

Minnesota

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Value of Academic Libraries

Goal: Academic libraries demonstrate alignment with and impact on institutional outcomes.

Objectives

4. Support libraries in articulating their role in advancing issues of equity, access, diversity, and inclusion in higher education.

-Daniel Gullo, Eileen Smith, and David Calabro from the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library (HMML) received the 2018 ARLD Academic Innovators Award. This award recognizes academic librarians who have made outstanding contributions to advance the missions of academic libraries in Minnesota through innovative projects, programs, or services. Since August 2016, Gullo, Smith, and Calabro have developed a method to establish new authorities for underrepresented communities not commonly found in Library of Congress and VIAF authority files including authorities for authors and titles from early modern and medieval Eastern Christian and Islamic writers, especially those from Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Mali, Turkey, India, Malta and the Western Mediterranean where HMML continues to digitize previously uncatalogued manuscript and rare book collections. -ARLD hosts 1-2 "ARLD Dialogues" annually. The dialogues are an opportunity for academic librarians from various institutions to gather and discuss a particular aspect of librarianship. On April 5, 2018 the dialogue topic was #LibrarianshipSoWhite, facilitated by Amy Mars and Deborah Torres from St. Catherine University. The event included small group discussions focused on what we should stop doing, what we should keep doing, and what we should start doing to de-center whiteness and cultivate inclusive libraries. -ARLD's annual "ARLD Day" one-day professional development conference included sessions addressing: inclusivity through documentation gender, technology, and libraries -ARLD's annual poster session at the Minnesota Library Association annual conference included posters on topics including: diversity resident librarian positions #critlib: critical librarianship and social justice microaggressions

Student Learning

Goal: Advance innovative practices and environments that transform student learning.

Objectives:

1. Challenge librarians and libraries to engage learners with information literacy skills in a way that is scalable and sustainable.

ARLD promoted "23 Framework Things" an exploration of the Association of College & Research Libraries' Framework for Information Literacy for Higher Education. This academic librarian-focused, self-paced program encourages participants to read, reflect, and respond to prompts and big questions surrounding the implementation of the Framework at their institutions.

<https://23frameworkthings.wordpress.com/about/> Creators Trent Brager, Amy Mars, and Kim Pittman were selected to receive the 2018 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section (IS) Innovation award for their work on 23 Framework Things.

Research and Scholarly Environment

Goal: The academic and research library workforce accelerates the transition to more open and equitable systems of scholarship.

Objectives:

2. Enhance members' capacity to address issues related to scholarly communication, including but not limited to data management, library publishing, open access, and digital scholarship.

ARLD's annual "ARLD Day" one-day PD conference included a session on self-publishing called "Reclaiming scholarship: why you should become a publisher for your community." Presenters at this session shared their experience in library publishing initiatives, inc. creating open textbooks, scholarly monographs, and journals.

New Roles and Changing Landscapes

Goal: Academic and research library workforce effectively navigates change in higher ed environments.

Objectives:

1. Deepen ACRL's advocacy and support for a full range of information professionals.

ARLD members participated in a strategic planning session for St. Catherine University's Master of Library and Information Science program.

Enabling Programs & Services

Education

ARLD hosts an AC (ARLD Day) that allows academic libs the chance to learn about new research, stay updated on trends in the field, and to network with colleagues. ARLD Day 2018 was held on April 27 at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. 110 academic librarians attended. Our keynote speaker, Andrew Asher, Assessment Librarian at Indiana University, spoke about utilizing anthropological research techniques to understand and contextualize libraries and info practices. Several diverse breakout sessions followed. Topics included podcasting, visualizing contacts using NodeXL, library web redesign, student library advisory boards, creating reflection spaces, and primary source sets, among others. It was a beautiful day to enjoy the spring flowers of the Arboretum while sharing and learning. We also host poster sessions during our business mtg at the annual state conference.

Publications

ARLD had our slideshow on member engagement published in the ACRL Chapter Topics Newsletter.

Advocacy

ARLD has a liaison to MLA's legislative committee whose purpose is to advocate for academic libraries. The liaison participates in Minnesota Library Legislative Day, LegWork committee meetings, and the annual Legislative Forum. This year, our Legislative liaison was awarded the ACRL travel scholarship to attend National Libraries Legislative Day. Also, this year, the ARLD Member-at-Large spoke at a press conference on Net Neutrality with [then] Senator Al Franken.

Member Engagement

ARLD regularly updates members with information through email blasts, updates in the MLA RoundUp, and postings on the MLA site. We also have a business meeting at the MLA Annual Conference. ARLD posts regularly to our Facebook and Twitter accounts. ARLD also created a new tri-fold informational brochure this year. Social Events: Book Arts, Then Happy Hour Starts! A tour of the Minnesota Center for Book Arts followed by happy hour. An ARLD Happy Hour was held the evening before the the annual Minnesota Library Association Conference. An ARLD Happy Hour was held in conjunction with the annual Library Technology conference. An ARLD Happy Hour was held following ARLD Day.