

# Chapter Newsletter

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## Don't Stop Achieving! Fall Meeting at Robert Morris U.

### Special points of interest:

- Read about the upcoming Fall Chapter Meeting
- Discover new services and programs at other Universities
- Learn about the chapter mission, officers, and committees



Registration is now open for the chapter's Fall Meeting, scheduled for Friday, October 28, 2011, at Robert Morris University, Moon Township, Pennsylvania.

This meeting will have something for everyone—"newbie" librarian, mid-career professional, and "veteran." The meeting's theme is "Don't Stop Achieving! Lifelong Professional Development and Engagement throughout Your Library Career."

Presentations will focus primarily on professional growth and development issues, such as getting started on your career path, promotion and tenure, keeping your career fresh, and working through new professional challenges. Additionally, presentations on specialization-specific topics such as reference, instruction, and acquisitions, will also be featured.

The keynote speaker for the meeting will be Erika Linke, Associate Dean of University Libraries, Carnegie Mellon University, and past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). Ms. Linke will discuss the role of professional engagement

and participation in library career development.

The Fall Meeting will start at 10 am with a meet-and-greet reception and continue until 3:30 pm. The meeting will be held in the International Suite of the Sewall Center at Robert Morris University.

To register for the meeting, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/FallRegistration2011>.

Registration is \$25.00 for non-members and current members who register after October 15.

For more details on the day's agenda and registration details, keep watching the WPWVC-ACRL website at <http://wpwvcacrl.org>.

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## Point Park U. Library Offering iPads & Kindles

This fall Point Park University Library has purchased five iPads and three Kindles for checkout to students, faculty and staff. The demand for these items has been overwhelming so far and none of them is available for more than a few hours before they are checked out again. These items have generated a lot of excitement and have been excellent as marketing tools for the library and the rest of our services.

Students are able to check out the Kindles for a month at a time



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and Library staff has the ability to download requested titles when checking them out as long as the requests meet our criteria regarding price and suitability for our collection. Those checking out the Kindles also must sign a waiver acknowledging that anything they download on their own Amazon account to a Library Kindle will be considered a gift and is non-refundable.

The iPads have also been an extremely popular addition to our

resources. Students can check them out for two weeks at a time and we have downloaded numerous apps, ranging from educational to entertainment for students to use. Some of these include History: Maps of World iBooks, Imdb Movies and TV, Kindle, LibAnwhere, molecules, Netflix, Pages, Planets, Read it Later, Solitaire, TED, Twitter, VLC Streamer, Yelp, EBSCOhost, NYTimes, Alice for the iPad and Angry Birds HD. They have unrestricted use of the iPads during their loan periods and so far the program has been a great success and we are almost certainly going to buy more.

## Pitt Libraries Celebrate Open Access Week



According to Peter Suber, the well-known advocate for Open Access to research and a senior researcher and writer at SPARC, the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, Open Access scholarship and publishing “is digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions. What makes it possible is the internet and the consent of the author or copyright-holder.”

Disseminating information or publishing under Open Access principles means that access to the re-

sults of research is provided freely, immediately, and digitally, as is the right to use and re-use those results as needed.

The University Library System (ULS), University of Pittsburgh, has been active in Open Access discussion, promulgation, and publishing for at least a decade. This year, the ULS joins with a growing number of international institutes to celebrate Open Access Week, slated for October 24-30, 2011.

Open Access Week, now entering its fifth year, offers an excellent opportunity to raise awareness about Open Access, to highlight its bene-

fits to the academic and research community, and to inspire wider participation to make Open Access a new norm in scholarship and research.

You can explore these events and other resources on the Open Access@Pitt Web site, <http://openaccess.pitt.edu>.

For more information about Pitt’s Open Access endeavors, please contact the ULS Office of Scholarly Communication and Publishing at [oscp@mail.pitt.edu](mailto:oscp@mail.pitt.edu) or by telephone at (412) 244-7517.

## Join the Mentoring Program!

Interested in being a mentor or a mentee? Join the WPWVC-ACRL's Mentoring Program! This program is open to both members and potential members. Anyone is welcome to be either a mentor or a mentee. Been in the profession for a long time but curious to learn more about a certain topic? Sign up to be a mentee! Pretty new to the profession but feel you have a lot to share? Sign up to be a mentor! This is a chance for us to learn from each other regardless of time spent in the profession.

All you need to do to participate is fill out an application to indicate your interest in either being mentored or serving as a mentor, along with any areas of librarianship in which you either have expertise (mentor) or a de-

sire to learn more (mentee). These areas will be used to match you with an appropriate mentor/mentee. Follow this link to fill out the application: <http://tiny-url.com/3mkofgc> (it is also available on the chapter website: <http://wpwvcacrl.org/>).

Once you have been matched, you will be asked to complete a brief contract in which you will set basic guidelines: the topic you intend to explore and the duration of the mentoring relationship. The relationship should last at least 6-9 months and should involve several good contacts each month, some in person or by phone. Our

recommendation is that a 9-12 month working relationship is better.

Kate Wenger of Chatham University and Carroll Wilkinson of West Virginia University are fostering this effort. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact them:

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Still not sure about the mentoring program? Consider attending the mentoring discussion group at the upcoming WPWVC-ACRL Fall Meeting!



## Chatham University Offers Personal Librarian Program

The JKM Library at Chatham University

started a Personal Librarian Program for the 2011-12 academic year. Over the summer, letters were sent to

each incoming undergraduate student, including transfers, from their personal librarian. The let-



ter informed the students about the Personal Librarian Program, listed the ways in which their personal librarian can assist them, and provided contact information for their librarian.

Throughout the academic year, the personal librarian will send

occasional emails to the students to inform them about library services and resources.

So far feedback has been limited but very positive. At the student resource fair for incoming students, many students remembered receiving the letter, a few knew who their personal librarian was, and two expressed great excitement about the program, commenting "only at Chatham!"

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## Chapter Mission

This Chapter is to be a forum for and an advocate of academic and research librarians and library personnel and all other information professionals that serve academic and research libraries who live or work in the region of western Pennsylvania and all of West Virginia. The purpose of the Chapter is to:

- 1) provide opportunities for the professional growth of its members by conducting workshops, conferences, programs, etc.
- 2) encourage the exchange of ideas and information relating to library development and issues.
- 3) disseminate educational information oriented to academic and research librarians.
- 4) support and participate in, where appropriate, other regional and local organizations in the region.

For more information about the WPWV Chapter, visit <http://wpwvcacrl.org>.

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