Kristin Jacobi was elected vice-president/president elect of the New England Library Association.

Sharona Wachs, monographic cataloger and Judaic studies biographer at the University at Albany-State University of New York, was among the more than 235 recipients who received the 2007 State University of New York Chancellor’s Awards for Excellence in Faculty Service, Librarianship, Professional Service, Scholarship and Creative Activities, and Teaching.

Sandra G. Yee, dean of the Wayne State University Library System, will serve as the OCLC Members Council President for 2007-08.

Appointments

Gillian “Jill” Gremmels has been named only the fourth library director of Davidson College in the 100 years the position has existed. Gremmels began her work as the Leland M. Park director of the Davidson College Library on June 20. The title of her position honors her predecessor, who served as the E. H. Little library director from 1975 until last year. Gremmels had previously worked at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where she served as director of its Vogel Library for 13 years. Gremmels’s proudest achievement at Wartburg was developing and winning college-wide support for an information literacy project that is a model for helping academic libraries maintain their relevance in a world where they no longer have a monopoly on information. She created the Wartburg information literacy program based on national standards that were being concurrently developed by ACRL. But Wartburg unveiled its initiative two years earlier, following 15 years of development. Gremmels worked at Wartburg Theological Seminary, DePauw University, and Monmouth College before accepting the directorship in 1994.

Tim Gritten has been named head of library systems at Indiana State University Library.

John Pollitz, former associate university librarian for public services and innovative technology at Oregon State University is now director of the libraries at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire). As UW-Eau Claire’s director of libraries, Pollitz provides leadership and planning for UW-Eau Claire’s library services and information resources by working with academic departments, support units, and administrative offices. He also works with other UW System library directors to enhance the system’s delivery of collections and services. Pollitz previously served as director of O’Keefe Library at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, and as an assistant library director at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois.

Shelley Denise Arvin has joined Indiana State University Library as the science/technology reference librarian.

Joe Aufmuth, head of the Geographic Information Services Unit, has been promoted
to associate university librarian and awarded tenure at the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries.

Mary Aycock has joined the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries as digital resources cataloger.

Angela Bardeen has been appointed social sciences reference librarian at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Rebecca Belford has been appointed music librarian at the University of Oregon-Eugene Libraries.

Douglas M. Black has been appointed reference/interlibrary loan librarian at Amherst College.

Alison Bobal has been appointed veterinary medicine and health sciences librarian at Oregon State University Libraries.

Laurie Bridges is the business and economics librarian at Oregon State University Libraries.

Sandy Ludig Brooke is now librarian of the Marquand Library of Art and Archaeology at Princeton University.

Dorothy Carner has joined the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries as head of journalism libraries.

Dave Cassens is now assistant university librarian for administration and director of the Pius XII Memorial Library at Saint Louis University.

Sayed Choudhury, associate director of library digital programs at Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries, has been appointed a research fellow at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Sarah Cron has joined the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries as assistant director for user services.

Gabriel Duque has been appointed residency program reference librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Karen Estlund has been appointed digital collections coordinator at the University of Oregon-Eugene Libraries.

Nancy Fallgren is now an original cataloger at Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries.

James Galbraith has been named head of collection development at the University of California-Irvine.

Daniel Gall has been appointed coordinator of library services for distance education at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Melissa S. Gomis joined the University Library at Indiana University-(IU) Purdue University Indianapolis as liaison to the IU instructional technology librarian.

Patricia Gregory is now assistant university librarian for research and assessment at the Pius XII Memorial Library at Saint Louis University.

Timothy Hackman has been appointed librarian for English and Linguistics at the University of Maryland Libraries.

David Hickey, head of the Asian Studies Collection at the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries, has been awarded tenure.

Jaena M. Hollingsworth joined University Library at Indiana University (IU)-Purdue University Indianapolis as liaison to the department of English in the IU School of Liberal Arts.

