

# Make a difference: Connect, contribute, collaborate

## Volunteer for division and section committees and editorial boards

**A**re you looking for ways to expand your professional network and contribute to ACRL? Committee volunteers help shape ACRL by advancing its strategic plan and influencing the direction of academic and research librarianship. Serving on a committee or editorial board is a great way to become involved and make an impact on the profession.

If you'd like to become more engaged, ACRL Vice-President/President-Elect Karen Munro invites you to volunteer to serve on a 2019–20 division or section committee:

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Thank you for volunteering to contribute your time and expertise to ACRL. We rely on the time, energy, and talent of our member volunteers to carry out the work of the association. In the interests of creating an appointment process that is as transparent as possible, I will issue a statement informing the membership of the number of opportunities and volunteers, the number of appointments of first-time members, and other relevant information, after the appointments process is complete. Thank you.—*Karen Munro, ACRL vice-president/president-elect*

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### **The rewards of volunteering**

Volunteering offers many benefits and opportunities. You can:

- connect with others in the profession who are passionate and committed to academic librarianship,
- learn from those who share similar professional concerns and interests,
- network with information professionals in higher education,
- become part of a community of academic and research librarians,
- gain insights into the profession,
- enhance your leadership skills through group facilitation and project management,
- discover new ways to work,
- expand your awareness and understanding of the value of academic libraries in higher education,
- influence and advance the work of the association and the profession, and
- promote excellence within the profession.

### **The appointment process**

Appointments are made at the division and section level, and through the editorial board process (see editorial board section). Section vice-chairs are responsible for committee appointments for the year they will serve as chair. The ACRL vice-president is responsible for committee appointments at the division level for the year he or she serves as president. The ACRL Appointments Committee assists the vice-president in an advisory capacity. Division-level committees are created to conduct the work of the Board, and each committee crafts an an-

nual work plan in consultation with their Board and staff liaisons to accomplish the charged activities and responsibilities.

Current committee members whose terms conclude at the 2019 ALA Annual Conference should submit a new volunteer form if they wish to be considered for reappointment. The online volunteer form closes February 15, 2019, and most committee appointment offers will be sent in April and May 2019.

Onsite attendance at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and the ALA Annual Conference is not a requirement of committee service. However, members of all ACRL committees, task forces, and similar bodies are expected to fully participate in the work of the group, whether it be working virtually or face-to-face.

### Factors influencing appointment

Although the appointment process may reflect the priorities of the vice-president/president-elect and section vice-chairs, several factors are always considered:

- *Evidence of interest and expertise.* Have prospective volunteers attended the meetings, visited and/or posted to the committee's ALA Connect community, and introduced themselves to the chair? Do they have knowledge and/or previous experience that relates to the work of the committee? Have they indicated their interest on the volunteer form?

- *Demographics and composition of committee.* A balance is sought with respect to type of library (community college, college, or university), geographic representation, ethnic diversity, and gender. Those who have not had the opportunity to serve on an ACRL committee are encouraged to volunteer.

- *Recommendation of the current committee chair.* Current committee chairs are asked to suggest prospective members.

- *Willingness to participate in the work of the committee.* While attendance at the ALA Annual Conference or ALA Midwinter Meeting is not required to serve on a committee, volunteers should be prepared to engage in the committee work year-round.

The final appointments are the prerogative of the ACRL president-elect and the section vice-chairs.

### How to apply

1. *Identify the committees that interest you.* ACRL committees and their charges are listed on the ACRL Directory of Leadership ([www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/committees](http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/committees)). Check out the committee's space in ALA Connect, where documents, discourses, and the work of the committees are posted. Attend face-to-face (or virtual) committee meetings at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and ALA Annual Conference to decide if their activities interest you. Talk with committee members. Express your interest to the committee chair. Ask about current projects and explain how you might contribute to the work of the committee.

2. *Submit a volunteer form (Internet Explorer is the preferred browser for accessing the form).* Volunteer forms should be submitted by February 15, 2019. You will be asked to login using your ALA member ID and the password you created. Be sure that you are a current ALA/ACRL member before attempting to login.

