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## EBSS Program - Librarians, Civic Action, Electronic Age

Michael Miller, Brooklyn Public Library

ACRL/EBSS was proud to have coordinated "Oh say can you see! Librarian Leadership, Civic Action and the Electronic Age," for the 1999 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, LA. In strong support for harnessing technology as a powerful tool for community involvement and action, **Steven Clift**, keynoted an energetic panel of speakers. His address expanded upon his work as an online strategies consultant focused on the use of the Internet in democracy\*. In describing his success with such projects as the "Minnesota E-Democracy," <http://www.e-democracy.org/> and the "Web White & Blue," <http://www.webwhiteblue.org/> a 1998 online elections forum, Clift smoothly paved the way for the other panelists to demonstrate how librarians can support and promote community-based civic action and grass-roots organizing.

**Joanne Dittersdorf**, coordinator for the Neighborhood Leadership Libraries Project in New York City, talked about the coordination of grass roots training and resource support that CCNYC is providing at the neighborhood level in partnership with the three major library systems of New York City. Training for activities like "Organizing in Diverse Communities," "Navigating the City Environment," offer grassroots organizing opportunities throughout NYC

**Linda Alec Draper**, the Detroit Community AIDS Library (DCAL) Librarian Coordinator spoke about DCAL's efforts to strengthen participating library collections with AIDS and HIV materials, educate librarians to better meet the HIV/AIDS information needs of patrons, and to provide a computer-based networked resource of HIV and AIDS information.

**Robin Tremblay-McGraw**, a member of the information services team of the Trauma Foundation in San Francisco, closed the program with a strong message from an activist organization, which focuses on their work concerning trauma injuries and firearms.

**Michael Miller** from Brooklyn Public Library moderated this program. **Jan Wilson** chaired the program planning committee, which also included **Barbara Celone, Ellen Gilbert, Sally Lawler, Michael Miller, and Tammy Rabideau.**

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\* To read Steven Clift's article "Democracy is Online," the cover article from the Internet Society's March/April 1998 OnTheInternet magazine, go to Democracies Online: <http://www.e-democracy.org/do> It is copyrighted ©1998 Steven Clift - All rights reserved. Please contact the author for use permissions.

***ACRL Awards Program 2000 Call For Nominations***  
*Lisa Grube, ALA, ACRL*

## **Help Wanted**

Helga Visscher, EBSS Newsletter Editor

At the meeting of the Publications & Communications Committee, I pointed out that although I enjoy being the editor, perhaps it is time to include an assistant editor, with a look to the future of having someone else edit the Newsletter within the next biennium. Anyone interested in pursuing this line of work should contact Francine DeFranco, PCC committee chair. (See p. 7 for information.) Editing the Newsletter has been a rewarding experience. I have learned new skills, and have become acquainted with outstanding and dedicated librarians from all over the country, who are concerned with library issues in Teacher Education and Behavioral Sciences.

## **Jo Ann Carr Receives Distinguished EBSS Librarian of 1999 Award**

The Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Award for 1999 was awarded to Jo Ann Carr at the ACRL program, "Oh Say Can You See," Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.

**Committee Reports: Curriculum Materials Centers Committee (CMC)**

Penny Beile, University of Central Florida,  
Orlando, FL

Discussion of the CMC Webliography centered on updating / maintaining the website. Pending criteria from the Publications (PCC) committee, CMC decided to place links alphabetically on the page. Link URLs instead of titles, and transfer pages from outgoing to incoming members. The issue of ownership of the individual pages, or intellectual property, was brought to the table and forwarded to the Advisory Council and Publications committee as a concern. Upon Transfer of a new server, the Webliography site will be widely marketed. The charge for an ad hoc committee to develop standards for CMCs were approved by the Executive Committee of EBSS.