Tracey Hughes is the new dental instructional resources librarian/reference librarian at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Robert Johnson has joined the University of California-Irvine as research librarian for nursing and allied health.

Polly D. Boruff-Jones has been appointed associate dean for teaching, learning, and research at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

Anthony Kaiser has been appointed head of the reference department at Indiana State University Library.

Michele Kimpton has been appointed executive director of the DSpace Foundation, a new nonprofit organization that will provide support to the growing community of DSpace users worldwide.

Andrea Knowlton is now assistant conservator for special collections at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Odelia Levanovsky has been appointed access services librarian at Amherst College.
Heather Lewin has been named assistant professor in the Science and Technology Department at Iowa State University.

Matthew Loving is the new romance languages and area studies librarian at the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries.

Jennifer Lowe has been appointed rare books librarian in the Department of Special Collections in the Pius XII Memorial Library at Saint Louis University.

Mary Manning has been named assistant university archivist and special collections librarian at Adelphi University.

Steve McMinn has been appointed assistant professor in the Science and Technology Department at Iowa State University.

Alan Napier is now library human resources of her at Princeton University.

Patricia R. Patterson has been named associate library director at the U.S. Naval Academy’s Nimitz Library.

Amy Pennington has been appointed catalog librarian in the Pius XII Memorial Library at Saint Louis University.

Nancy M. Poehlmann is the new head of the humanities and special collections cataloging unit at the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries.

Sarah Pomerantz is now acquisitions librarian at Adelphi University.

Barbara Pralle has joined Johns Hopkins Sheridan Libraries as manager of the Entrepreneurial Library Program.

Hannah Rempel has joined the Oregon State University Libraries as biosciences librarian.

Rob Van Rennes has been appointed acquisitions librarian at the University of Iowa.

Ann Campion Riley has joined the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries as assistant director for technical services.

Edward Sanchez has been named coordinator of library information technology at Marquette University’s Raynor Memorial Libraries.

Mark C. Scott has been hired as reference librarian at the University of Pittsburgh.

Melissa Shoop is now outreach and instruction librarian at the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries.

Olga Snaider has been appointed university systems librarian for the City University of New York.

Emily R. Symonds has joined Indiana State University Library as a metadata and digital initiatives librarian.

Laurie Taylor is now digital projects technology librarian at the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries.

Sydney Walden has been appointed reference librarian at Duquesne University’s Gumberg Library.

Andrew White is now associate dean of libraries for technical and automated services at Adelphi University.

Andrea Wirth has been appointed geosciences librarian at Oregon State University Libraries.

Laura Woodruff is now outreach and instruction librarian at the University of Florida’s George A. Smathers Libraries.

Vonzell Yeager has been named reference Librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries.

Retirements

Berna L. Heyman, associate dean of university libraries at the College of William
and Mary, retired July 1, after 40 years of service to the profession. Heyman started her career at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and also worked at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, but most of her career was spent in various positions at the College of William and Mary. She was active in ALA and served as the chair of the LITA National Conference, and chair of the Regional Conference Committee, the Bylaws and Organization Committee, and the LITA/Gaylord Award Committee. Heyman was elected secretary of ACRL’s University Libraries Section and served on various ACRL committees. She chaired both the SIRSI International Users Group and the VTLS Users Group. Heyman represented SOLINET on the OCLC Users Council for two terms and was twice elected to its Executive Committee. She served as a member of the 3M Library Systems Advisory Council. In addition, Heyman was active in the Virginia Library Association, chairing its College and University Section. She received the Irwin McGraw-Hill Innovation in Entrepreneurship Pedagogy Award from the Academy of Management in 2000 for the work she did in conjunction with a William and Mary faculty member. She also received, on behalf of the College of William and Mary, the John Cotton Dana Public Relations Award from ALA in 1994 for the library’s role in the college’s tercentenary celebration.

George Lupone has retired as associate director of Cleveland State University, following 26 years of service. He worked previously at the University of California-Santa Barbara and Wayne State University.