

News

ARL and ALA Release Statement on Showing Films in the Classroom

ARL and the American Library Association (ALA) recently released a statement, *Performance of or Showing Films in the Classroom*. This statement provides guidance on the digital delivery of content to the “physical” classroom.

When the Technology, Education and Copyright Harmonization (TEACH) Act was enacted in 2002, librarians hoped that it would provide some clarity on copyright exceptions for the digital delivery of content for distance education. In reality, understanding what is permitted under the TEACH Act in combination with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and existing exceptions like fair use have become more confusing to many practitioners. The statement was written by Jonathan Band, legal counsel to ALA and ARL; Peter Jaszi, Professor of Law, Faculty Director of the Glushko-Samuelsan Intellectual Property Clinic at American University Washington College of Law; and Kenneth D. Crews, Director of the Copyright Advisory Office at Columbia University. The statement is available at <http://www.arl.org/pp/ppcopyright/webdigitalpsa.shtml>.

UIUC’s Janice Pilch Named ARL Visiting Program Officer

ARL has appointed Janice Pilch as a Visiting Program Officer (VPO) on International Copyright to work with ARL’s Public Policies Strategic Direction. She is Associate Professor of Library Administration and Humanities Librarian at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Library.

Pilch’s VPO position will greatly enhance ARL’s efforts in the international copyright arena. In particular, her assignment will contribute to the work of the Library Copyright Alliance (LCA), whose members include ARL, the American Library Association (ALA), and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The Visiting Program Officer on International Copyright will be responsible for research and policy formulation on international copyright issues relating to libraries. This includes identifying further strategic directions and potential alliances in which ARL and LCA may seek to influence legislation, as well as public policies governing use of copyrighted materials at the national and international levels.

ARL Transitions

Albany, SUNY: Mary F. Casserly was named Dean and Director of Libraries effective September 1. She has served as Acting Dean and Director since March and was previously the Assistant Director for Collections and Assistant Director for Collections and User Services.

Case Western Reserve: University Librarian Joanne Eustis has announced her retirement, effective December 31, 2009. Timothy Robson, currently deputy director, will serve as interim university librarian.

Howard: Mod Mekkawi announced his intention to retire as Director of Libraries, effective December 2009.

Indiana: Carolyn Walters was appointed Interim Ruth Lilly Dean of University Libraries at Indiana University, Bloomington following Patricia Steele's departure to University of Maryland Libraries.

Kent State: Mark Weber has announced that he will retire as Dean of University Libraries effective July 1, 2010.

Maryland: Patricia A. Steele was appointed Dean of University Libraries, effective September 1.

New York Public Library: Ann Thornton has been named Acting Andrew W. Mellon Director of The New York Public Libraries beginning in November.

Ohio State: Carol Pitts Diedrichs was named Director of University Libraries effective January 5, 2010. Raimund Goerler is serving as Interim Director.

Yale: Alice Prochaska announced her plans to resign as University Librarian, with a study leave beginning in January 2010. She was appointed Principal of Somerville College, Oxford, England, effective September 2010.

ARL Staff Transitions

Jaia Barrett, ARL Deputy Executive Director, announced her retirement effective spring 2010. Recruitment for a successor began with an announcement on the ARL Web site.

Brandon Butler was named ARL Law and Policy Fellow in August. His one-year assignment at ARL to work on Public Policies matters is supported by the law firm Dow Lohnes.

Tiara Chaney was named ARL Receptionist/Office Assistant on August 24 taking the position vacated by **Lillian Fields** who retired at the end of July.

Tricia Donovan joined the ARL staff as Administrative Assistant in support of ARL's three strategic directions, effective June 29.

Victoria Sanders began a two-year grant-funded assignment as Project Assistant on August 18. She provides support for the ARL Career Enhancement Program and the Research Library Leadership Fellows program.

Gary Roebuck, Technical Operations Manager, Statistics and Measurement, resigned September 18 to take a position in the private sector. Recruitment is underway.

Other Transitions

International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA): Ingrid Parent (University of British Columbia) was elected to serve as IFLA President-Elect for 2009–11 and President for 2011–13.

National Archives and Records Administration (NARA): President Obama nominated David S. Ferriero to be the 10th Archivist of the United States. He has been the Andrew W. Mellon Director and Chief Executive of the Research Libraries at the New York Public Library since 2004. Previously, he was the University Librarian and Vice Provost for Library Affairs at Duke University. Prior to Duke, he had worked for 31 years in the Massachusetts Institute of Technologies libraries. Former Archivist Allen Weinstein, a historian, resigned in December. The Senate confirmation process is underway.

National Endowment for the Arts: The Senate confirmed Rocco Landesman as the Chairman of the NEA.

National Endowment for the Humanities: On August 7 the Senate confirmed former Congressman Jim Leach as the ninth Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Most recently he was Visiting Professor of Public and International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton. While serving as a member of the House for the state of Iowa, he founded and co-chaired the Congressional Humanities Caucus.

National Information Standards Organization (NISO): The NISO membership elected new leadership for its Board of Directors for 2009–10, effective July 1. Janice Fleming (American Psychological Association) is now Vice Chair of the board and will become Chair in 2010. Chuck Koscher (CrossRef) is now Chair. Five new board members were elected to join the other currently serving members on the board: Nancy Barnes (ARMA International), John Harwood (Pennsylvania State), Charles Lowry (ARL), Heather Reid (Copyright Clearance Center), and Winston Tabb (Johns Hopkins). Oliver Pesch (EBSCO) replaced James Neal (Columbia) as Past Chair.

National Institutes of Health (NIH): The Senate confirmed Francis Collins, a geneticist and physician who spearheaded the Human Genome Project, as Director of the NIH. Collins will succeed Acting Director Raynard Kington and former Director Elias Zerhouni, who resigned last October.

Memorial

Richard Chapin 1925-2009

Dr. Richard Chapin, Director emeritus of the Michigan State University Libraries, passed away on July 30, 2009, at the age of 84. He served as the director of MSU libraries from 1959 to 1988, building the collections at Michigan State University from a modest 750,000 volumes to well over 3 million. Prior to MSU, he worked in the libraries at Florida State University, University of Illinois, and University of Oklahoma. He also served as Director of the MSU Press from 1985 to 1989. Dr. Chapin was an active member of the library community, serving as officer and board member of ARL as well as ALA, Michigan Library Consortium, the Ohio Library Consortium, and the Michigan Library Association.