

News

ARL Membership Convenes in Houston

On May 20–22 in Houston, 102 ARL member library representatives participated in the 154th Membership Meeting. Attendees engaged with speakers and one another, primarily regarding strategies to keep research libraries moving forward in innovative ways in the face of growing financial challenges.

The program theme of “Transformational Times” was addressed at several levels, including:

- “The Great Contraction” of our economy and historical lessons of economic theory that need to be heard in the public debate on recovery strategies (James Galbraith, Texas at Austin)
- The terms and scope of the Google Book Settlement (Kenny Crews, Columbia; Dan Clancy with Alex McGillivray, Google)
- The readiness of our community to redefine libraries as multi-institutional entities (Carole Moore, Toronto; Wendy Lougee, Minnesota; Anne Kenney, Cornell; Kevin Guthrie, Ithaka)
- Library leadership responses to disasters of Mother Nature’s making (Nancy Baker, Iowa; Paula Mochida, Hawaii; Lance Query, Tulane)
- Partnering with faculty and other constituencies to manage scientific data (Chris Greer, NITRD; Chuck Humphrey, Alberta; Clifford Lynch, CNI; Carol Tenopir, Tennessee)
- Consolidating and collaborating with other libraries for local delivery of services (Paula Kaufman, Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Paul Courant, Michigan; Jim Michalko, RLG Programs/OCLC; Brian Schottlaender, California, San Diego; Jim Neal, Columbia; Anne Kenney, Cornell)
- Options for library discovery tools (Lynne O’Brien, Duke; Betsy Wilson and Jennifer Ward, Washington; and Bob Gerrity, Boston College)
- Research library roles in digital repository services (Carole Moore, Toronto)

Audio recordings and slides from speakers’ presentations are being posted on the ARL Web site as they become available. See

<http://www.arl.org/resources/pubs/mmproceedings/154mm-proceedings.shtml>.

Transitions

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH): President Obama has nominated former Congressman James Leach as Chairman of the NEH. Leach is currently the John L. Weinberg/Goldman Sachs and Co. Visiting Professor of Public and

International Affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton. While serving as a member of the House for the state of Iowa, he founded and co-chaired the Congressional Humanities Caucus.

Urban Libraries Council: Susan Benton has been named President and CEO. She was previously Research,

Memorial

Edward Connery Lathem, 1926–2009

Edward Connery Lathem, Dartmouth College Librarian and Dean of the Libraries Emeritus, died unexpectedly on May 15, 2009, in his Dartmouth office at age 82. Lathem served as head librarian from 1968 to 1978. In 1973 he was accorded the rank of dean and he thereafter carried the dual title Librarian of the College and Dean of Libraries. Lathem was the editor or co-editor of several volumes of the poet Robert Frost’s work. While an ARL member representative, he was the Chairman of the Commission on Access to Resources (1973–74) and was elected to the ARL Board of Directors in 1975. He served as ARL President-Elect/Vice President in 1975–76 and President in 1976–77.

Development, and Strategic Partners Executive at the International City/County Management Association.

Grants

UCLA, Harvard, and Yale have been awarded \$5 million grants by Arcadia, a funding organization based in the UK whose mission is to protect endangered treasures of culture and nature. The grants provide flexible support for the libraries’ core functions.

North Carolina State’s Digital Library Initiatives, along with four partner organizations, have been awarded a \$2.18 million grant from the National Science Foundation to expand Dryad, a digital data repository. Dryad is designed to archive data that underlie published findings in evolutionary biology, ecology, and related fields.

Honors

Jim Neal (Columbia) was chosen to receive ALA’s 2009 Melvil Dewey Medal Award, which is given in recognition of creative leadership of high order. The 2009 Melvil Dewey Award will be presented at the ALA Award Ceremony and Reception on Tuesday, July 14, during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

ARL Calendar 2009

<http://www.arl.org/events/calendar/>

July 9–15	ARL at ALA Annual Conference Chicago, Illinois
July 27–28	ARL Board Meeting Washington DC
August 17	LibQUAL+® at Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement Florence, Italy
October 13–15	ARL Board & Membership Meetings Washington DC
October 15–16	ARL-CNI Forum on Distinctive Collections in the Digital Age Washington DC
December 14–15	CNI Fall Task Force Meeting Washington DC

2010 Meetings

April 27–30, 2010	ARL Board & Membership Meetings Seattle, Washington <i>Note new dates</i>
July 12–14, 2010	National Diversity in Libraries Conference Princeton, New Jersey
October 12–15, 2010	ARL Board & Membership Meetings Washington DC
October 25–27, 2010	Library Assessment Conference Baltimore, Maryland
November 8–9, 2010	SPARC Digital Repositories Meeting Baltimore, Maryland