

# CJCLS Newsletter

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## *Greetings from Ellen Sutton, CJCLS Chair*

*It is the beginning of a new academic year, and I want to welcome you to a new year for CJCLS.*



COLLEGE OF DUPAGE

The current executive board members are working to make this section more relevant and helpful to you now and in the coming years. We are honing committees, with the intent of developing committees that are really active in engaging and serving the CJCLS membership. Visit the CJCLS website at the address given above for a list of current committees and their charges.

The CJCLS listserv is extremely lively and the center of issues discussions and problem solving among community and junior college librarians. There, you are talking with other librarians with similar situations and contexts. On a volunteer basis, those posing a question subsequently summarize for the list the suggestions that are shared. A goal in the future is to create a section of the CJCLS website that organizes and archives the major issues discussions, and solicits, organizes, and presents examples of best practices in community college librarianship. To join the CJCLS listserv, go to <http://lists.ala.org/www/info/cjc-l>.

We want the CJCLS website to become a first resource for you in your work as a librarian. In future, we will invite you to share your knowledge of particular areas so that we can gather these and post them on the website. These areas may include information literacy instruction programs in community colleges, virtual reference experiences and models, collecting e-books and other

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CJCLS Speakers Panel, ALA New Orleans 2006 ➔  
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## ***EBSCO Community College Learning Resources and Library Achievement Award and 2006 Recipients***

The EBSCO Community College Learning Resources and Library Achievement awards provide the opportunity to recognize contributions of the Library/LRC to the mission of community colleges. An awards committee of members of the Community and Junior College Libraries Section evaluated and select awards for presentation at the ALA Annual Conference.

### ***Learning Resources Leadership Award***

Leadership award applicants should demonstrate achievement in promoting learning resources/library programs or services locally or through professional organizations associated with the mission of community, junior, or technical colleges. Nominees for this award must be members of CJCLS or, if retired, have been active members during their career.

### ***Learning Resources Program Achievement Award***

Program award applicants should demonstrate achievement in developing an innovative, significant learning resources/library program. The nominee does not have to be a member of CJCLS.



PHOTOS BY IMOGENE BOOK

Susan Anderson of St. Petersburg College receives the 2006 Learning Resources Leadership Award at the CJCLS Membership and Awards Breakfast in New Orleans

Lois Shelton, Eva Lautemann, and Sherry Durren of the Jim Cherry Learning Resources Center, Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston Campus, receive the 2006 Learning Resources Program Achievement Award in New Orleans

***Award Submissions Information – Submission Deadline - December 1, 2006*** Identify the award for which you are applying. Provide a brief description of the nominee's contribution, based on the award criteria. A full description should be in an accompanying letter. Please provide background of the award nominee (or attach vita). Nominations should consist of the application form, a narrative letter describing the achievements, and any supporting attachments. Send five (5) copies of the nomination to **Matthew Burrell, Librarian, Gulf Coast Community College, 5230 Highway 98 West, Panama City, FL 32401.** Please contact Matthew with any questions or concerns at: Phone: 850-769-1551; Fax: 850-872-3861; e-mail: [mburrell@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:mburrell@gulfcoast.edu) Allowing one line for each, give the following: Nominee, Institution, Nomination Submitted by: Phone, Date.

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electronic resources, assessing library services and programs, attaining visibility of the library's role in educating students, support of distance education and hybrid classes, employing new technologies when there is inadequate technical support and expertise, copyright and reserves in the digital environment, etc.—to name just a few!

We are also embarking also on a “**hot topics**” discussion session at future ALA meetings, with the goal of beginning this at Midwinter this January in Seattle. **If you are planning to attend ALA Midwinter, look for the CJCLS Hot Topics Discussion, which is scheduled to take place on Saturday at 4 pm, place TBA.** This is another source of dialog and collection of information on major issues to share with membership. Here are two hot topics that CJCLS would like to publicize for Midwinter:

1. ESL, ELL, young adults, adult learners, undergrad, technical resources, international students—How do you build a collection for community college students?
2. Community College libraries' efforts to support adult literacy

CJCLS always sponsors a member dinner Friday evening at each midwinter and annual conference. This is an informal opportunity to meet fellow CJCLS people and to enjoy a local restaurant. Look for information about this dinner on our listserv in the next couple of months. Please join us on the listserv and in Seattle.

*Ellen Sutton*

### ***NEWS - Morton College Library, Cicero, Illinois***

**The American Library Association and the International Interior Design Association gave Morton College's Library its highest distinction—an Honor Award—for Academic Libraries 30,000 square feet and under.**

Morton College's renovated Library is less than two years old. This past summer in New Orleans, the American Library Association and the International Interior Design Association gave Morton College's Library its highest distinction—an Honor Award—for Academic Libraries that are 30,000 square feet or smaller. The award took place at the American Library Association's annual convention.

Morton College's Library was the only one from a community college honored. "It's a big deal that a community college library was recognized," said Rebecca Schreiner, Morton College's Associate Dean and Director of Library and Technology. "It's a great honor to be in the same league of Harvard and Valparaiso."

