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OF RESEARCH
LIBRARIES

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Membership Overview

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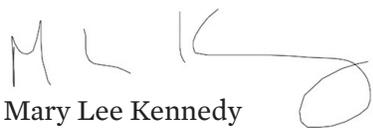
HELLO.

Thank you for your interest in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL).

ARL is an institutional membership organization of libraries and archives in major public and private universities, federal government agencies, and large public institutions in Canada and the United States. We advocate on research libraries' behalf, advance the research and learning mission with our research and higher education partners, share intelligence on current issues, and develop the next generation of diverse library leaders.

Whether you are looking to connect with thought leaders about the future of research and learning, gain access to policy resources and insights, or become a part of a community that is uniquely aware of the dynamic and shifting role that libraries play in the research enterprise, we are here to help you to lead.

As you learn about ARL in the pages that follow, I hope you are intrigued by the ways in which we support every member of this community as they develop as professionals and shape the future of the research ecosystem.



Mary Lee Kennedy
Executive Director



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SUPPORT FOR YOU TO GROW
AS A LEADER AND TO HELP
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AN INSTITUTIONAL ADVANTAGE

Thought leaders and mentors within ARL are often asked **how to deliver the greatest institutional impact** within the changing research information landscape while continuing to develop as a leader.

This is no simple task. The changing nature of leadership roles demands that we learn quickly and lead more deliberately than ever before, and the complexity of our field expands as swiftly as the demand for information increases. **ARL connects an unparalleled network of peers** who share insights and experience to navigate the evolution of the research landscape.

If you are looking to attend to the growth of your institution and connect with peers who face similar challenges in leading and managing the dynamic issues that research libraries face, **please consider exploring ARL membership.**

The community of experts who participate in ARL events, committees, mentorship, and professional development offer deep levels of insight and support. **The resources available to ARL members create a standard of excellence for their institutions and the professionals who help them thrive.**

Our Mission

The Association of Research Libraries, the collective of research libraries in Canada and the US, advances research, learning, and scholarly communication. The Association fosters the open exchange of ideas and expertise, promotes equity and diversity, and pursues advocacy and public policy efforts that reflect the values of the library, scholarly, and higher education communities. ARL forges partnerships and catalyzes the collective efforts of research libraries to enable knowledge creation and to achieve enduring and barrier-free access to information.

COLLABORATE.



"I HAVE FOUND THE ARL MEETINGS TO BE A PARTICULARLY RICH VENUE FOR ME TO ENGAGE IN WORK AND CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLEAGUES ABOUT LARGER ISSUES."

Steven Mandeville-Gamble, University of California, Riverside Library

The Association of Research Libraries helps you advance the goals of your institution, and **ARL provides opportunities for you to share knowledge and work with your peers on strategic issues.**

The Association acts on your behalf as a respected voice in a wide range of national and international professional and public policy venues. All of these elements **add to the impact and significance** that your institution seeks while keeping you engaged with a network of professionals who understand your work like no one else in your organization.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- **Expertise**—thought leadership and personal consultation
- **Educational programs**—in-person and virtual institutes and discussions
- **Representation**—at professional meetings, with public policy decision-makers, through partnerships, and in the media
- **Events**—semi-annual Association Meetings, conferences, symposia
- **Resources and Tools**—briefings, newsletters, publications, webinars, members' website

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ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT

As ARL members engage with their own institutions' needs and goals, collectively they have **powerful opportunities to contribute to the policies and practices that shape the research information environment.**

Our members are active participants in committees, task forces, and working groups. Working with engaged peers and knowledgeable staff, members influence the direction of their own institutions as well as the direction of public policy and research and learning practices. Together, members shape research library organizations.

The opportunity to contribute directly to such a rapidly shifting and vital field is unique and profound. ARL members contribute their knowledge to committee work and gain energy from the high-caliber intellect and experience of the community of ARL peers.