To volunteer for a division-level committee, visit [www.ala.org/CFApps/volunteer/form.cfm](http://www.ala.org/CFApps/volunteer/form.cfm) for more detailed instructions.

To volunteer for a section committee, complete the online volunteer form at [www.ala.org/CFApps/volunteer/form.cfm](http://www.ala.org/CFApps/volunteer/form.cfm).

3. *Volunteer again and check out other opportunities.* If you are not appointed, volunteer again next year. In addition, continue to explore ACRL's many opportunities to network and connect at [www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/getinvolved](http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/getinvolved). Review the many discussion and interest groups. Each group selects a new leader in the spring outside of the volunteer process described above. If you'd like to start a new discussion or interest group, contact ACRL Program Coordinator Mariel Colbert at [mcolbert@ala.org](mailto:mcolbert@ala.org).

### ACRL division-level committee appointments

ACRL committees (and their charges) can be found on the ACRL website ([www.acrl.org](http://www.acrl.org), select "Directory of Leadership" from the menu bar).

Appointments to ACRL standing committees are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The Appointments Committee sends appointment recommendations to the ACRL president-elect. The president-elect makes the final appointments for the committees.

If you have questions about division-level appointments or using the volunteer form, please contact ACRL Program Officer Allison Payne for division committees at [apayne@ala.org](mailto:apayne@ala.org) or (312) 280-2519 or ACRL Senior Program Officer Megan Griffin for section committees at [mgriffin@ala.org](mailto:mgriffin@ala.org) or (312) 280-2514.

### **ACRL section appointments**

ACRL sections help members customize their ACRL experience through newsletters, electronic discussion lists, specialized programming, preconferences, recognition, and various initiatives. To learn more, visit: [www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections](http://www.ala.org/acrl/aboutacrl/directoryofleadership/sections).

Section vice-chairs appoint members to section committees. Most appointments are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference.

If you wish to be considered for a section committee appointment, complete the ACRL volunteer form at [www.ala.org/CFApps/volunteer/form.cfm](http://www.ala.org/CFApps/volunteer/form.cfm) by February 15, 2019. (Internet Explorer is the preferred browser for accessing the form). For more information about section appointments, please contact section vice-chairs:

**Anthropology and Sociology Section.** Jill Conte, New York University, email: [jill.conte@nyu.edu](mailto:jill.conte@nyu.edu).

**Arts Section.** Sha Towers, Baylor University, email: [sha\\_towers@baylor.edu](mailto:sha_towers@baylor.edu).

**College Libraries Section.** Alexia Hudson-Ward, Oberlin College and

Conservatory, email: [ahudsonward@gmail.com](mailto:ahudsonward@gmail.com).

**Community and Junior College Libraries Section.** Jose Aguiñaga, Glendale Community College, email: [jose.aguinaga@gccaz.edu](mailto:jose.aguinaga@gccaz.edu).

**Digital Scholarship Section.** Hannah Scates Kettler, University of Iowa, email: [hannah-s-kettler@uiowa.edu](mailto:hannah-s-kettler@uiowa.edu).

**Distance Learning Section.** Natalie Haber, University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, email: [natalie-haber@utc.edu](mailto:natalie-haber@utc.edu).

**Education and Behavioral Sciences Section.** Ericka Arvidson Raber, University of Iowa, email: [ericka.raber@gmail.com](mailto:ericka.raber@gmail.com).

**European Studies Section.** Heidi Madden, Duke University, email: [heidi.madden@duke.edu](mailto:heidi.madden@duke.edu).

**Instruction Section.** Susanna Eng-Ziskin, California State University-Northridge, email: [susanna.eng@csun.edu](mailto:susanna.eng@csun.edu).

**Literatures in English Section.** Nancy Foasberg, Queens College, City University of New York, email: [nancy.foasberg@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:nancy.foasberg@qc.cuny.edu).

