

**The Council of Connecticut Academic library Directors  
2002/2003 Annual Report**

**THE ORGANIZATION**

Membership in this organization is open to the directors (or their designee) of all Connecticut academic libraries regardless of the governance, source of funding, or constituency of the higher education institution.

**OFFICERS**

Chair: Suzanne M. Risley, Mitchell College  
Vice Chair: Ann DeVeaux, Quinnipiac University Law School  
Secretary: Joan T. Overfield, Fairfield University  
Treasurer: Linda Geffner, St. Joseph College

**CALENDAR**

Monthly meetings held on the first Friday of every month (except for January, July, and August) at different campuses throughout the State focused on scheduled topics of interest to the members and featured guest speakers and demonstrations. The meetings in October and May featured a business meetings.

September: *Digital Production from Local Holdings – A Presentation on Process & Projects – Heidi Abbey, Digital Collections Library; Rutherford Witthus, Curator of Literary and Natural History Collections; both from the Dodd Center of the University of Connecticut Library.*  
(Thomas J. Dodd Research Center – University of Connecticut Storrs)

October: *The Mashantucket Pequot Research Library, Archives & Special Collections – Elliott Caldwell, Director of Information Resources*  
(Mashantucket)

November: *Business meeting followed by presentation, CCALD and Consortial Purchasing*  
*Guest speaker: John Stromquist, Executive Director, Westchester Academic Library Directors' Organization (WALDO)*  
(Albertus Magnus College)

December: *Licensing Digital Information – Associate Law Librarian Ann Oakerson and Executive Director of the New England Law Library Consortium, Inc. (NELLCO) Tracy Thompson.*  
(Yale Law School Library, New Haven)

February: Cancelled due to inclement weather conditions

March: *ACRL Information Literacy Standards -- Mary C. MacDonald, Reference & Information Literacy Librarian, University of Rhode Island.*  
(Manchester Community College)

April: *Business meeting*  
(Kriebel Library at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts)

May: *Scholar's Workstations – Changes in Reference Services – Dr. Tina C. Fu; Jane Emerson: Ct Digital Library Tier II Selection Process – Vendor Demo: Ebsco Business Source Premier and Proquest Infotrac*  
(J. Eugene Smith Library, Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic)

June:            *Vendor Demo: Serials Solutions – Company Representative Matt Hall; Open Discussion: Wireless Solutions*  
(Mitchell College, New London)

## **FINANCES**

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$9,913.28, as of 18 March 2003. This balance represents an increase of \$1,211.96 over the preceding year closing balance of \$8,701.32 recorded on 5 June 2002.

## **CCALD INITIATIVES**

### **CCALD Listserv**

The responsibilities for maintaining the CCALD listserv were transferred from Jack Ammerman at Hartford Seminary to Dennis Benamati at Sacred Heart University. The new listserv was introduced on 17 December 2002.

### **Emeritus Status**

Emeritus membership status in CCALD was given to and accepted by Dr. Tina C. Fu at the May meeting at the J. Eugene Smith Library at Eastern CT State University.

### **CCALD Future Directions at the Ten-Year Mark**

It was decided at the November business meeting to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CCALD with a panel presentation at the CT Library Association 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in April 2003. The presentation took place at the Mystic Marriott Hotel and Spa in Groton on 8 April and was entitled, *Where We've Been, Where We Are, Where We're Going*. Deborah Sunday of the University of Connecticut spoke on the origins and early history of CCALD. Charles Getchell of Quinnipiac University spoke on the evolution of the group to the present day. Suzanne Risley of Mitchell College and CCALD Chair spoke about possible future directions. Much of the substance of the presentation was suggested by a group discussion that took place at the March meeting of CCALD held at Manchester Community College. The following represents the consensus of that discussion:

#### *Benefits worth preserving:*

- The opportunity for directors from diverse academic environments to come together on a regular basis to network on common issues. Fills a gap within CLA.
- Important professional development opportunities for those at smaller institutions.
- Reciprocal borrowing.
- Facilitating internship possibilities.

*Initiatives not worth pursuing:*

- Consortial purchasing. NELINET, WALDO (which the CSU's announced at the meeting they have joined), the CT Digital Library, and other consortial relationships have made this less of an important role for CCALD to fill.
- Job shadowing.

*Future directions for CCALD:*

- Encourage other groups of staff in our libraries to model our networking efforts -- i.e. Technical Services, Circulation, Reference and Instruction. Invite input from these groups to inform directors' discussions and to propose new cooperative initiatives.
- Formally open up programs to other staff in CCALD libraries. Perhaps set aside two meetings a year for staff involved in the groups mentioned above to plan and present the programs.
- In light of the dearth of CLA programs that appeal to academic audiences, commit to sponsoring a CLA program each year.

*Related point:*

- In light of the demise of CLSU's (or their consolidation into one unit), CCALD could fill a professional development and networking vacuum for staff in our libraries and could also serve as a model for other libraries, both academic and public (perhaps especially the publics) throughout the state.

Submitted by: Suzanne Risley, Chair

Business meeting: 7 November 2003