
BI liaison project update

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The latest news on papers presented, and a request for exhibit help in Dallas.

Academic librarians continue to participate on the programs of other professional associations in higher education and thereby assist in promoting the academic library's role in higher education. Last month, Janice C. Fennell, director of libraries at Georgia College, spoke at the meeting of the Georgia Association of Historians on "Clio and the Librarians." James Hart, instruction librarian at the University of Cincinnati, presented the paper, "The Library's Role in Fostering Computer Literacy," at the Boulder, Colorado, Fifth International Conference on Contemporary Issues in Academic and Research Libraries.

At the 82d Annual Meeting of the Society of Professors in Education, a panel of speakers addressed the issue, "Professors of Education and Education Librarians: Prospects for Collaboration." Charles Thurston, of the University of Texas at San Antonio Library, moderated the panel. The meeting was held in San Antonio early this year.

Librarians are reminded that the University System of Georgia sponsors an annual Conference on the Improvement of Freshman-Level Instruction at Valdosta State College. Information about presenting a paper at the 1985 meeting can be obtained by writing to Projects and Sponsored Programs, Valdosta State College, Valdosta, GA 31698.

Almost a year ago an article appeared in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (June 15, 1983) on "Views of Chief Academic Officers on Changes in the Learning Environment." As Steve Marquardt,

director of libraries at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, has reminded our Project, the categories listed in the "Learning Environment" do not include library services, yet they cover health services and psychological counseling. In a letter to the *Chronicle* (July 20, 1983), Marquardt attests that the learning environment is indeed "shaped and influenced much more seriously and frequently by the quality of library services." Academic librarians must agree, and therefore need to make themselves heard if similar surveys are planned and conducted by the academic officers on their own campuses.

Problems of logistics and staffing have prevented our Project from using the ACRL BI Liaison exhibits as comprehensively as we had hoped. Recently, however, the exhibit has been displayed at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters at a faculty colloquium on library services at Lansing Community College, in San Juan at an ACE-sponsored workshop on the future of libraries in Puerto Rico, at a presentation of the AAHE March meeting in Chicago, and at the Georgia Association of Historians' conference.

Your help is needed. Our newly-designed ACRL Bibliographic Instruction Liaison Project Exhibit will be on display at ALA Annual Conference in Dallas. Can you spare an hour between your conference meetings to help staff the booth to distribute information about the Project and about the instructional services of academic libraries, to support the Liaison Project, and to let other librari-

ans know about our purpose?

If you are willing to help, send the following information to me at the LOEX Clearinghouse, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 48197: your name, institution, and address, and which portion of these time slots that you might be able to

work—Saturday, June 23, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 24, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; Monday, June 25, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, June 26, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. I will contact you before Conference with the schedule. ■■

ACRL programs in Dallas

This year's conference programs feature the role of libraries in higher education, applications of new technology, and what to do with rare books.



Milton Goldberg



Julie Carrol Virgo

ACRL President's Program

"Academic Libraries and the Learning Society" (Monday, June 25, 2:00–5:30 p.m.) will be the theme of the ACRL Program to be held in the Regency Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel in Dallas. Keynote speakers will be Milton Goldberg, executive director of the National Commission on Excellence in Education, and Julie Carroll Virgo, ACRL executive director. Dr. Goldberg will speak on the Commission's April 1983 report, "A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform," the response to the report from the educational community, and progress made since its publication—

through regional seminars, position papers, and the Libraries and the Learning Society (LALS) project. Dr. Virgo, who is on the Advisory Board for the LALS project, will speak on the implications of the report for academic libraries and her own perspective of the most positive future directions. Afterwards Richard M. Dougherty, author of the LALS position paper for academic libraries and director of libraries at the University of Michigan, will describe his preparation of the position paper.

The ACRL Reception, sponsored by the Baker and Taylor Company, will follow the President's Program from 5:30–6:30 p.m. in the International Ballroom of the Fairmont Hotel. Activities will include the presentation of Baker & Taylor's Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award.

Anthropology and Sociology Section

"Collection Management: Focus on the Social Sciences" (Sunday, June 24, 9:30–11:00 a.m.) will begin with two presentations: 1) "Collection Management Issues Facing Academic Libraries," by Jeffrey Gardner, Office of Management Studies, ARL; and 2) "The Social Science Bibliographer as Detective," by Beth Shapiro, assistant director of reader services, Michigan State University. The presentations will be followed by questions from the audience and a brief membership meeting.