

ACRL North Dakota /Manitoba Chapter Annual Report  
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Higher education:

1. information literacy standards...

Two of the four programs presented at the 2008 North Dakota/Manitoba Annual Meeting were on information literacy. Specifically, the programs were on legal information literacy and reflected the unique international membership of our chapter. Muriel St. John, Law Research Librarian and Sessional Lecturer at the University of Manitoba Law Library in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada presented on "Legal Information Literacy - a Canadian Perspective." Rhonda Schwartz, Director and Assistant Professor of Law at the Thormodsgard Law Library, University of North Dakota School of Law in Grand Forks, North Dakota presented on "Legal Information Literacy - a U.S. Perspective."

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Scholarship:

1. scholarly communication models...

One of the four programs presented at the 2008 North Dakota/Manitoba Annual Meeting was on scholarship and scholarly communication. The North Dakota/Manitoba Chapter was very fortunate to have as its special guest Lori A. Goetsch, the ACRL President-Elect. Ms. Goetsch, Dean of Libraries at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kansas presented on "Scholarly Communication."

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Scholarship:

3. improve ACRL's emphasis on creation, collection, preservation, access, and exchange of information...

One of the four programs presented at the 2008 North Dakota/Manitoba Annual Meeting was on public access, via the digital archive PubMed Central, to the published results of research funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH). Judy Rieke, Assistant Director, and Barbara Knight, Reference and User Education Librarian at the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences in Grand Forks, North Dakota presented on the "NIH Public Access Policy."

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Leadership

1. Empower members:

Four current chapter members presented at the 2008 North Dakota/Manitoba Annual Meeting. The presenters reflected the diversity of membership and expertise beyond the traditional academic college and research libraries. Two chapter members were from university law libraries (Muriel St. John from the University of Manitoba Law Library and Rhonda Schwartz from the Thormodsgard Law Library at the University of North Dakota School of Law). And two chapter members were from a medical library (Judy Rieke and Barbara Knight from the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences).

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The Association  
Membership

1. Expand the appeal of ACRL membership

The opportunity to hear and learn from the ACRL President-Elect Lori Goetsch, who presented on “Scholarly Communication” at the 2008 North Dakota/Manitoba Annual Meeting, was of great appeal and interest to our current membership.

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2. Increase the number

Jim Sutherland, Librarian, Sciences and Technology Library, University of Manitoba, and serving as the Treasurer of the North Dakota/Manitoba chapter, provided an updated membership list to Denyse Sturges, Reference Librarian and Bibliographer, University of North Dakota Chester Fritz Library. Ms. Sturges subsequently updated the ND-MB-ACRL listserv and is updating the website. Thanks to Ms. Sturges and to Wilbur Stolt, Director of Libraries at the University of North Dakota, for hosting the site. Thanks also to North Dakota State University for previously hosting the site.