

ACRL wants you!

Here's your chance to volunteer

Now is a good time to increase your involvement in ACRL by volunteering to serve on a division or section committee. Vice-president Larry Hardesty invites all ACRL members to contact the Appointments Committee about serving on one of ACRL's 20 committees for next year. Members may also contact one of the section vice-chairs regarding service on one of the many section committees.

Committee members assist the association in implementing its strategic plan (available at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/stratpla.html>), reshaping the association, and influencing the direction of academic and research librarianship.

You benefit by volunteering

Volunteers not only give to the association, they get back from the association:

- Build ties with academic and research librarians around the country.
- Enhance your leadership abilities through consensus building and persuasion.
- Share your expertise with colleagues.
- Gain additional expertise—learn more about a new area of academic librarianship or pick up new ideas for your current area.

Appointments: The process

Appointments are made at both the section and division levels. The ACRL president is responsible for the committee appointments at the division level for the year he or she serves as president. Likewise, section chairs are responsible for committee appointments in their respective sections the year they serve as chair. Committee slates are usually completed shortly after the Midwinter Meeting during the year in which the individual serves as president-elect or chair-elect. The ACRL Appointments Committee assists the president-elect in this process in an advisory capacity.

Factors influencing appointment

Although the emphasis in the appointment may vary from year to year according to the prerogatives of the president-elect and section chairs, the same factors are considered. They include:

• **Evidence of potential committee member's interest:** Have you attended the meetings and introduced yourself to the chair? Do you have previous experience that relates to the work of the committee? Have you indicated your 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.

• **The recommendation of the current committee chair:** Current committee chairs are asked to suggest potential members. Although all of these factors are considered, the final appointments are the prerogative of the ACRL president-elect and the section chair-elect.

How to apply

1) **Select the committees that interest you.** The *ALA Handbook of Organization* lists all of ACRL's committees and their charges. (*Ed. note:* The *Handbook* is published as a special issue of *American Libraries* and will automatically be mailed to all ALA members in mid-November.) Attend the committee's meetings at the Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference to help you decide if those are the activities that interest you.

2) **Introduce yourself.** Talk with committee members. Express your interest to the committee chair. Explain how you might contribute to the work of the committee.

3) **Submit a volunteer form.** Complete the volunteer form included with this article. (*Ed. note:* This form is also available on ACRL's homepage at <http://www.ala.org/acrl.html>.)



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Be sure to cover all of the items asked for in background information section of the form. If you have attended committee meetings or programs, mention that. Fill out one form for ACRL division committees and a different form for each ACRL section you volunteer to serve on a committee for. Send the ACRL committee volunteer form to Lynn Chmelir at the address on the bottom of the volunteer form; send the section volunteer forms to the appropriate section chair-elects (see list of addresses below).

4) Volunteer again . . . and again. If you are not successful in being appointed one year, volunteer again the next year . . . and the next. Remember that a multitude of factors—number of appointments made, number of volunteers for each committee, number of volunteers from your type of library or your geographic area—determine the actual appointment, and these factors change from year to year.

ACRL section appointments

ACRL has 17 sections (listed below). You will find a description of their areas of responsibility in the *ALA Handbook of Organization*, 1998-99. The chair-elect of a section appoints the chair and members of all section committees. Most of these appointments are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. If you would like to be considered for appointment as a chair or member of a section committee, fill out the ACRL Committee Volunteer Form and mail it to the chair-elect of the appropriate section listed below before December 4, 1998.

African-American Studies Librarians Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Mary G. Wrighten, Multicultural Services Librarian, Jerome Library, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403. *Preferred address:* 1846 Brownstone Blvd, Apt D10, Toledo OH 43614-1337; e-mail: mwright@bgnet.bgsu.edu.

Anthropology and Sociology Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Sally Willson Weimer, Sociology & Global Peace & Security Librarian, Donald C. Davidson Library, University of California, Santa Barbara. *Preferred address:* 10264 Jamestown St., Ventura, CA 93004-2414; e-mail: weimer@library.ucsb.edu.

