



ARL Research Library Leadership Fellows Program

Projects Overview

The purpose of the project component is to create an opportunity for Fellows to fully benefit from the relationship with ARL and have a tangible outcome associated with participation in the RLLF Program. Further, the projects may serve as the “contribution” to one’s home institution and/or to ARL.

The project relates to the desired outcomes of the Program (and in particular the outcome which is bolded and italicized):

- Develop a clearer understanding of what it takes to be a successful research library director;
- Learn about the dynamics and politics of campus life in several of the leading research libraries of North America;
- Engage the major challenges and pressures currently facing research libraries in concert with some of the major library leaders who are shaping contemporary responses to these challenges;
- Create a network of colleagues to discuss and debate the critical issues and current trends facing research libraries;
- Explore innovative and entrepreneurial techniques needed to support the future direction of research libraries; and
- Extend their professional skill and experience base, enabling more effective leadership at the highest levels of a large research library.

Project Sponsors

Each Fellow was offered the opportunity to work with a sponsor – a person to act as a mentor/guide/advocate/resource as the Fellow or group shapes and engages in a project. Sponsors were solicited by RLLF Program Consultants, Duane Webster and DeEtta Jones Young and from the ARL and CNI program staff. They have contributed significant time to the RLLF Program and the Fellows; facilitating a strong showing of completed projects that represent wide ranging contributions to the profession.

Project Descriptions

1. ARL has published *E-Science and Data Support Services: A Study of ARL Member Institutions*, by Catherine Soehner, Catherine Steeves, and Jennifer Ward. The study was sponsored by the ARL E-Science Working Group to build an understanding of how libraries can contribute to e-science activities in their institutions and identify organizations that have similar interests in e-science to leverage research library interests.

The report presents the findings of a 2009 survey of ARL member libraries; includes six case studies compiled by the authors to elaborate library e-science activities and collaborations; and includes a bibliography of related articles, reports, and Web sites, along with the survey instrument and a selection of recent research library position descriptions with significant e-science support components.

ARL Sponsor: Karla Strieb

2. The Marriott Library and CRL are jointly sponsoring a preconference session at this year's Charleston Conference, at which Rick Anderson, University of Utah, will be moderator and introductory presenter. The panel will also include Greg Raschke, of North Carolina State University. The program is titled "The Radically Different Future of Collection Development." More information is <http://www.katina.info/conference/program.php>
3. Diane Bruxvoort and Bob Gerrity will be presenting the outcome of their project on mobile devices at the October 2010 ARL Membership Meeting.

CNI Sponsor: Joan Lippincott

4. An article on "The Value of Electronic Resources: Measuring the Impact of Networked Electronic Services (MINES for Libraries®) at the Ontario Council of University Libraries," by Catherine Davidson and Martha Kyrillidou, is featured in the Value in Libraries: ARL Releases Special Issue of RLI on Assessing Organizational Performance.

ARL Sponsor: Martha Kyrillidou

5. Bob Fox, Pat Reakes, Bryan Skib, and Ann Snowman produced the report: "ARL Profiles: Emerging Themes" working with Martha Kyrillidou. The report will be presented to the ARL Statistics and Assessment Committee at the upcoming membership meeting and will be available on the ARL website.

ARL Sponsor: Martha Kyrillidou

6. Catherine Davidson will be co-presenting on the MINES Project at the Library Assessment Conference on October 26, 2010. Measuring Use of Licensed Electronic Resources: A Second Iteration of the MINES for Libraries? Survey on Scholars Portal and Other Resources for the Ontario Council of University Librarians. Other presenters include Martha Kyrillidou (Association of Research Libraries), Terry Plum (Simmons College) and Dana Thomas (Ryerson University).

ARL Sponsor: Martha Kyrillidou

7. Jeff Belliston has begun a literature review regarding the work-life balance of CEOs with specific attention to library deans or directors. He is searching for information directed specifically at library CEOs and is hoping to identify a survey instrument that, with some modification, might be applicable for library CEOs. In the absence of identifying an instrument for modification, he would like to create one, administer a survey, and analyze and publish the results.

ARL Sponsors: DeEtta Jones Young and Duane Webster

8. Tyler Walters is writing one of ARL's New Roles for New Times reports. The report is titled Digital Curation for Preservation. He has delivered an 80% complete first draft to Karla Strieb at ARL recently and anticipates a report date of December, 2010.

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