

THE FIRST TEN YEARS  
OREGON CHAPTER  
ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

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The mission and functions of academic libraries provide ample matter for discussion among professionals in the field. Whenever librarians meet, they find common concerns to discuss and they leave the gathering with something new to think about. But working in Oregon provides a unique challenge in the professional life of the academic librarian. The limited number of academic librarians, for one, and the relative isolation of the state, for another, work against the easy exchange of information enjoyed by many who live in more heavily populated areas of the United States. The isolation of academic institutions within the state makes communication and mutual problem solving difficult.

In the 1970s academic librarians across the nation were trying to deal with the forces of limited budgets, increased published information, costly space expansion, fast-developing automation technology, expanding academic programs, increased enrollments, and a more sophisticated readership. The basic philosophy of "rugged individualism," so dear to the hearts of Oregonians, could no longer provide what was needed to solve these problems.

At the same time the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, was increasing its interest in local academic library activities and was encouraging the development of local chapters.

Specialized sub-groups, such as community college librarians or directors of the Oregon State System of Higher Education libraries, met routinely but the only regular meeting of academic librarians from all types of institutions was the breakfast meeting held during the annual conference of the Oregon Library Association. This limited gathering was not enough to meet the challenges of the 1970s. A core of energetic librarians recognized the limitations of the OLA gathering and had the vision to see the opportunities offered by an ACRL affiliation, and in 1975 they founded the Oregon Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Although local chapters had been authorized in the bylaws of ACRL since its beginning in 1938, few had been formed after the Philadelphia area Chapter was organized in 1951. When Norman E. Tanis, President of ACRL, appointed an ad hoc Committee on Chapter Development in July 1973, only two chapters were active. Documentation and memories are vague, but it was probably William Axford, University Librarian, University of Oregon and President-Elect of ACRL, who brought the message to Oregon. Apparently Axford also organized a dinner meeting held on April 16, 1975 to discuss the idea of establishing a chapter of ACRL in Oregon. Forty-three academic librarians from Oregon institutions attended. James Schmidt, University Librarian, State University of New York at Albany, was the speaker.

On April 23, 1975 Deirdre Marlarkey (University of Oregon) sent an open letter to academic librarians in the state reporting on the dinner meeting and asking those desiring to form an ACRL Chapter in Oregon to sign the enclosed petition. Seventy-two signatures were obtained and forwarded to ACRL headquarters in Chicago. Beverly Lynch, Executive Secretary of ACRL, approved the request in time for the Chapter to be recognized on July 3, 1975 during the American Library Association annual conference.

The first official Chapter meeting was held October 4, 1975 in the Aalto Library, Mt. Angel Abbey, Saint Benedict, Oregon with Richard Heinzkill (University of Oregon) as convener. Heinzkill was elected chairperson; Malarkey, secretary; Ryoko Toyama (University of Oregon), newsletter editor. Robert Gault (Northwest Christian College), Tom Gerity (Portland State University), Doris Tilles (Oregon State University) and Father Joseph Browne (University of Portland) served on the first advisory board with the officers. The first newsletter, dated November 26, 1975, announced the second Chapter meeting to be held December 12, 1975 at Oregon State University. LeMoyne Anderson, Director of Libraries, Colorado State University, who was at Oregon State University as a consultant, spoke on "Implementing Full Faculty Status" for academic librarians.

The purposes of the Chapter were set forth in the Articles of Association in 1983 as follows:

The ACRL/Oregon Chapter seeks to support academic libraries and librarians; to foster communication among academic librarians in the several types of institutions; to promote the development of Oregon academic libraries; to sponsor educational programs of interest to academic librarians and various other academic and library constituencies.

The history of the Chapter falls into two phases. The first, which lasted from 1975 to 1980, is characterized by meetings at irregular intervals, each of less than one day's duration. Emphasis was on local aspects of larger issues. Speakers were usually Oregonians; for example, William Axford spoke on "Coping With Austerity" at the October 15, 1976 meeting. Formats were varied and informal, typically featuring a workshop. At the March 11, 1977 meeting, for example, Laurel Maughan (Oregon State University) and Louise Gerity (Lewis and Clark) presented "A Survey of Current Library/Bibliographic Instruction Programs Being Used in Oregon Universities and Colleges" with contributions by several other members.

The second phase in the Chapter history is marked by the introduction of an annual conference. In 1980 the Board decided to hold a two-day meeting in late October at Menucha Conference Grounds,

a handsome estate overlooking the Columbia River Gorge. Two nationally prominent speakers were on the program: Barbara Markuson of the Indiana Cooperative Library Service Authority and John Moore, Professor of Biology at the University of California, Riverside. Resource sharing was the overall theme. A very popular Halloween party was the social event.