“I’M EXCITED ABOUT THE ROUNDUP OF OFFERINGS UNDER THE ARL ACADEMY. THESE HAVE GREAT POTENTIAL TO BENEFIT OUR LIBRARY WORKFORCE.”

Ann Thornton, Columbia University Libraries

ARL

by the numbers

124

current member institutions representing 35,000 employees make ARL a vibrant organization full of diverse perspectives and experiences.

- 85** Public universities
- 31** Private universities
- 2** Public libraries
- 5** US federal libraries
- 1** International library consortium

78%

of member institutions are represented on ARL committees and task forces. The level of participation highlights the interest, energy, and engagement of our members.

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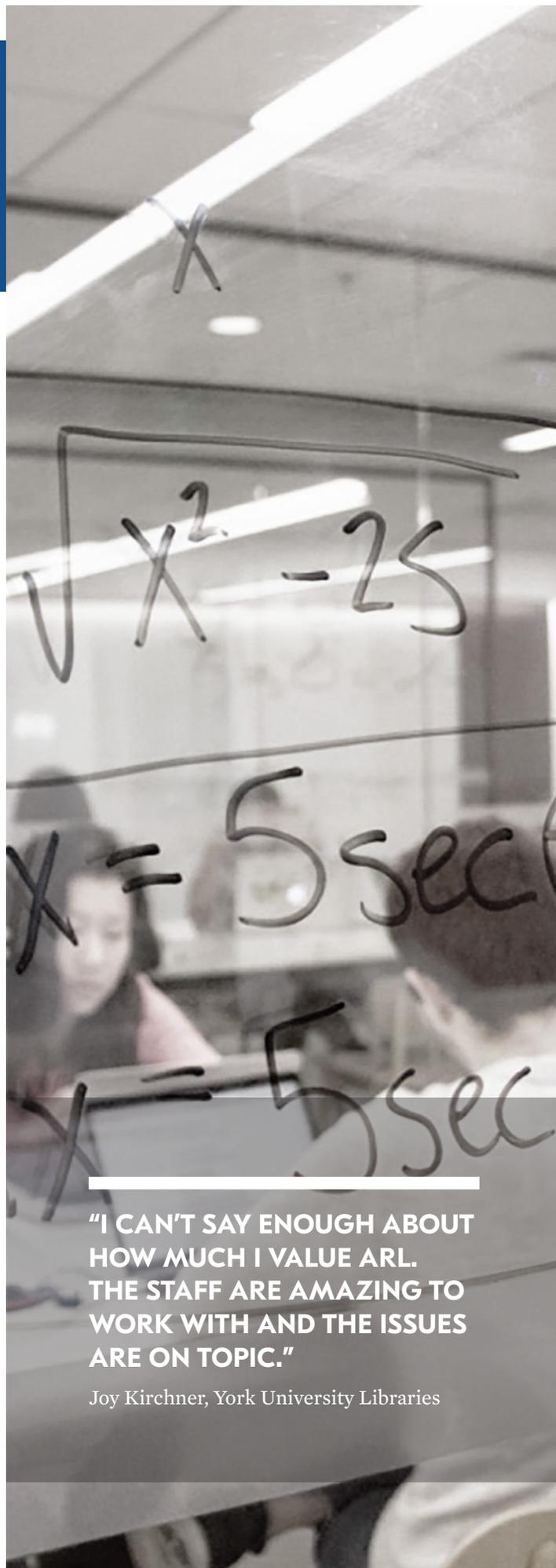
fellows in the ARL Leadership Fellows program have gone on to lead ARL libraries. The ARL Academy is a valuable resource to members.

58

individuals have become new ARL member representatives **since 2015**. The ARL community of peers supports professional development, education, and success.

1932

is the year ARL was founded. Our vision looks to a point where the research library's role will have **shifted from knowledge service provider to collaborative partner within a rich and diverse learning and research ecosystem.**



"I CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT HOW MUCH I VALUE ARL. THE STAFF ARE AMAZING TO WORK WITH AND THE ISSUES ARE ON TOPIC."