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## **SELECTIONS FROM ALA/ACRL/CJCLS DRAFT MINUTES ALA NEW ORLEANS JUNE 2006 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Full draft minutes, taken by Alice Lubrecht, Acting Secretary, available online at the CJCLS Website

### **ALA/ACRL/CJCLS Executive Committee Meeting One New Orleans June 24, 2006**

**Bylaws Committee:** The ACRL Bylaws Committee would like additional wording in Section 2 of Article VIII. Some clarifications and changes were suggested and approved by the Committee. Kenley Neufeld and Susan Maltese agreed to edit the existing draft in order to have the changes complete by the 10:30 meeting. The group commended Susan Maltese for her efforts in this project.

**Chair's Report:** Chair Christine Godin reported that we had a successful year and an increase in membership. Updated membership information has been coming much more quickly from the ACRL Office, which has helped in communication with new members as well as members whose memberships have lapsed.

**Vice Chair/Incoming Chair's Report:** Ellen Sutton reported having an adequate number of people to appoint to the section's committees. Ellen will be appointing a task force to work on information literacy questions on the upcoming CCSSE survey. A second task force will be selected to replace our Research and Publications committee. The suggested output of this task force could be a column in the newsletter or a feature on the CJCLS website. It could also provide input for the *Resources for College Libraries* publication. On the Hot Topics suggestion, we need to select several topics which could be used by the Program Committee in its planning for upcoming meetings. Finally, Ellen reported that we need charges for each of our committees. Awards and Nominations have fairly clear charges; the other committees need to spend some time drafting a charge.

**Incoming Vice Chair/Chair Elect's Report:** Kenley Neufeld reported on Friday's Leadership Meeting and the results of the membership survey. Of the approximately 1,300 members in our section, around 260 of them responded to the ACRL Survey:

- **260 of the 3,500 responses indicated that CJCLS was their primary section.**
- **Professional development was considered the highest reason for belonging.**
- The average length of membership is between 3 and 10 years. 61% are unlikely to attend any ALA in the next 12 months; 42% were unlikely to attend annual at any time. 48% of our members identify themselves as administrators.
- **More than half of our membership participates in our discussion list—far higher than any other section of ACRL.**

**Archivist/Historian:** Imogene Book will work with the ACRL office to transfer physical archives to the archives at University of Illinois. It is our understanding that the ACRL Office is already archiving minutes and agendas of all sections and expects our Archivist to maintain anything else.

**ACRL Bylaws Committee:** Michele Reid joined the meeting at this point, and we reviewed what we had approved earlier. With Michele's approval of these changes, she feels we will be set to receive approval from her committee this morning and Board approval on Tuesday.

**Report from the ACRL Board Liaison:** Nancy Allen gave the report from the ACRL Board. The Board has been reviewing organizational changes which are needed to implement the strategic plans and member issues. The CJCLS Executive Committee members expressed a strong concern that a shift to a knowledge base will leave the Board without a true understanding of the community college issues. Perhaps a "community college knowledge base" may need to be considered as a separate item as the issues at community colleges are so unique within the division.

**Nominations:** Cindy Steinhoff had given her committee's report at Midwinter but she reported on the winners. Mary Carr was elected to the ACRL Board; Kenley Neufeld was elected CJCLS Vice Chair/Chair Elect, and Beth Burns was elected CJCLS Secretary. These people will take office at the end of the Annual meeting. As the incoming chair of Nominations, Alice Lubrecht requested the current committee members send her suggestions for the two positions to be filled in the spring 2007 elections. These positions are Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Secretary. She will also place a call for secretary candidates on the listserv in early July.

**Awards:** Alice Lubrecht reminded the committee about the Awards Breakfast tomorrow morning, 8 a.m. at the New Orleans Hilton Riverside.

**DRAFT MINUTES - ALA/ACRL/CJCLS  
Executive Committee Meeting Two  
New Orleans June 26, 2006**

***Report from the ALA/ACRL Staff Liaison To Sections***

Mary Jane reported that Adam Burling will be transitioning into the liaison slot for CJCLS. Adam has begun to work with the memberships committees, providing the reports of new members as well as memberships which have lapsed. New membership survey data has been shared with the officers of the section. It was noted that the response rate for this year's survey was improved over recent surveys. Key findings noted were:

1. 91% plan to renew their memberships. Those who aren't: 1% retirement; 8% not sure if they can afford it. Renewals rates are currently running 9% ahead of last year. The drop period has been tightened up and now only allows about a five month lag. It is intention of ALA that this will decrease again next year.
2. The main reason given to the question of why join was to support the membership.
3. Retired members are very concerned about ways in which to keep the retired members still involved. For many, they may no longer work full-time in the profession but would like to remain active in the association.
4. 900 comments were received in response to the question of what sections could do to increase membership in the sections. These will be cross-tabbed by the section and shared before action plans are due in mid July. Some which came to Mary Jane's mind indicated welcoming the new members; providing mentoring opportunities; more committee opportunities. People with shorter tenure in the profession value different things than those who are in the profession longer. The entire survey report will be placed on the web.