**Politics, Policy and International Relations Section.** Elizabeth White, University of Georgia, email: [elwhite1@uga.edu](mailto:elwhite1@uga.edu).

**Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.** Verónica Reyes-Escudero, University of Arizona, email: [reyesv@email.arizona.edu](mailto:reyesv@email.arizona.edu).

**Science and Technology Section.** Tim Klassen, University of Alberta, email: [twklasse@ualberta.ca](mailto:twklasse@ualberta.ca).

**University Libraries Section.** Amanda Peters, University of Michigan, email: [arforres@umich.edu](mailto:arforres@umich.edu).

## Women and Gender Studies Section.

Tara Baillargeon, Marquette University, email: tara.baillargeon@marquette.edu.

## Editorial boards

ACRL has eight editorial/advisory boards for its publications: Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey Editorial Board; *Choice* Editorial Board; *College & Research Libraries* Editorial Board; *College & Research Libraries News* Editorial Board; New Publications Advisory Board; Publications in Librarianship Editorial Board; *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage* Editorial Board; and Resources for College Libraries Editorial Board.

Appointments to editorial boards are made after the ALA Midwinter Meeting for terms that begin immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The editors recommend the names of individuals to fill vacancies. The Publications Coordinating Committee approves the recommendation and the ACRL vice-president/president-elect makes the appointment.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to an editorial board, contact the editor of the editorial board early in the fall or indicate your interest on the ACRL online volunteer form.

## Academic Library Trends and Statistics

**Survey Editorial Board chair:** Georgie Lynn Donovan, William & Mary; phone: (757) 221-1561; email: gldonovan@wm.edu.

**CHOICE editor:** Mark Cummings, *Choice*; phone: (800) 347-6933 x29; email: mcummings@ala.org.

## College & Research Libraries editor:

Wendi Arant Kaspar, Texas A&M, phone: (979) 862-6310; email: warant@tamu.edu.

## College & Research Libraries News

**editor:** David Free, ACRL; phone: (312) 280-2517; email: dfree@ala.org.

## New Publications Advisory Board

**chair:** Rebecca Kate Miller, Pennsylvania State University Libraries; phone: (814) 865-3064; email: rebeccakate.miller@gmail.com.

## Publications in Librarianship chair:

Daniel Mack, University of Maryland Libraries; phone: (301) 404-9264; email: dmack@umd.edu.

## RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts, and Cultural Heritage editor:

Richard Saunders, Southern Utah University; phone: (435) 865-7947; email: rsaunders@suu.edu.

## Resources for College Libraries chair:

Neal Baker, Earlham College Lilly Library; phone: (765) 983-1355; email: bakerne@earlham.edu. *zc*

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## Notes

1. “The NIH Library Is Participating in NIH Pi Day | NIH Library,” accessed August 3, 2018, <https://www.nihlibrary.nih.gov/about-us/news/nih-library-participating-nih-pi-day>.

2. “Temperature Log—Introduction | Raspberry Pi Projects,” accessed August 16, 2018, <https://projects.raspberrypi.org/en/projects/temperature-log>.

3. “UCSF Library on Twitter: ‘#PiDay Contest Winner: Leslie Wu (@1wu) Who Recited 23 Digits in #pi for Our #piday2017 Event To-

day. Leslie Went Home w/ a @Raspberry\_Pi Kit ... <https://t.co/LPKOzt2o97>,” accessed August 7, 2018, [https://twitter.com/ucsf\\_library/status/841800973584494592](https://twitter.com/ucsf_library/status/841800973584494592).

4. UCSF Library, “Mario a @UCSFGradDiv Student in Biomedical Sciences Was the Victor of the Day for Our #piday Recital Contest with a Whopping 100 Digits Recited! He Won a @Raspberry\_Pi 0. High Five to All Who Participated Today!Pic.Twitter.Com/CpKZFFwBOD,” Tweet, @ucsf\_library (blog), March 14, 2018, [https://twitter.com/ucsf\\_library/status/974078909267427328](https://twitter.com/ucsf_library/status/974078909267427328). *zc*