Joy Kirchner, York University Libraries

OUR BOARD



ARL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARL is a nonprofit organization of 124 research libraries at comprehensive, research institutions in Canada and the United States that share similar research missions, aspirations, and achievements. The Association's importance and distinction are born from the ARL membership and the nature of the institutions represented. ARL member libraries make up a large portion of the academic and research library marketplace, actively engaging in the development of new models of scholarly communications.

Our Board represents the strength, diversity, perspectives, and expertise of our member institutions. It is committed to upholding the principles and guidelines of ARL, valuing ARL's member representatives and staff, demonstrating leadership within and beyond the library profession, and operating responsibly and transparently.

THREE ANCHORS

Vision

Our shared vision is that research libraries will be even more intimately involved in supporting the full life cycle and activity range of knowledge discovery, use, and preservation, as well as the curation and sharing of knowledge in diverse contexts of the university's mission and of society more broadly.

Mission

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Guiding Principles

ARL adheres to its guiding principles in all it does.

START HERE



Research Libraries
and Parent
Organizations

Public Policy
Makers

Research and
Learning
Communities

Action Plan 2019–2021

PRIORITIES



Advocate for public policies in support of our mission and shared objective



Catalyze collective efforts to achieve enduring and barrier-free access to information



Create diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible services, collections, and work environments



Provide data and analytics on research library practices, effectiveness, and impact



Shape and inform leadership practice throughout research libraries



Facilitate a culture of innovation within research libraries



SHARED OBJECTIVE

True to the ARL mission, and in pursuit of our vision, ARL will advance an equitable and enduring research information environment that meets scholars' needs now and in the future.

PRIORITY GOALS



Advocacy and Public Policy



ARL will work to ensure a policy and legal environment that supports and enhances accessible, sustainable, equitable, and barrier-free scholarship, with a focus on user privacy.



Scholars and Scholarship



ARL will partner with research and learning communities to substantially increase the amount of high-quality scholarship that is openly available.

ARL will support its membership and research and learning communities to advance "open science by design" within their own institutions.

ARL will provide leadership on high-impact collective collections initiatives.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



ARL will partner with research and learning communities to develop and sustain diverse and inclusive research library organizations.



Data and Analytics



Research libraries and research and learning communities will benefit from a data collection and analytics program focused on outcomes and impact.



ARL Academy



ARL will provide research library faculty and staff with resources to develop their competency and skills as partners in the research enterprise.



Innovation



Research libraries will build capacity to lead innovative organizations by learning innovative practices.

Research libraries will engage in an environment that promotes, develops, and shares a culture of innovation.

Upcoming Events 2020

- June 18** **AUL Peer-to-Peer Conversation on Reopening Libraries**
Online
- June 23** **New Director Orientation (Invitation Only)**
Online
- July 21** **TOME Meeting (Invitation Only)**
Online
- July 22** **P2L4 (Invitation Only)**
Online
- October 6–7** **Association Meeting, Fall 2020 (Invitation Only)**
Washington, DC
- October 8** **ARL Fall Forum**
Washington, DC
- October 26–28** **Library Assessment Conference**
Rosemont, IL

FOUR QUESTIONS

FOR YOU & YOUR INSTITUTION

As you examine opportunities that membership in ARL offers, consider these four questions. They **start the conversation** about your institution's impact, opportunities, and broader contribution to the research and learning ecosystem.

1. ENGAGEMENT

How does your library engage and partner with campus and other research organizations to collectively support the full research life cycle and its impact?

2. PARTNERSHIP

How does your library participate in collaborative endeavors with research libraries and other cultural and scientific organizations and with educational, civic, and governmental partners?

3. INNOVATION

How does your library space facilitate innovative research, creative thinking, and problem solving?

4. OUTCOMES

How does your library contribute to equitable student outcomes and an inclusive learning environment?



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CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION.

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