ACRL honors the 2013 award winners, part 1
A recognition of professional development

Excellence in Academic Libraries
Award winners
ACRL’s Excellence in Academic Libraries Award winners are the Walla Walla Community College (WWCC) Library in Walla Walla, Washington; Rollins College Olin Library, Winter Park, Florida; and Villanova University Falvey Memorial Library, Villanova, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by ACRL and YBP Library Services, the award recognizes the staff of a college, university, and community college library for programs that deliver exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of the institution.

“These deserving recipients demonstrate the commitment to student learning, focus on continuous innovation, and integration with the campus community that exemplify today’s best academic and research libraries,” said ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen K. Davis. “Receiving an Excellence in Academic Libraries Award is a national tribute to each library and its staff for outstanding services, programs, and leadership.”

“The award committee was impressed with WWCC library’s clarity of purpose and mission and emphasis on student learning and success,” said Lisa Hinchliffe, chair of the 2013 Excellence in Academic Libraries Committee and professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. “Working with the challenging circumstances of interim, part-time, and cyclic staff, the library’s commitment to student learning is embedded throughout its activities.

“The growth in the breadth and depth of the information literacy program is notable in many areas and the committee took particular note of the dedication and innovation in serving students in the instructional programs at two local correctional facilities,” Hinchliffe continued. “From the heartfelt and personal letters of support, it is clear that the WWCC serves its entire community.”

“The Walla Walla Community College Library staff is thrilled and honored to be a recipient of the 2013 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award,” said WWCC Director of Library Services Stacy L. Prest. “The library

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Iannuzzi named Academic/Research Librarian of the Year

Patricia Iannuzzi, dean of university libraries at the University of Nevada–Las Vegas (UNLV), is the 2013 ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year. The award, sponsored by YBP Library Services, recognizes an outstanding member of the library profession who has made a significant national or international contribution to academic/research librarianship and library development.

Iannuzzi will receive a $5,000 award during the ACRL 2013 opening keynote session in Indianapolis.

“Patricia Iannuzzi’s distinguished career as a librarian and educator has been marked by her dedication to information literacy and student learning, and by her passionate advocacy for academic libraries through developing outcomes-based standards for measuring their value in higher education,” noted David D. Oberhelman, chair of the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year Award Committee and professor in the Oklahoma State University Library Humanities-Social Sciences Division. “We are thrilled to honor her with this award for her remarkable ability to effect positive change, for as they say at the UNLV Libraries, ‘Patty will kick down the doors, so be ready to walk through them!’”

“I am honored to be recognized by ACRL for my work in academic libraries and higher education,” said Iannuzzi. “To have fellow librarians, leaders in higher education, and library staff support me for this award is truly humbling. Librarians have the privilege to build upon the work of earlier generations as we nurture and support the next generation. For all those who have contributed to my professional career, thank you. I am truly humbled to be part of the prestigious group selected before me, but just as honored to be part of a legacy of collaboration and achievement in academic libraries and the larger higher education community for our colleagues who follow.”

Over the course of her career, Iannuzzi has been a national and international leader and advocate for information literacy and student learning issues in higher education. By chairing the recent task force resulting in a major revision of the ACRL Standard for Libraries in Higher Education and the committee that developed the seminal ACRL Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education, she has served a pivotal role in establishing a standards-based, outcomes-driven framework for both library assessment and instruction efforts.

Through her vision and gifts for integrative inquiry, thinking, and action, Iannuzzi has been a leader in efforts to make information literacy a meaningful educational goal and to ensure that libraries are part of the focus on learning outcomes that is occurring across the higher education community.

Her distinguished record of service to the library profession also includes cochairing the AASL/ACRL Joint Task Force on the Educational Role of Libraries (1998–2000). Iannuzzi additionally served ACRL as a member of the association’s Value of Academic Libraries Committee (2011–12). She received the ACRL Instruction Section Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award in 2001.

Iannuzzi has presented on information literacy issues, undergraduate education, faculty-library collaborations and more at a wide range of conferences including the AAC&U Greater Expectations Institute, LOEX of the West, and the ALA Annual Conference. Iannuzzi’s publications include “Reforming the Undergraduate Experience” in New Directions in Teaching and Learning (with Diane VanderPol and Jeanne Brown, 2008), and “Focus: Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education” in Community and Junior College Libraries (2000).

Prior to joining UNLV in 2005, Iannuzzi served as associate university librarian and director of the Doe/Moffitt Libraries (2000–05) and interim director of collections (2002–05) at the University of California-Berkeley, and in a variety of positions at Florida International University, the University of Miami, Yale University, and Tufts University.
strives to find that perfect balance of effective classroom instruction, modern technology, and traditional resources without overlooking the ever-important personal touch. The library staff is truly dedicated and enthusiastically serves our diverse student body and surrounding community. As we continue to draw inspiration from our students and their successes, we fully embrace WWCC’s mission of ‘inspiring students to discover their potential and achieve their goals.’ We’re proud to help make a difference.”

