

# Chapter Newsletter

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## Join WPWVC-ACRL!

### Special points of interest:

- *Learn about Chapter Goals and how to get involved*
- *Discover new services and programs at other Universities*
- *Read about the Fall Chapter Meeting*

Interested in becoming more active in the academic library community outside of your institution? Then join the Western Pennsylvania West Virginia Chapter of ACRL!



To join, simply visit the chapter website located at: <http://www.wpvvcacrl.org>

and click on "Join Chapter/Renew Membership" on the left side of the screen. Mem-

bership fees are payable via Paypal or check.

Membership runs from July 1 through June 30. Fees are:

- \$15 for Professionals
- \$10 for Students or Retirees

- \$100 for Institutions

We look forward to working with you.

## Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs

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## Fall Conference Report



Keynote Speaker Dr. Gregory T. Hinton

The Fall Conference was held on October 1 at Fairmont State University. After a business meeting, lunch was provided with several poster sessions. Amy Baker from the University of Pittsburgh displayed a mine map and discussed preservation issues. Danielle Colbert Lewis, also from the University of Pittsburgh, highlighted various technological tools that she uses in her

instruction sessions, including [Wiffiti](#), [Wordle](#), and [Prezi](#). Finally, Beth Toren of West Virginia University talked about how she is working to improve a library course using student feedback.

Following lunch, Keynote speaker Dr. Gregory T. Hinton presented “Put Your BEST Hat On.” He spoke about the six different types of hats that people wear. Each hat is identified by a color. For example, someone wearing a red hat takes an emotional view and works off of intuition and hunches. People wearing each of the different hats bring different perspectives to a meeting or discussion, and a balance of hats is needed to achieve key objectives. Different hats are also useful at different times during a discussion. Dr. Hinton’s presentation is available on the [WPAVC-ACRL website](#) in the Meetings & Events section.

The conference concluded with a choice of three topic discussion sessions: Embedded Librarians, E-books, and Futures Trends in Libraries.

The Spring Conference has been scheduled for Friday, May 6 at Bethany College.



Beth Toren discusses using student feedback to improve a library course.

## Marshall Librarians use iPads

On August 30<sup>th</sup> a rumbling thunder could be heard as Marshall University librarians ran through Drinko Library to receive their new iPads for an exciting educational experiment.

The iPads were purchased for use in the First Year Seminar embedded li-

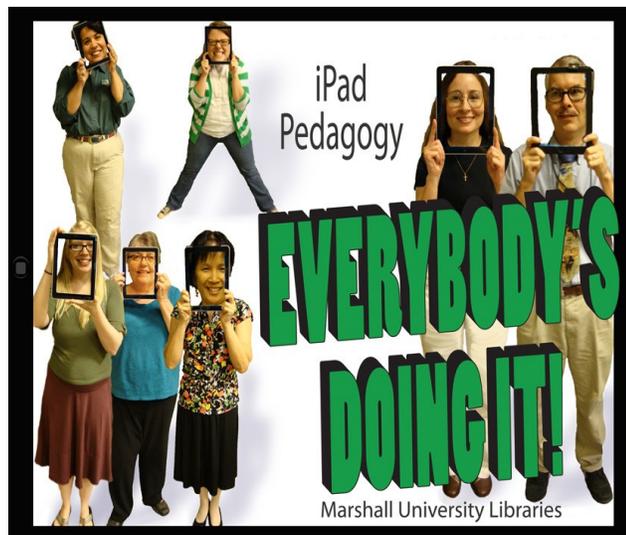
brarian program as well as reference services. In the past, Marshall University’s librarians were tied to the reference desk during research consultations and computer labs for information literacy sessions. Therefore, the marriage of the iPad and the librarian was a

natural fit because the library itself is a hybrid of print and electronic resources. It frees the librarian to roam amongst print materials while simultaneously accessing the catalog, databases, and websites.

While the iPads use during reference consultations is liberating, the implications for information literacy sessions are endless. With a wireless

connection, librarians conduct nearly effortless instruction as well as bring innovative learning tools into the classroom and reference services. There is always an opportunity for learning and innovation. The iPad’s popularity appeals to the students and generates interest and enthusiasm in using library resources. This interest combined with librarian collaboration creates a new and engaging learning environment that keeps the students involved.

iPads were also given to IT staff to use in educational technology sessions with faculty and staff. Seeing a librarian or IT member using cutting edge technology is indicative of MU’s innovative culture. Everyone’s goal was to improve learning outcomes by using new and innovative technologies. It’s off to a great start.