Elizabeth Walter Bruce (Lewis and Clark), Chapter Chair for 1979-80, organized the first two-day conference. She persuaded the S.S. Johnson Foundation and the Philip Ludwell Jackson Trust to underwrite a substantial portion of the conference costs. In succeeding years Oregon foundations have been generous in their support of conference costs.

The broadened scope of the Chapter's program continued in the second two-day conference, held jointly in 1981 with the newly-formed Washington Chapter. The meeting was held at the Seabeck Conference Center on the Hood Canal in Washington. On-line catalogs were the featured topic with Anne Lipow, Cooperative Services Librarian, University of California, Berkeley, as the principal speaker. The joint sponsorship established a sharing of responsibilities so that each Chapter carried the burden of planning and budgeting for a conference every two years.

After the initiation of two-day annual conferences, the character of Oregon Chapter meetings changed. A business and membership meeting is scheduled during the annual conference, but most meetings are held in conjunction with other organization meetings. The academic librarians' breakfast meeting is planned by the Oregon Chapter and held during the annual conference of the Oregon Library Association. The Chapter sometimes meets jointly with the Oregon Community College Library Association in February.

Early in its history, the Chapter financed activities informally. Expenses of meetings were usually absorbed by the host library. Two copies of each issue of the "most irregular" newsletter (No. 1, November 26, 1975- ) were sent to each library where they were reproduced and distributed to staff or simply routed, depending on the number of interested readers.

The fiscal condition of the Chapter improved in February 1979 when the national ACRL Board voted to allocate \$1.50 to a chapter for each personal ACRL member living in the state. Initially, the two-day meetings were financed through registration fees and grants from Oregon foundations and businesses but an article in the April 1982 newsletter (by then a more formal publication) stated that "because of worsening economic conditions, we can no longer count on support from local foundations and from individual libraries," and so the decision was made to charge dues. In 1982 the membership agreed with a Board proposal that modest dues of \$5.00 for ACRL members and \$6.50

for non-members be levied beginning with 1983-84. Two-year membership rates of \$9.00 and \$12.00 were announced in 1984.

The governance of the Chapter has changed gradually. On April 29, 1983 the officers and Advisory Board approved a set of Articles of Association, based on guidelines issued by the national ACRL Board. The articles were drafted by three members appointed by Vicki Kreimeyer (Lewis and Clark): Bonnie Allen-Walsdorf (Willamette University), Lynn Chmelir (Linfield College) and Doris Tilles (Oregon State University) with assistance from other officers and Board members. The Articles provide for three officers: President, Vice-President/President-Elect, and Past President, with the Vice-President performing the duties of treasurer. The Advisory Board is distinct from the Officers and consists of eight members: four appointed, one each to represent community colleges, private colleges, Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) institutions, and the state library; four elected as at-large members by the Chapter. Each Board member serves a two-year term. Ad hoc committees are appointed as needed.

Originally, elections were conducted at the annual meeting and this procedure was incorporated in the original Articles of Association. On October 20, 1983, the Articles were amended to provide the option of a mail vote and the Board adopted this alternative for the 1983/84 election. At the same time, the Articles were amended to include wording required for the tax-exempt status granted by the Internal Revenue Service in January, 1984.

In an organization such as this, the participation of every member is important. All types and sizes of academic libraries have been represented by the officers and the Advisory Board. The secretary and newsletter editor seem to have been regarded as officers in the early days, but are not so mentioned in the present Articles of Association. On the other hand, there was no Vice-President/President-Elect in the early years. The first use of the word "president" instead of "chairperson" occurs in the newsletter of March 15, 1981.

As of July 1985, Chapter membership was ninety-two, about the annual average during the last few years. In the same year there were one hundred and nine national ACRL members in Oregon. Non-ACRL national members may also join the Chapter.

As with many organizations, the Chapter has developed from very informal origins to considerable structure and hierarchy. Efficiency and clarity, resulting from strong leadership, have been achieved without sacrificing the grass roots participation which prompted the founding of the organization.

