Meghan Frazer, digital resource librarian at Kenyon College, is the recipient of the first Rick Peterson Fellowship. Cosponsored by the Council on Library and Information Resources and the National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE), the fellowship will be awarded annually to an early-career IT professional or librarian who has reached beyond traditional boundaries to resolve a significant challenge or critical problem facing IT/digital libraries. Frazer received the fellowship on the basis of her collaborative work with OhioLINK and The Five Colleges of Ohio and on “The Community Within” project, which digitally archives and provides “online free access to historical records of the Black community life and experience in Knox County, Ohio.”

Paula Kaufman, Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson dean of libraries and university librarian at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, is the Illinois Academic Librarian of the Year for 2011. The Illinois Library Association (ILA) award is sponsored by the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) and includes a $500 monetary award. Kaufman has served as university librarian at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign since 1999, and before that was dean of libraries at the University of Tennessee for 11 years. She also served as an administrator at Columbia University for many years, and held positions at Yale University and a research service firm that she cofounded. Kaufman is a founding member of CARLI, serving on the CARLI Board of Directors since 2005. Beyond Illinois, Kaufman has held numerous leadership roles with the boards of directors, including Association of Research Libraries, and Center for Research Libraries, Center for Institutional Cooperation. Kaufman’s contributions to the literature of library and information science are extensive and substantive—a consistent output ranging more than 25 years.

Appointments

H. Austin Booth has been named vice provost for university libraries at the University at Buffalo (UB). Booth has served as interim associate vice president for the UB Libraries since June 2010. She joined the UB Libraries in 1997 and previously served as director of collections and codirector of the UB Arts and Sciences Libraries. Additional honors include participation in the Harvard Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians in 2010. She is coeditor of Re:Skin (MIT Press, 2007) and coeditor of Reload: Rethinking Women + Cyberculture (MIT Press, 2002), as well as the author of numerous articles.

Su Chen has been appointed head of the Richard C. Rudolph East Asian Library at UCLA.

Jim Kapoun has been appointed director of the Olive Kettering Library at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Jason Kucsma has been named executive director of the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO). Kucsma will lead the organization’s efforts to support librarians and information managers throughout New York City and Westchester County. Kucsma was interim director and, before that, emerging technologies manager at METRO, working to expand and enrich METRO’s online presence and interactive capabilities. He also managed METRO’s Digitization Grant Program and managed resources, training, and referral services associated with digitization, digital preservation, and emerging
Chris Doty has been appointed physics, materials science, and engineering librarian at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Nadine Ellero has joined Auburn University Libraries’ Electronic Resources and Serials Services Department as serials acquisitions librarian.

Doug Goans has been appointed head of information technology and development at the Georgia Institute of Technology Library.

Jon Patrick Hartsfield has joined the Technical Services department of Babson Library at Springfield College (Springfield, Massachusetts) as the digital technologies librarian.

Matthew Haugen is the new rare book cataloger at the Columbia University Libraries.

James W. Marcum has been named chair/director of the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at Queens College, City University of New York.

Kelly Miller has been appointed director of teaching and learning services and head of the College Library at UCLA.

Catherine Soehner has joined the University of Utah’s J. Willard Marriott Library as associate dean for research and learning services. Soehner previously served as the director of Art, Architecture, Science and Engineering Libraries at the University of Michigan. Prior to her position at the University of Michigan, she served as head of the Science and Engineering Library at the University of California-Santa Cruz, and also held professional positions at the National Library of Medicine.

Stephanie Bowe has joined the Thurgood Marshall Law Library at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law as resource acquisitions and metadata services librarian in technical services.

Lisa Campbell has accepted the position of digital learning services librarian at the University of Michigan Library.

Lisa R. Coats has been named first year engagement librarian at University of North Carolina-Wilmington’s William Madison Randall Library.

Elizabeth DeCoster has been named user services librarian at Goucher College in Baltimore.

G. Salim Mohammed has joined the Stanford University Libraries as digital and rare map librarian.
Erin Horeni-Ogle has been appointed director of development at the University of Tennessee Libraries in Knoxville.

Jungyun “June” Oh has accepted the position of moving image specialist in the Digital Conversion Unit at the University of Michigan Library.

Eric O’Hanlon is now Web developer in the Libraries Digital Program Division at Columbia University Libraries.

Marcia Rapchak has been appointed instruction librarian at the Gumberg Library, Duquesne University.

Alison Sherwin is now reference librarian at the Law Library of Columbia University Libraries.

Gabriel Daniel Solis has been named project coordinator in the Columbia Center for Oral History at Columbia University Libraries.

Tearanny Street has been appointed communication officer I at the Georgia Institute of Technology Library.

Paula Sullenger is now visiting program officer at the Association of SouthEastern Research Libraries.

Daniel C. Taylor has been appointed director of business operations at the Georgia Institute of Technology Library.

Eamon Tewell has joined Sarah Lawrence College as reference librarian.

Jennifer Upton has been appointed marketing and events manager at the Georgia Institute of Technology Library.

Jamie Vander Broek is now digital learning services librarian at the University of Michigan Library.

Kelly Visnak has been appointed scholarly communication librarian at the University of Wyoming Libraries in Laramie.

Kristen Welzenbach is now digital systems and services librarian at Goucher College in Baltimore.

Carolyn Yerkes is curator of Avery Classics at Columbia University Libraries.

Audra Eagle Yun has been appointed archivist at the University of California, Irvine Libraries.

Retirements

Dennis Freeman has retired as director of the College of the Siskiyou Library in Weed, California, after 28 years of service. Freeman continues as a volunteer curator and researcher with local history collection he established.

Jim Kent has retired as coordinator of media and microtext after 11 years at Stanford University Libraries.

Deaths

Carla M. Connolly, librarian at South Suburban College (SSC), in South Holland, Illinois, for 22 years has passed. She started her career in 1974 at Midlothian (Illinois) Public Library. She joined South Suburban as a part-time telecourse assistant in 1981, and was later promoted to full-time librarian in 1989. She served as reference, government documents, and serials librarian. She was a devoted, dedicated, and dependable librarian in her work and contact with the students and faculty at SSC. To quote Connolly, “I love the work and I love working with the students.” Connolly’s nephew, David M. Connolly, is a long-time staff member of ACRL.