

# ACRL Midwinter meetings in Chicago

## A brief overview

### Board of Directors

**Board of Directors Meeting I:** Saturday, January 31, 1:30-5:30 p.m.\*

**Board of Directors Meeting II:** Monday, February 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

*\*Guests are invited to address the Board during the open mic period from 5:00-5:30 p.m., those who wish to speak should arrive by 5:00 p.m.*

### Forums

**ACRL/SPARC Forum:** Saturday, January 31, 3:00-5:30 p.m.

**Update on ACRL's Value of Academic Libraries Initiative:** Sunday, February 1, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**Update on the National Center for Education Statistics Academic Library Survey:** Saturday, January 31, 4:30 -5:30 p.m.

### Institute

*Tackling Textbook Costs through Open Educational Resources: A Primer*

Thursday, January 29 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Friday, January 30, 2015 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The skyrocketing cost of textbooks is a hot topic on campus, and academic libraries have a burgeoning opportunity to advance the solution through Open Educational Resources (OERs). OERs include digital textbooks and other academic materials that carry an open license permitting their free use and repurposing by others. Join us for this action-packed primer on how libraries can leverage OER for textbook affordabil-

ity and beyond. Participants will learn from national experts, get inspired by successful projects, brainstorm with peers, and develop action plans. All levels of experience welcome. Organized by SPARC in collaboration with the ARL/ACRL Institute for Scholarly Communication. Complete details and registration materials are online at [www.ala.org/acrl/oer institute](http://www.ala.org/acrl/oer institute). Questions should be directed to Margot Conahan at [mconahan@ala.org](mailto:mconahan@ala.org).

### ACRL special events at 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting

*Friday, January 30*

**Anthropology and Sociology Section.** Social, 7:30 p.m. Contact: Anne Larrivee, [Larrivee@binghamton.edu](mailto:Larrivee@binghamton.edu) and Wade Kotter, [wkotter@weber.edu](mailto:wkotter@weber.edu)

*Saturday, January 31*

**University Libraries Section.** Social, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Contact: Leslie Sult, [sultl@u.library.arizona.edu](mailto:sultl@u.library.arizona.edu)

### Midwinter Meeting information online

Complete information about ACRL meetings, including a full list of committee meetings and locations, will be available on the ALA Midwinter Meeting website at [www.alamw15.ala.org](http://www.alamw15.ala.org). Fully registered attendees can create a personalized agenda and search for meeting, program, event times, and locations.

Sunday, February 1

**Science and Technology Section.** Dinner at Howells & Hood, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Pre-reg-

istration required. Contact: Annie Zeidman-Karpinski, annie@uoregon.edu or Moriana Garcia, garciam@denison.edu. *ZZ*

## ACRL Discussion Groups

**Assessment:** Saturday, January 31, 3:00–4:00 p.m. *Topic: Open session to discuss assessment activities among colleagues. Participants are invited to bring topics as well as engage in lively discussion.*

**Balancing Baby and Book:** Sunday, February 1, 4:30–5:30 p.m. *Topic: The Balancing Baby and Book Discussion Group is a fun and informal group that includes all types of librarians –moms, dads, new parents, potential parents, and anyone else interested in how parenting and librarianship can be successfully intertwined. HR issues, daycare, tenure, and a variety of other topics can be discussed. Everyone is welcome!*

**Copyright:** Saturday, January 31, 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Topic: Legislative, judicial, and regulatory developments related to copyright and libraries in higher education.*

**Heads of Public Services:** Saturday, January 31, 4:30–5:30 p.m. *Topic: Discussion of public services topics of interest to participants. These will be identified in advance, via email, to frequent attendees.*

**Information Commons:** Saturday, January 31, 1:00–2:30 p.m. *Topic: Please join us to discuss Information (Learning) Commons issues, including planning, implementation, development, management, and others.*

**International Perspectives on Academic and Research Libraries:** Saturday, January 31, 8:30–10:00 a.m. *Topic: Projects and issues of interest and import*

*to academic and research libraries from an international perspective.*

**MLA International Bibliography in Academic Libraries:** Saturday, January 31: 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Topic: The Modern Language Association International Bibliography.*

**New Members:** Saturday, January 31, 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Topic: The New Member Discussion Group focuses on topics that are of interest to new members of ACRL and of the library profession. We'll be discussing what happens after you realize you've made a mistake: how to apologize, rebuild bridges, and avoid making the same mistake twice.*

**Personnel Administrators & Staff Development:** Saturday, January 31, 10:30–11:30 a.m. and Sunday, February 1, 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Topic: A discussion of topical issues, emerging trends, and best practices by personnel and staff development officers.*

**Philosophical, Religious, and Theological Studies:** Sunday, February 1, 4:30–5:30 p.m. *Topic: Collecting Non-Western Religions: Sources and Strategies.*

**Scholarly Communication:** Sunday, February 1, 3:00–4:00 p.m. *Topic: Increasing integration of Open Educational Resources into academic libraries.*

**Undergraduate Librarians:** Sunday, February 1, 10:30–11:30 a.m. *Topic: Join us to share your ideas, approaches, success stories, and lessons learned about serving undergraduate populations. Previous topics have included events to increase library engagement, effective campus partnerships, interactions with student groups, and more!*