The topic of classification schemes for CMCs - including both the organization of materials and descriptive cataloging - will be pursued with the management of CMCs Committee and possibly as a Discussion Topic. A preliminary survey of catalogs and other acquisition materials available on the web will be performed to determine the feasibility of producing a web site to aid in CMC Collection Development.

**Committee Reports: Distinguished EBSS Librarian Award Committee (DLIB)**

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See story on ACRL Awards 2000, on page 2 of this Newsletter. Information can be downloaded from the ALA web address: [www.ala.org/acrl/award2.html](http://www.ala.org/acrl/award2.html) or visit the EBSS website, or contact Adele Dendy via e-mail for more information.

**Committee Reports: Instruction for Educators Committee (IE)**

Dane Ward, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

The Instruction for Educators Committee continued to work on its book "Connections: Ideas for Librarian and Faculty Collaboration." Dane Ward reported that as the Committee moves to complete the project, ACRL's Publication Committee has enthusiastically approved the project. The Committee hopes to submit the text to ACRL in the next few months. Many chapters have been written and require only minor revisions.

The Committee took a moment to marvel at the variety of information that this book will provide to those seeking to develop collaborative relationships. As it has evolved, the work contains an essay on the interpersonal aspects of collaboration; a great literature review with a classification scheme; an essay providing practical guidelines for pursuing collaboration; five case studies of well-established formal collaborations; twenty-five outstanding examples of collaboration solicited from a widely distributed survey; a "postmodern" directory of web resources; a bibliography of print sources by collaborator extraordinaire Pat Libutti, and a concluding essay prophesizing the future of collaboration.

After this meeting, Committee member Doug Cook will serve as Chair and lead the group further into the evolving world of instruction for educators.

**Committee Reports: Membership & Orientation Committee (M & O)**

Charles Thurston, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

The committee discussed the EBSS revision of the ACRL brochure, "ACRL Professional Interests Section: Your Best Professional Investment." The committee agreed, by acclamation, to present a motion to EBSS Advisory that the section Orientation Manual be revised (Web version) after Midwinter and Annual Conferences. The Committee also agreed to present a motion to EBSS Advisory Committee that we assume formal responsibility for new chair orientation.

**Committee Reports: Psychology / Psychiatry Committee (Psych/Psych)**

Brian Quinn, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

**American Psychological Association Report**

Brian Quinn presented a brief report of APA Activities that were prepared by Carolyn Gosling, Psycinfo User Services Manag5.2(n)fi57 TD-.0003 Tso6(b)-4.4(r)not4.4(.3(te T celt be .4(u)4pd4(rat)3e cen thioeadoch43e cen f.8(o)4.4.9(m)8(ical)3d-

The year 2000 will bring a new journal from the APA called Psychology of Men and Masculinity, as well as a new version of APA-Style Helper. The new version will be compatible with all major word processing programs, not just Microsoft Word 97. A professional version of APA Style Helper designed for faculty will make its debut at the APA Convention in Boston in August. Finally, the Psycinfo database is now available through two new vendors—Cambridge Scientific, and Bell and Howell (formerly UMI).

#### **Ad Hoc Committee on the Test Collection Directory**

Betsy Simpson gave an update on the activities of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Test Collection Directory. The committee sent out a survey via email, which elicited 51 responses. Committee members were hoping to get 60-65 responses, and plan to send out a follow up survey. Nancy O'Brien and Paul Fehrmann are working on the directory structure and how to index the test sites. Cheryl Grossman is working on a template to analyze the data, and the projected publication date is some time in 2000.

#### **Society for the Teaching of Psychology Update**

Donna Pontau is participating with APA Division 2 members in a joint presentation that will take place at the APA Annual Convention in Boston in August. The title of the session is "Information Retrieval and Evaluation: Basic Competencies for Students." The panel, which consists of three psychologists and two librarians, will talk about search skills, bibliographic sources, searching the Web, and instructional strategies. They hope to solicit feedback from psychologists in the audience about the guidelines posted on



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