when visiting sites outside of China.

Phase 2 of the Directory of Open Access Journals includes article level search

Lund University Libraries has launched phase 2 of the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). The new version of DOAJ includes records at article level and a search functionality that potentially allows users to search articles in all open access journals. The directory contains information on more than 1,100 open access journals, with 270 of them searchable on article level as of the launch date. The goal of DOAJ is to increase the visibility and accessibility of open access scholarly journals, thereby promoting their increased usage and impact. DOAJ can be accessed at www.doaj.org.

To market, to market: ACRL offers one-time marketing award

ACRL is offering a one-time Best Practices in Marketing Academic and Research Libraries Award to be presented at the ACRL National Conference in Minneapolis in April 2005. Sponsored by the ACRL Marketing Academic and Research Libraries Committee and funded through the ACRL Friends Fund Committee, the award will be given to the academic or research library that demonstrates a best practices marketing program. Programs must have been in place for one year and selection will be based on the most complete documentation.

A \$2,000 award will be presented for first place and a \$1,000 award will be given for second place. Portfolios are due October 29, 2004. For more details, visit the Awards section of the ACRL Web site at www.ala.org/acrl.

EBSCO to index U. of California Press content

EBSCO Electronic Journals Service (EJS) has signed an agreement with the University of California Press to index its content through EJS Enhanced. The service offers features that help with e-journal management tasks, such as tracking the registration status of e-journals, authentication assistance for on-campus and remote access content, and automatic management of e-journal URLs. EBSCO provides durable URLs for every journal, table of contents, and article in EJS Enhanced, with no URL maintenance required by the library. The University of California Press is one of the oldest scholarly publishers in the United States and produces 54 journals each year, including 20 publications of the American Anthropological Association, *Film Quarterly*, *Social Problems*, and *Gastronomica: The Journal of Food and Culture*.

Bowker acquires Monument Information Service

R. R. Bowker has acquired Monument Information Service (MIR), the primary market intelligence source for the higher education textbook publishing industry. For the past ten years, MIR has compiled textbook sales information from institutions nationwide to

provide the college publishing industry with a suite of title level market and adoption intelligence tools. R. R. Bowker, publisher of *Books in Print*, is a leading provider of bibliographic information in North America and the official agency for assigning ISBNs in the United States. MIR is Bowker's second acquisition of a market intelligence company. Simba Information, Inc., the market intelligence and forecasting unit of PRIMEDIA, Inc. was purchased in September 2003.

Thomson releases new version of ISI Web of Knowledge

Thomson Corporation has released a new version of ISI Web of Knowledge, the result of two years of design, with collaboration from researchers and librarians. The new Web of Knowledge offers personalization features for authors, more sophisticated search tools, a more intuitive interface for novices, and journal analysis tools for libraries.

Features include citation alerts, unique cited reference searching, more intuitive accessibility of products, saved search histories and multidisciplinary information resources through CrossSearch, and improved Journal

Citation Reports, which provides statistical information based on citation data. The new release of Web of Knowledge also incorporates additions to the Thomson ISI linking capabilities.

Columbia approves final phase of Butler Library renovation

The University Board of Trustees at Columbia University has approved more than \$25 million for the final phase of the Butler library renovation project, which is scheduled for completion in fall 2006. Total funding for the project, which began in 1995, is estimated at just over \$100 million.

The final phase of the renovation will replace the stack and freight elevators; expand the mechanical systems; completely overhaul the upper levels, including the Oral History Research Office; and replace the roof. New study areas for graduate students with improved power and data support will also be added, and the stacks containing the rare book and manuscript collections will be renovated. More information about the Butler Library renovation is available at www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/butler/renovation/. ■

Celebrate banned books week, September 25–October 2

Thousands of libraries and bookstores are speaking out against attempts to censor books and celebrating the freedom to read during Banned Books Week, September 25 to October 2, 2004. Banned Books Week offers an opportunity to conduct or sponsor educational programs that demonstrate the harms of censorship.

ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom received 458 challenges, or attempts to remove books from schools and libraries, in 2003. Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's Alice series topped the list as the most challenged titles of 2003, ending the four-year reign of J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter series.

Observed since 1982, Banned Books Week reminds Americans not to take the

freedom to read for granted. The event is sponsored by the American Booksellers Association, the American Booksellers Foundation for Free Expression, ALA, the Association of American Publishers, the American Society of Journalists and Authors, and the National Association of College Stores. It is endorsed by the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

More information about Banned Books Week, including links to ideas for activities, information on ALA's Banned Books Week kit (which includes posters, bookmarks, the 2004 resource guide, and a pin), and the list of most frequently challenged books can be found on the ALA Web site at www.ala.org/bbw.

