

ACRL Strategic Plan Implementation Units' Activities Summary Form

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Use the space below to identify programs and activities your unit is currently engaged in or is planning to carry out in support of the goals of the strategic plan.

Strategic Goal Support

Goal 1: Society recognizes the contributions that academic and research libraries and librarians make in higher education, scholarly communication, and civic development.

Activities:

- LPSS sponsored Political Information Day, celebrated on Election Day, November 5, 2003.
- Political Information Day Proclamation signed by Helen H. Spalding was posted to the LPSS web site and distributed to ACRL sections and chapters via listservs. <http://www.ala.org/Content/ContentGroups/ACRL1/LPSS/politicalinfo.pdf>
- LPSS, in conjunction with CQ Press, is exploring ways to expand Political Information Day. CQ Press has offered support for this endeavor.
- The annual LPSS Marta Lange/CQ Award recognizes distinction in law and political science librarianship with a plaque, \$1,000, and peer appreciation. The 2002 recipient was Mary K. Fetzer, Rutgers University. The 2003 ML/CQ Award will be given posthumously to Rosemary Allen Little. The ML/CQ Award luncheon, hosted by CQ, is held at the ALA Annual conference.

Goal 2: Academic librarians advocate for public policy, legislation, and institutional change that enhance the values and contribution they make to learning, teaching, and research.

Activities:

- The LPSS listserv is used to disseminate advocacy opportunities in promoting public policy and legislation beneficial to academic libraries and librarians.
- LPSS has asked ACRL to address scholarly communication issues in regard to high-priced, single source electronic journal collections, e.g. Sage collections.

Goal 3: ACRL is an inclusive organization serving academic librarians and other information professionals in related professions.

Activities:

- LPSS liaisons with AALL.

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- Updated LPSS Membership brochures printed August 2002. Brochures have been and will be disseminated at ACRL National, ALA Midwinter and Annual, regional ACRL chapter meetings, and state library conferences, as well as sent to graduate library schools.
- Newly revised LPSS web site an open and available resource for all.

Goal 4: Academic and research librarians are continually engaged in learning for their professional development and growth.

Activities:

- LPSS Program, June 21, 2003, "Crossing New Borders: Globalization and Copyright" will offer 3 or 4 speakers discussing copyright in the U.S. and Canada and the effects that international agreements such NAFTA and GATS are having on the changing face of copyright law.
- LPSS Instruction Committee Midwinter Discussion Group, January 26, 2003, topic – print resources in an electronic world.
- LPSS Program, June 15, 2002, "Librarians in the Big Leagues: Are You Ready For the Teaching Academy?"
- LPSS co-sponsored the RUSA History Section's program entitled "What Do You Mean I Can't Rely on Hitler's 1960 Web Diary for My Paper: Evaluating Historical Sources on the Web. "

Goal 5: ACRL is a national and international interactive leader in creating, expanding, and transferring the body of knowledge of academic librarianship.

Activities:

- LPSS Newsletter published Fall 2002 and Spring 2003.
- LPSS Vendor & Publisher Review Committee reviewed several products in 2002-2003, including: (see LPSS Newsletters for reviews)
 - CQ Public Affairs Collection
 - National Journal's Policy Central/NationalJournal.com
 - Social Science Research Network
- LPSS is developing an Education Task Force to further acknowledge and disseminate the work of librarians, graduate students and other information professionals on the LPSS web site.

Goal 6: ACRL is an effective and a dynamic organization that continually enhances its capacity to create its future and assess and improve its performance in carrying out its mission.

Activities:

- LPSS Review & Planning Committee prepared Implementation Plan for the LPSS Strategic Plan. Under the direction of the Implementation Plan, LPSS is developing Education, Web Page Review, and Marketing/Public Relations task forces to creatively and flexibly move beyond the current committee structure.
- Discussion and survey of LPSS members regarding the possibility of adopting electronic meetings for committee work in lieu of attending midwinter meetings. The survey is currently underway and results will be forthcoming.
- LPSS Publications Committee revised the LPSS Manual, Fall 2002.