

## **CARLI Public Services Working Group**

### **Report of Activities, 2007-2008**

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#### **FY07 Activities Timeline:**

CWG Meetings: August 27 (Illinois State); September 25 (conference call); November 27 (conference call); February 21 (conference call)

CARLI Chairs meeting, September 20 (UIUC)

CARLI-sponsored IACRL Preconference, March 28

Joint Meetings with I-Share Users Group about Copyright Workshop, May 29; June 11

#### **Narrative Summary:**

Much of the year's activity revolved around planning and implementing the IACRL Preconference on March 28. The idea of a preconference event surfaced during our first meeting of the year. By September 25, we had agreed to pursue a preconference linked to the IACRL Conference "Librarians as Leaders: Energizing Our Communities." The preconference would focus on leadership in building libraries and developing library services over the next five years with an emphasis on meeting user needs. By November 27, Yale University Emeritus Librarian Scott Bennett, had been confirmed as the keynote presenter and panel facilitator.

The event, held at The Chateau in Bloomington, was attended by about 70 librarians. Scott Bennett's talk was called "Designing for Uncertainty: Three Approaches." [His article of the same title appeared in the March 2007 issue of the Journal of Academic Librarianship, vol. 33, no. 2, pp. 165-79]. A panel discussion with four Illinois library leaders featured Jim Cubit, Lake Forest College; Sylvia Jenkins, Moraine Valley Community College; Phyllis Self, Western Illinois

University; and Jane Treadwell, University of Illinois at Springfield. The panel addressed the following questions: 1) What will the academic library look like in 10 years? 2) What will its services look like? 3) Where will it happen? and 4) How will we get there? The afternoon roundtable sessions consisted of two one-hour blocks focused on the future of specific areas of library work (e.g. collections, instruction, technical services, technology, etc.). During each block, librarians chose one of four sessions to attend. These roundtables provided participants to talk about how they envision the future as well as strategies for arriving at those futures.

In collaboration with members of the I-Share Users Group, the Committee held discussions in May and June about the development and implementation of a workshop on copyright. As currently planned, the program would be held in the spring of 2009 in the Chicago area.

### **Future Planning**

Other possible events and projects discussed this year, that could serve as starting points for next year's committee, included:

- 1) A follow up to the ACRL Information Literacy Immersion program which took place at Illinois State in June 2007;
- 2) "Innovations in Information Literacy," a program which would provide a venue for librarians to showcase their best practices
- 3) A program on future of reference services;
- 4) A sequel to the social technologies forum organized by PSWG in 2007
- 5) Creating a librarian speaker bureau in collaboration with other Midwest library associations

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