

The Council of Connecticut Academic Library Directors 2016-2017 Annual Report

THE ORGANIZATION

Membership in this organization is open to directors (or their designee) of all Connecticut academic libraries regardless of the governance, source of funding, or constituency of the higher education institution.

THE OFFICERS

Chair: Debbie Herman, Manchester Community College
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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Randi Ashton-Pritting, University of Hartford
Debbie Herman, Manchester Community College
Veronica Kenausis, Western Connecticut State University

CALENDAR

October 7, 2016 – Sacred Heart University. The theme of our first meeting of the 2016-17 year was Instructional Designers in the Library. Aura Lippincott, Instructional Designer at WCSU, gave a presentation on her role within the library's structure and on campus. The information provided about the role of the instructional designer and its intersection with librarianship generated a lively discussion, and attendees came away with some great ideas for collaboration with ID professionals on our respective campuses.

November 4, 2016 – Albertus Magnus College. The following topics were discussed:

1. **Connecticut Information Literacy Conference Sponsorship** – Members present authorized the expenditure of up to \$2,000.00 to support the Connecticut Information Literacy Conference. Our sponsorship would be contingent on participants from the CCALD institutions receiving the CLA member rate and will enable the conference organizers to engage a nationally-recognized expert on learning and the brain, [Dr. Chris Jernstedt](#), to conduct a ½ day workshop on active learning techniques as well as deliver the keynote address at the conference. Members present suggested that the CTILC conference rates could be increased slightly (for ex. \$150.00 for combined registration) and would not adversely affect registrations.
2. **Directory of Internship Opportunities in CT Academic Libraries** – At Randi Ashton-Pritting's suggestion, D. Herman contacted Richard Conroy, who is chair of the CLA Career Development Committee about the directory idea. It turns out they do have plans related to internships (e.g., promulgating standards, etc.) but not a directory per se, although he thought it was a good idea. Jennifer Keohane suggested that CLC could assist by connecting this effort to the CLC job service, an idea that was well-received. Deborah Dulepski, Randi Ashton-Pritting, Linda Lerman, and Lucy

Maziar volunteered to serve on a taskforce to investigate the feasibility of a directory. Best practices for internships was suggested as a topic for a future meeting.

- 3. Shared Collections and Collection Management** – Attendees discussed possible next generation initiatives related to shared collections and collection management. As follow-up to last spring's "All About Collections" meeting, we discussed use of OCLC's [GreenGlass](#) collection assessment tool to facilitate the following at our member institutions: 1) Preservation/finding homes for scarce or low use materials, 2) Make better informed decisions about our collections, 3) Help in determining whether to keep or sell collection materials (with possible CLC role in facilitating). Pursuit of a group discount for GreenGlass was discussed.

A CCALD member initiative involving shared collections was also discussed. We envisioned a longer-term loan program intended to address collection building for new programs or initiatives that would alleviate the strain of collection building on limited materials budgets. It would be similar to a floating collection-type model, but initiated by Library staff.

Other topics: E-Resource vendor negotiation – evolving licensing models (program vs FTE pricing, extending access to member institutions as Linda Lerman has done with eBrary titles). We also discussed platform agnostic ebooks and how this might fit with the CT eBook platform and JSTOR's new hosting initiative.

February 3, 2017 – The meeting was held at Naugatuck Valley Community College and focused on Open Education. Our guest presenters were Nicole Allen, Director of Open Education at SPARC, Martha Bedard, UCONN, and Kevin Corcoran, CTDLC. This meeting was open to interested staff from CCALD member libraries. Allen discussed national trends in open education and commercial textbook publishing. Bedard and Corcoran discussed the Connecticut Open Source Textbook Taskforce's final report and recommendations.

March 3, 2017 – The meeting was held at Yale University. The morning featured a discussion with University Librarian Susan Gibbons and members of her management team. CCALD members then toured the Beinecke, Sterling Memorial, and Bass Libraries. We are grateful to our Yale colleagues for their generosity in hosting this visit.

April 7, 2017 – The meeting was held at Quinnipiac University Law School. Topics included a presentation on the MLIS program at Southern Connecticut State University by Professor and Chair, Hak Joon Kim. Jaime Hammond, Director of Library Services at NVCC and VAL chairperson, led a discussion of ACRL's Value of Academic Libraries Committee's research agenda and forthcoming visualization tools.

June 2, 2017 – The final meeting of the year was held at Three Rivers Community College. Our guest speaker was Marie Shaw, TRCC's Library Technology Certificate program coordinator. Shaw provided an overview of the ALA-accredited, fully online program. Elections and the annual business meeting were held.

CCALD INITIATIVES

- Sponsorship of a half-day workshop on active learning held in conjunction to the Connecticut Information Literacy Conference.
- Redesign of the CCALD website (ccaldus.wordpress.com)
- Directory of Internship opportunities in Connecticut Academic Libraries (ongoing)

Submitted by: Debbie Herman, chair