## News from the Archives Center at the University of Pittsburgh

The University Library System (ULS) at the University of Pittsburgh completed digitizing 22 manuscript collections from the Darlington Library, which represents 1708 items or 34,000+ page images. William Darlington, a nineteenth-century Pittsburgh attorney, collected papers and manuscripts that focused primarily on the early history of western Pennsylvania and the Ohio Valley and date from the 1700s through the mid-1800s. Researchers access the digitized images via the individual finding aids for each manuscript collection.

Digitizing the manuscripts was part of a larger effort by the ULS to scan the majority of content in the Darlington Library. In addition to the digitized manuscripts, the Darlington Digital Library [website](#) provides online access to atlases, books, broadsides, etchings, engravings, lithographs, and maps once held

by the Darlington family. In fact, this content represents the first major



donation of library material to the University of Pittsburgh in 1918, including John James Audubon's [Birds of America](#), also digitized by the ULS.

The ULS also just completed processing the Helen Clay Frick Foundation Archives, which reflects the business and financial activities of

Henry Clay Frick (1849-1919) with particular relevance to Pittsburgh and the western Pennsylvania region from 1881-1914. These 250 linear feet of materials highlight Frick's ascent into prominence during a period of American industrial growth. The resources range from Frick's initial forays into business, including his first coal firm, H.C. Frick & Company, to his negotiations that facilitated the mega merger that formed United States Steel Corporation in 1899. Some of Frick's most prominent associates were many of the steel and financial titans of the Gilded Age, including Andrew Carnegie, Charles Schwab, Andrew Mellon, Henry Oliver, Henry Phipps, and J.P. Morgan.

Link to the finding aid:

<http://digital.library.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/f/findingaid/findingaid-idx?type=simple;c=ascead;view=reslist;subview=standard;didno=US-PPiU-ais200206>

## WPWVC/ACRL Needs You!

Interested in becoming a chapter officer? The offices of Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer, and Member at Large will be up for election in the spring of 2011.

West Virginia members will be eligible for the Vice President/President Elect and Member at Large positions.

Both West Virginia and Pennsylvania members are eligible to run for Treasurer.

Details concerning the election will be forthcoming, but please take a look at the Chapter Bylaws on the [website](#) for information on the responsibilities of each position.



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WEBSITE!

[WWW.WPWVCACRL.ORG](http://WWW.WPWVCACRL.ORG)



Amy Baker discusses the University of Pittsburgh's collection of Mine Maps

## 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.

The chapter has also set annual goals in support of its mission and ACRL's strategic plan, viewable at

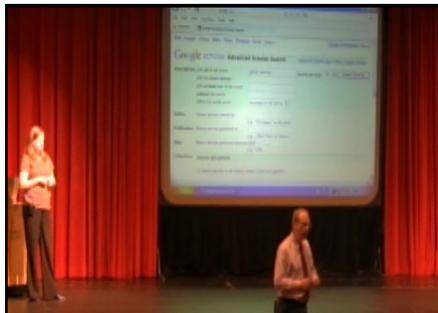
<http://sites.google.com/site/wpwvcacrlorg/home/about>

## First Year Experience Workshops @ Penn State Fayette

Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus started a new initiative this year to reach out to first-year students through the campus FYE (First Year Experience) program. Workshops are conducted on Mondays to provide information about various groups on campus, academic resources, and salient issues (such as diversity). The librarians, John Riddle and Carrie Girton, are leading three of the workshops to introduce students to library and research skills

not otherwise covered in our standard information literacy classes.

The first workshop focused on effective use of Google Scholar. The



second forthcoming workshop, "The Library Outside the Library," will discuss non-traditional ways to access our libraries resources, such as library widgets on Facebook and a downloadable library toolbar complete with search boxes.

The third workshop, timed to be held towards the end of the semester, is titled "It's Crunch Time". It will give students tips on last-minute research and hopefully alleviate some of the end-of-semester stress.