Olin Library of Rollins College, winner of this year’s award in the college category, impressed the selection committee with its intentional and extensive integration into the campus community as well as academic programs.

“Underscoring its centrality to the campus, Olin Library’s renovated library space, well-designed to meet user needs and well-used, served as a place of comfort and community during Hurricane Isaac,” noted Hinchliffe. “The new organizational relationship with the Tutoring & Writing Center, the establishment of the Center for Creativity multimedia lab, and initiation of a digital preservation program and digital archivist position give further evidence to this centrality. The emphasis on library performance and user satisfaction, data-information decision making, and engagement with systematic assessment of student learning in general education underscore service development and improvement.”

“Everyone at the Olin Library is honored to have won the 2013 ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award,” said Jonathan Miller, director of the library at Rollins College. “We are delighted that the association has recognized all the hard work we have put in, along with our partners in Information Technology and Tutoring & Writing Consulting, to making the library a vibrant hub of intellectual and community activity for the Rollins community. We could not have done this without the sustained support of faculty, staff, and, most importantly, students. Olin truly is their library.”

The Falvey Memorial Library at Villanova University, winner in the university category, was selected for its continuous innovation in serving the university’s mission through an organizational structure built around teams and work groups and collaborative philosophy.

“Through true collaboration across all levels of the organization, Falvey Memorial Library has leveraged expertise and enthusiasm to engage itself in serving all aspects of Villanova University’s mission,” said Hinchliffe. “The Learning Commons furthers this philosophy by integrating library services and resources with other campus educational centers in sup-
port of student learning, and the additional event spaces create a true public forum for the intellectual life. The library’s work in digital initiatives, particularly the partnerships with other Catholic universities and the creation of vuFind, demonstrates the commitment to working collaboratively with the broader library profession. vuFind is a quintessential example of local work having global impact.”

“We are thrilled to receive this recognition for the achievements of Falvey Memorial Library,” said Joseph Lucia, university librarian at Villanova University. “The ACRL Excellence Award represents for us the highest level of peer endorsement of our efforts to create an innovative ‘commons-centered’ model for academic library service and success in the digital era. There are many extraordinary academic libraries doing many creative things at this time, so it is difficult to stand out from the pack. We are truly honored to have been selected.”

Each winning library will receive $3,000 and a plaque, to be presented at an award ceremony held on each recipient’s campus.

Hutton named Routledge Distance Learning Librarianship Conference Sponsorship Award winner

Jane M. Hutton, electronic resources/reference librarian and assistant professor at West Chester University, has been named the recipient of the Routledge Distance Learning Librarianship Conference Sponsorship Award.

This annual award, sponsored by Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group, and administered by ACRL’s Distance Learning Section (DLS), honors an ACRL member working in the field of, or contributing to, the success of distance learning librarianship or related library service in higher education.

“Jane Hutton has been an active member of ACRL’s Distance Learning Section, diligently serving on several committees since 2004,” said award chair Mou Chakraborty of Salisbury University. “Most recently, as the chair of the Web Committee, she successfully led two major initiatives for the section—Web site migration and a listserv upgrade. It was largely due to her leadership and technical expertise that the projects were accomplished seamlessly with minimal disruption to section members.

“In her job she provides leadership in creating and maintaining user-focused, accessible Web pages. Her list of scholarship, including her presentations at distance library services conferences, is quite noteworthy,” noted Chakraborty. “In her nomination letter, Sandy Hawes aptly describes her as ‘…what some would call the “servant heart,” which to me is a key aspect of good librarianship. Jane apparently took to heart Ranganathan’s precepts, because the work she does, both for her university and for the profession, is designed to make it easier for those who seek online for information to find it. She works tirelessly, with good humor and kindness, quietly getting things done, without expecting recognition.’”

Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group will present the $1,200 award and plaque at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago.

Walker named ACRL/EBSS Distinguished Librarian

Judith A. Walker, education/psychology librarian and professor at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte, is the recipient of the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section (EBSS) Distinguished Education and Behavioral Sciences Librarian Award.

This award honors a distinguished academic librarian
who has made an outstanding contribution as an education and/or behavioral sciences librarian through accomplishments and service to the profession.

A prize of $2,500 and a citation, donated by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., will be presented to Walker during the EBSS program at the ALA Annual Conference.

“Judy Walker personifies the qualities that characterize a distinguished education and behavioral sciences librarian: extensive service and leadership in the field, scholarly publications that directly benefit academic librarians in her area, and the planning and implementation of exemplary programs and workshops for professional development,” said award chair Cynthia Crosser, social sciences and humanities reference librarian at the University of Maine. “Her work for EBSS, the NASA Educator Resource Center and for ACRL has left a lasting impact on the field.”