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1975-76

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Ryoko Toyama (University of Oregon)

ADVISORY BOARD

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Robert Gault (Northwest Christian College)

Tom Gerity (Portland State University)

Doris Tilles (Oregon State University)

1976/77

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Ryoko Toyama (University of Oregon)

ADVISORY BOARD

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Robert Gault (Northwest Christian College)

Tom Gerity (Portland State University)

Doris Tilles (Oregon State University)

1977/78

## CHAIRPERSON

Mary Devlin (University of Portland)

## SECRETARY AND NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jan Starr (University of Portland)

## ADVISORY BOARD

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Sally Larson (Lewis and Clark College)

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1978/79

## CHAIRPERSON

Jenko Lukac (Pacific University)

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jan Starr Fortier (Pacific University)

## ADVISORY BOARD

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1979/80

## CHAIRPERSON

Elizabeth Walter Bruce (Lewis and Clark College)

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Mary Devlin (University of Portland)

## ADVISORY BOARD

Lawrence Crumb (University of Oregon)



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Virginia Seiser (Portland State University)  
Doris Tilles (Oregon State University)

1980/81

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Stanley Ruckman (Linn-Benton Community College)

Doris Tilles (Oregon State University)

1981/82

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1982/83

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1983/84

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1984/85

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MEETINGS, 1975-85

1975.      October 4, Mt. Angel Abbey. Organizational meeting,  
 Richard Heinzkill (University of Oregon), Convener.
- December 12, Oregon State University. LeMoyne Anderson  
 (Director, Colorado State University Library) on  
 "Implementing Full Faculty Status."
1976.      April 2, Linn-Benton Community College. Workshop on  
 "Standardization of Cataloging, The Impact on the Catalog  
 as a Reference Tool." Speakers Clarice Krieg (University  
 of Oregon) and Louise Gerity (Lewis and Clark College).  
 Panel coordinators Christine Olson (University of Oregon)  
 and Ryoko Toyama (University of Oregon).
- April 29, University of Portland. Eleanor Montague  
 (Director, WICHE-sponsored Western bibliographic Network  
 Project) on "Western Interstate Coordinating Organization."
- October 15, Salem Public Library H. William Axford  
 (University of Oregon) on "Coping with Austerity."
1977.      February 3, Portland State University. Showing of video  
 tapes on OCLC with discussion led by Myra White (OCLC).
- March 11, Oregon State University. Panel on "A Survey of  
 the Current Library/Bibliographic Instruction Programs  
 Being Used in Oregon Universities and Colleges," organized  
 by Louise Gerity (Lewis and Clark College) and Laurel  
 Maughan (Oregon State University).
- May 20, Oregon State Library. Jack C. Thompson (Thompson  
 Restoration Shop, Portland) on "How Things Got So Bad and  
 What Can be Done About It" regarding book deterioration.
- June 29, Oregon State University. Hannelore Rader Delgado  
 (Eastern Michigan State University Library) on "Library-  
 Academic Faculty Interaction; Aspects and Functions"  
 followed by panel discussions and work sessions.

November 18, Oregon College of Education, Monmouth.  
Richard Surles (University of Oregon) on "The New Copyright  
Law in the Library."

1978. February 17, Lewis and Clark College. Discussion of Oregon  
Governor's Conference to be held in June. Chaired by  
Marcia Lowell (State Library).

March 13, Oregon State University. Pauline Atherton  
(School of Information, Syracuse, New York) on "The Future  
and Impact of On-line Reference Work in College and  
University Libraries."

October 27, University of Portland. Jack Thompson  
(Thompson Restoration Shop, Portland) on "Conservation and  
Preservation of Library Materials" followed by a workshop  
on establishing damage control priorities in libraries.

1979. February 22, Pacific University. Stephen Beckman (Lewis  
and Clark College) on his Indian research and how libraries  
have, and have not, helped him.

April 12, Oregon State University. Tom Kirk and Jerry  
Woolpy (Earlham College, Indiana) on "Course-related User  
Instruction."

December 11, University of Portland. Agnes Grady (Oregon  
State University) on "Administrative Issues of On-line  
Reference Service."

1980. February 22, Lewis & Clark College. Panel discussion of  
"Resource Sharing: Initiation of Sharing at the Regional  
Level." Panel: Bill DeJohn (Pacific Northwest  
Bibliographic Center), Marcia Lowell (Oregon State Library)  
and Vicki Kreimeyer (Lewis and Clark College).

May 22, Portland State University. Panel discussion of  
"How Can a Program of Interlibrary Cooperation, Sponsored  
by a National Library, be Implemented in Oregon?" Panel:  
Dale Middleton (Pacific Regional Health Science Library),  
Steve Teich (Statewide Oregon Health Information Network  
Coordinator) and Faye Meyne (Sacred Heart Hospital Library)  
This was the second in a series on resource sharing.