Arts Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Floyd M. Zula, Coordinator, Acquisitions, California State University, P. O. Box 4150, Fullerton, CA 92834-4150. *Preferred address:* 2008 N. Deerpark Dr. #358; e-mail: fzula@fullerton.edu.

Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Donald P. Chvatal VTLs, Inc., 5833 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, OR 97201; e-mail: chvatald@vtls.com.

College Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: John G. Jaffe, Director of Libraries & Integrated Learning Resources, Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 24595; e-mail: jgjaffe@sbc.edu.

Community and Junior College Libraries Section. Chair: Cary Sowell, Head Librarian, Northridge Learning Resource Center, Austin Community College; *Preferred Address:* 1018 Hermitage Drive, Austin, TX 78753-5864; e-mail: cary@austin.cc.tx.us

Distance Learning Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Harvey R. Gover, Assistant Campus Librarian, Washington State Univ. Tri-Cities, 2710 University Drive, Richland, WA 99352-1671; e-mail: hgover@tricity.wsu.edu.

Education and Behavioral Sciences Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-elect: Ellen D. Gilbert, Rutgers University Alexander Library, 169 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08903. *Preferred address:* 227 Stuart Road East; Princeton, NJ 08540-1947; e-mail: egilbert@rci.rutgers.edu.

English and American Literature Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Catherine A. Larson, University of Arizona Library, 510 E. University A401 Main Library, Tucson, AZ 85721. *Preferred address:* 2545 N. Grannen Rd., Tucson, AZ 85745-9616; phone: (520) 621-6437; fax: (520) 621-9433; e-mail: cal@bird.library.arizona.edu.

Instruction Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Barbara MacAdam, Head, Educational and Information Services, University of Michigan Library, 1102 Shapiro Library, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1185; e-mail: bmacadam@umich.edu.

Law and Political Science Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Marifran Bustion, Acquisitions Department, Gelman Library, George Washington University, 2130 H St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20052; e-mail: marifran@gwis2.circ.gwu.edu.

Rare Books and Manuscripts Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Eric Holzenberg, The Grolier Club, 47 East 60th Street, New York, NY 10022; e-mail: grolier@panix.com.

Science and Technology Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Patricia A Kreitz, Library Director, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Library & Information Services, MS82, P.O. Box 4349, Stanford, CA 94309; fax: (415) 926-4905.

Slavic and East European Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Patricia K. Thurston, Slavic & East European Library, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1408 W. Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801-3607. *Preferred address:* 707 S. Race St., Urbana, IL 61801-4132; e-mail: pthurstn@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu.

University Libraries Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: James Estrada, Fairfield University, Nyselius Library, Fairfield, CT 06430-5195. *Preferred address:* 460 E. Tall Timbers, Glastonbury, CT 06033-1801; e-mail: jestrada@fair1.fairfield.edu.

Western European Specialists Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: John M. Cullars, Collections Development Box 8198, University Library University of Illinois, Chicago, IL 60680. *Preferred address:* 500 West Roscoe Street, Apt. 1-S, Chicago IL 60657-3523; e-mail: jcullars@uic.edu.

Women's Studies Section. Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Marlene Manoff, Collection Manager, Mass Institute of Tech (MIT), Humanities Library, 14S-222, Cambridge, MA 02139. *Preferred address:* 103 Cedar Road, Medford MA 02155-3146; e-mail: mmanoff@mit.edu.

ACRL divisional committee appointments

ACRL has 20 standing committees to which appointments may be made for 1998-99. A list appears on the volunteer form at the end of this article. You will find the committees listed with a description of their charges in

the *ALA Handbook of Organization*. Appointments to ACRL standing committees are made in the spring for terms beginning immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The Appointments Committee recommends to the president-elect of ACRL the names of members who might fill the vacancies. The president-elect makes the final appointments. If you want to be considered for an appointment to an ACRL committee, complete the form and return to Lynn Chmelir at the address given on the form before December 4, 1998.