Walker has held numerous positions in EBSS, including chair of the Curriculum Directory Ad Hoc Committee (2012–14), chair of the Distinghuished Education/Behavioral Science Librarian Award Committee (2009–11), chair of the Nomination Committee (2009–10), and chair of the Ad Hoc Information Literacy Steering Committee (2007–09). Walker was elected to EBSS leadership, serving as secretary (2001–03), vice-chair/chair-elect (2003–04), section chair (2004–05), and past chair (2005–06).

Walker’s service to ACRL also includes serving as ACRL Liaison to the School Library Task Force (2012–13), ACRL Liaison to the YALSA Outstanding Books for College Bound Committee (2006–09), and ALA/ACRL representative to the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (2004–10). She has held numerous positions within the North Carolina Library Association and the NASA Educator Resource Center.


Fountain named Marta Lange/CQ Press Award Winner

Kathi Carlisle Fountain, head of collection development at Washington State University Vancouver Library, has been awarded the Law and Political Science Section (LPSS) Marta Lange/CQ Press Award. The award, established in 1996 by LPSS, honors an academic or law librarian who has made distinguished contributions to bibliography and information service in law or political science.

CQ Press, sponsor of the award, will present the $1,000 award and plaque to Fountain during the ALA Annual Conference.

“The selection committee felt that Kathi represents the best of what the Marta Lange award recognizes in research, service, and creative contributions to Political Science librarianship,” said award chair Rosalind Tedford, director for research and instruction at Wake Forest University. “Her service to the LPSS spans more than a decade and includes holding almost every position possible, including chairing the section. Her work to more closely connect LPSS with the American Political Science Association, and her tireless work as Webmaster during times of transition for the section, are especially commendable.

“Kathi’s contributions to scholarship and Law and Political Science librarianship are also critical in our decision. Her development of, and continuing editorial guidance for, the Political Advocacy Groups: A Directory of United States Lobbyists online resource, her work as Political Science subject editor for RCLWeb, and her ongoing scholarship on a wide variety of subjects provide an invaluable service to librarians and researchers in the field.”
Pennell named ACRL WESS De Gruyter Grant Winner

Daniel M. Pennell, bibliographer for Russian, East European, Germanic, and Global Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, has been selected to receive the Western European Studies Section (WESS) De Gruyter European Librarianship Study Grant.

Sponsored by the Walter de Gruyter Foundation for Scholarship and Research, the grant provides €2,500 to support a trip to Europe. The primary criterion for awarding the grant is the significance and utility of the proposed project as a contribution to the study of the acquisition, organization, or use of library resources from, or relating to, Europe.

Pennell will receive the award check during the ALA Annual Conference.

“Daniel Pennell’s guide to Romanian studies will be the most comprehensive bibliography of Romanian studies,” said award committee chair Gail Hueting of the University of Illinois. “Unlike currently available titles, it will be devoted entirely to Romania and will include Romanian-language titles, not just English-language ones. Like other Eastern European countries, Romania and its publishing industry have changed completely since the fall of Communism. Mr. Pennell has done a great deal of groundwork and is well qualified to complete his research in Romanian libraries.”

Pennell plans to examine and annotate 400 Romanian reference titles that are held at three libraries in Bucharest, Romania. This research will result in an annotated reference guide, Romanian Studies: An Annotated Guide to Reference Sources.

Lizabeth A. Wilson wins Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial award

Lizabeth (Betsy) A. Wilson, dean of university libraries at the University of Washington (UW), has been named the winner of the Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award. Wilson will receive a cash award and citation during the ALA Annual Conference.

Named in honor of one of the pioneers of library automation, the Atkinson Award recognizes an academic librarian who has made significant contributions in the area of library automation or management, and has made notable improvements in library services or research.

“Betsy Wilson is a library leader who exemplifies the work and accomplishments of Hugh Atkinson,” said Larry P. Alford, Hugh C. Atkinson Memorial Award committee chair and chief librarian at the University of Toronto Libraries. “It speaks volumes that she was nominated for this award by 11 of her senior colleagues at the University of Washington, with letters of support from across the library professions and from a former provost at UW.”

“Her colleagues use phrases such as ‘adroitness in moving organizations forward,’ ‘personal warmth, a strong sense of integrity, and ability to focus on what is truly important,’ and her knowledge that ‘understanding and valuing individuals is the key to organizational improvement and survival’ to describe her leadership. It was clear to the committee that over her career, Dean Wilson has nurtured and inspired her colleagues and fostered innovation to strengthen the ability of the libraries she has personally led as well as libraries across the world to serve better users of libraries,” continued Alford.

The Hugh C. Atkinson Award is jointly sponsored by four divisions of ALA: ACRL, Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, Library Leadership and Management Association, and the Library and Information Technology Association. The award is funded from an endowment established to honor Atkinson.

Donations to the endowment may be sent to Casey Kinson, ACRL, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, Illinois 60611.