July 23, Portland State University. Workshop on AACR II  
cataloging for academic libraries led by Lynn Chmelir  
(Linfield College), Elaine Kemp (University of Oregon) and  
Jim Dwyer (University of Oregon)

October 30-31, Menucha Conference Center. "Resource Sharing: New Perspectives," Barbara Evans Markuson (Indiana Cooperative Library Service Authority) and John Moore (Professor of Biology, University of California, Riverside) keynote speakers. Third in the series on resource sharing.

1981. February 20, Linn-Benton Community College. Joint meeting with Oregon Community College Library Association on the report of the Automation Study Committee appointed by the State Librarian. John Webb (Oregon State Library) presented the report; a panel consisting of Luella Pollock (Reed College), Jenko Lukac (Lewis and Clark College), Jim Lockwood (Oregon State System of Higher Education, Interinstitutional Library Council) and Sandra Blackaby (Treasure Valley Community College) discussed it.

April 25, Ashland Hills Inn. Jointly sponsored academic breakfast at the Oregon Library Association conference. Mary Kinnick (a consultant and formerly of Portland State University Institutional Research) discussed "Planning, the Long and Short of it."

October 29-30, Seabeck Conference Center, Washington. Joint meeting with ACRL/Washington on "On-line Catalogs" and related topics. Anne Lipow (University of California, Berkeley), principal speaker.

1982. February 19, Clackamas Community College. Joint meeting with Oregon Community College Library Association (OCCLA) "Off-campus Storage." Rod Waldron (Oregon State University) on the Oregon Resource Center for Cooperating Libraries at Camp Adair, a panel on how Oregon libraries select for storage, and Dick Tuffli (Clackamas County Library) on the automated system used by Clackamas County Library Network.

October 28-29, Menucha. Joint meeting with ACRL/Washington on "Developing and Managing Collections in the 1980s." Paul Mosher (Stanford University Libraries) keynote speaker; Leonoor Ingraham (Lewis and Clark College) and Linda Gould (University of Washington) also guest speakers. Survey on Collection Development in Oregon discussed by Pam Horan (University of Portland), Heather Rosenwinkel (Oregon Health Sciences University), William Schenck (University of Oregon) and Robert Burr (Gonzaga University).

1983. February 11, Mt. Sylvania campus of Portland Community College. Second joint meeting with OCCLA on collection development issues and cooperative efforts underway in

Oregon. Organized and moderated by Rebecca Thompson (Central Oregon Community College) and Barbara McKillip (Linn-Benton Community College) with contributions by Bill Schenck (University of Oregon), Rebecca Thompson (Central Oregon Community College), Margaret Mason (Central Oregon Community College) and Steve Teich (Oregon Health Sciences University).

October 20-21, Pack Forest, Washington. Joint meeting with ACRL/Washington and the Pacific Northwest Chapter of ASIS. Theme: Online publishing and the library. Fran Spigai (Database Services), keynote speaker. Brian Aveney (Blackwell North America) and Libby Trudell (Dialog Information Services) were also guest speakers.

1984. April 4-7, Seattle. Chapter members assist with ACRL's Third National Conference on "Academic Libraries: Myths and Realities."

April 12, Rippling River Resort. Jointly sponsored Academic Breakfast at OLA Conference. Speaker: Douglas Ferguson (Director of Library and Information Resources for Northwest program of the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust).

October 25-26, Menucha, Oregon. Fifth Annual Joint Oregon/Washington ACRL Conference on "Connecting Academic Libraries with the Future." Futurist consultant Robert Theobald, keynote speaker. National ACRL President, Sharon Rogers (George Washington University Library) spoke on "Integrating the Academic Library into the Teaching/Learning Process" and moderated the closing panel discussion.

1985. February 22, Chemeketa Community College, Salem. Joint membership meeting with OCCLA on "Risk Management: Does It Apply to Libraries?" John Janzen (Vice President, Risk and Insurance Services, Corp. (RISCORP)) spoke on the theory and practice of risk management. Attendees then measured their own risk-taking tendencies and a panel led a discussion on exploring risks in libraries. Panel: Charles Abshire (Mt. Hood Community College), Thomas Stave (University of Oregon), Patricia Wand Silvernail (University of Oregon).

April 12, Pendleton. Academic breakfast at OLA conference. Kurt Murphy (Library Systems Analyst, University of Oregon) spoke on the history and status of the Oregon State System of Higher Education (OSSHE) library automation plan.

August 22, Eugene Conference Center. Tenth Birthday Party held during annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association.