### ***CJCLS Bylaws - Update***

It was reported that the section's revised by-laws were approved at the ACRL Bylaws Committee on Saturday. Assuming they are approved by the Board on Tuesday, they will be on the ballot for approval in the spring.

### ***Newsletter/Handbook***

Lora Mirza routed copy of the newsletter. Mary Carr offered a column on the ACRL Board. Ellen would like to see more content oriented articles for the newsletter.

Updated handbook: Lora handed out the tables of contents for the 1996 handbook as well as a draft of the "section manual," which will be identified as the "Operating Manual" in the next draft.

Officers and Executive Committee–The committee suggested breaking this section into Elected and Appointed positions since all officers vote on the executive committee.

Names of committees. There was a question whether the committee list accurately reflected the section's committees.

There was also discussion about how we plan to handle publications. The consensus was to make most information simply links to correct sections of the website.

Forms needed to conduct section business–simply link to the selected ACRL forms which are needed to conduct business.

History of the section should include a list of historical rosters of chairs and award winners. Ellen asked Kenley to create an outline of what should be on the website to be provided to the new webmaster.

Where do we plan to place the manual? The About Us section of the webpage would be the best place to put the updated manual. The committee felt that the section needed a Statement of Purpose; rather than a mission statement.

***Program Planning:*** There were approximately 35 people in attendance, representing a wide variety of librarians. The majority of people were still there at 4:30 actively asking questions.

Looking toward the future, there was a suggestion to try to plan with other groups.



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All Committees Meeting, New Orleans 2006

**The All Committees Meeting** was very lively, and all committees (with the exception of awards and nominating) were able to meet. Awards had conducted the Breakfast immediately before All Committees meeting and Nominating will begin its work in earnest via email in July.

**NCLR Discussion Group:** This group would like to consider adding a published topic for each of the meetings. The ACRL Liaison will most likely be Richard Shaw. ■

**EDITORIAL** –The following editorial/op ed piece was submitted by Theresa Trawick, Lurleen B. Wallace Community College Library, MacArthur Campus, Opp, Alabama. The title refers to the words sung by the group Counting Crows, “They paved paradise and put up a parkin’ lot.” [The lyrics are originally from “Big Yellow Taxi” by Joni Mitchell.]

## Paved Paradise

by

Theresa C. Trawick

I want to inspire, panic or otherwise make you, the reader, feel some emotion while reading this piece. I see *paradise* disappearing. A few years ago a national library consultant told me face-to-face that libraries would not exist in twenty years. To prove the person wrong, I am asking that you—instead of spending the next minutes or hours whining and complaining about your library job—write about libraries for a non-library publication or go talk about libraries within a non-library setting.

*A few years ago, a national library consultant told me face-to-face that libraries would not exist in twenty years. To prove the person wrong. . .*

In the 1980s Jack Hawkins, President of Troy University, told me that he missed the peace, quiet and reverence that he felt when he was in the college library reading and studying. He made the remark at the ribbon cutting for the bank of new computers that would deliver the library catalog and databases to present and future students. That particular part of the library was not peaceful and quiet. The global information world had invaded the physical world of the library.

I want our citizens to have the best of both worlds. Yes, it makes me happy to have information at my fingertips. I would not have it any other way. What concerns me is that many educational leaders seem to think that the delivery of information is all that is required. Students start out with information but I want them to become knowledgeable and wise. Bits and bytes cannot do that. Libraries and librarians are key to creating a knowledgeable society. Society needs and deserves a physical presence that “scholarly” environment—as the 21<sup>st</sup> century is molded. Is not the library the best representative of this physical presence? *Paradise* is defined as a “state or place of great happiness.” I want *paradise* for my children and my community. Libraries and librarians must have a strong physical presence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond!

I am so concerned about how libraries and librarians are valued that I am even dreaming about the issue. I dreamed that I was standing in front at a town hall meeting. I had drawn a picture of the perfect community on the blackboard (remember that technology?). I drew a big, fat X through the picture of the community church. Who needs it when you can watch inspirational TV or listen to a sermon on the Internet? I next drew a big, fat X through the library building. Who needs it when you have the Internet and Barnes & Noble? By that time, people in the audience were standing up and loudly protesting about the destruction I was bringing to their community. It gave me the opportunity to tell them that, if things did not change, that the community as they knew it would not exist. It was disappearing as we spoke.

Advocate for libraries. Make it personal. Bring one of your administrators or faculty to the annual convention in April. Write and talk libraries—not to just each other but outside the library world. Share this writing with someone. ■

## ***CJCLS QUICK REFERENCE***

To join the CJCLS listserv, go to <http://lists.ala.org/www/info/cjc-l>

To visit the CJCLS website, go to <http://www.acrl.org/cjcls/>

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### ***NEWS – Morton College Library (continued from page 3)***

Schreiner said going up to receive the award was "one of the biggest moments in her career as a librarian." Also honored was Morton College's architect partner in the project—Legat Architects of Chicago.

The awards were given for examples of extraordinary design as reflected in innovative concepts and cutting-edge design. The renovated Morton College Library and award are featured in the September, 2006 issue of *American Libraries*.

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