Editorial boards

ACRL has editorial boards for these six publications: *Choice*; *College & Research Libraries*; *College & Research Libraries News*; *New Publications*; *Publications in Librarianship*; and *Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship*.

Appointments to editorial boards are made at the Midwinter Meeting for terms that begin immediately after the ALA Annual Conference. The editors recommend the name of a person to fill the vacancy. The Publications Committee must approve the recommendation, and the president of ACRL 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.

Choice editor: Irving Rockwood, *Choice*, 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT 06457; e-mail: irockwood@ala-choice.org.

College & Research Libraries editor: Donald E. Riggs, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314-7796; e-mail: driggs@nsu.acast.nova.edu.

College & Research Libraries News editor: Mary Ellen Davis, *C&RL News*, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: medavis@ala.org.

New publications editor: Hugh Thompson, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; e-mail: hthompson@ala.org.

Publications in Librarianship editor: John Budd, 304 West Blvd. N, Columbia, MO 65203; e-mail: libsjmb@showme.missouri.edu.

Rare Books & Manuscripts Librarianship editors: Lisa M. Browar, Director, Indiana University, Lilly Library, Bloomington, IN 47405; lbrowar@indiana.edu; Marvin J. Taylor, Special Collections, New York University, Bobst Library, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012; taylor@m@is2.nyu.edu.

ACRL committee volunteer form

Background information

On a separate single sheet of paper briefly summarize your background and activities in the following areas: 1) ALA professional activities; 2) ACRL professional activities; 3) state and regional offices held and committee appointments; 4) educational background and/or other experience that will assist the committee in the appointment process; 5) publications.

Please include in your application an expression of your professional concerns and the contribution that you can make toward strengthening ACRL.

Date of Application: _____

Name: _____

Job title: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Organization/library: _____

Institution's address: _____

Ethnicity (optional): _____

Division committees

To volunteer for a division committee, complete this form and return it to:

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Linfield College
Northup Library
McMinnville, OR 97128
phone: (503) 424-2262
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e-mail: lchmelir@linfield.edu

• **Membership in ALA and ACRL is required.**

• **Attendance at Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference is required.**

The following divisionwide committees have vacancies annually. Please indicate your first three choices by marking "1," "2," and "3" on the corresponding lines.

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- ____ Bylaws
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- ____ Intellectual Freedom
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- ____ Media Resources
- ____ Membership
- ____ Professional Development
- ____ Professional Enhancement
- ____ Publications
- ____ Racial and Ethnic Diversity
- ____ Research
- ____ (K. G.) Saur Award for Best *College & Research Libraries* article
- ____ Standards and Accreditation
- ____ Statistics
- ____ Status of Academic Librarians
- ____ I am willing to serve on any committee for which I am qualified and needed as a regular member or as an intern.

Note: By accepting an appointment, I agree that all working papers and final products of the group are the sole property of ACRL and are not to be used for any personal projects unless written permission has been obtained from the appropriate governing body. I also certify that it does not represent a conflict of interest. I understand that failure to attend two meetings without an explanation acceptable to the chair constitutes grounds for removal.

Forms must be returned by December 4, 1998.

Section committee volunteer form

Background information for section committees

Provide a separate sheet of information about yourself following the instructions given on the ACRL committee volunteer form (previous page) under background information. To indicate your particular interest in serving on a committee in one of ACRL's 17 sections, write the committee name(s) next to the section below.

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Anthropology and Sociology _____

Arts _____

Asian, African and Middle Eastern _____

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Education and Behavioral Sciences _____

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Slavic and East European _____

University Libraries _____

Western European Specialists _____

Women's Studies _____

Date of application: _____

Organization/library: _____

Name: _____

Institution's address: _____

Job title: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Fax number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Ethnicity (optional) _____

Return form to:

Return this completed form to the appropriate section vice-chair/chair-elect as indicated in the accompanying article. (Use duplicate forms if you are interested in more than one section.) You must be a member of the section to be considered for appointment.

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