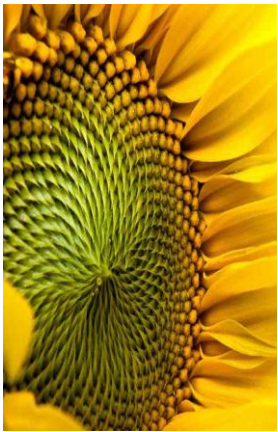


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The iSchool at Drexel University  
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# Executive Director's Report

By: Alison M. Lewis, Ph.D.

## What is an Honor Society?

This past February, I was lucky enough to take the train south from Philadelphia to Alexandria, Virginia, where I attended the annual conference of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS). Most people are probably not familiar with the ACHS – I only learned about it myself upon becoming Executive Director at Beta Phi Mu. The brief explanation of what the ACHS is and does is that it is “the nation’s only certifying agency for college and university honor societies. ACHS sets standards for organizational excellence and for scholastic eligibility for the various categories of membership...” I’m proud that Beta Phi Mu is a recognized member society of the ACHS and that it was announced at the Alexandria meeting that we had passed our periodic review and are continuing to meet the standards set out by the Association.

Most Beta Phi Mu members have a sense of many of the things that our honor society does which helps us achieve these standards: we have specific criteria for membership based on academic achievement and faculty assessment, and limit nominations to no more than 25% of the graduating class; we offer scholarships and fellowships which encourage research and education; and we have active participation from members in electing our governing Executive Board and in approving and revising by-laws.

The ACHS meeting allowed me to meet with many people representing other honor societies and start to understand some of the similarities and differences between us. I found myself envying some of the large undergraduate honor societies such as Mortar Board, whose chapters have a captive on-campus audience of their newest members! Graduate honor societies like Beta Phi Mu have a greater challenge in establishing relationships with their members, even for those who live in close proximity to their home institution. The increase in distance learners and the fact that even local graduates may move away to seek employment adds to the challenge.



Given these challenges, I’m encouraged and excited that chapters like Beta Epsilon at Emporia State University and Omega at San Jose State University are using technology to better reach out to their distant members. Both of these chapters report in this issue of *The Pipeline* and their efforts may serve as a model for others to follow. The news of activities and initiatives undertaken by any of our chapters is always inspiring! But it is also true that it is only a small percentage of our members who are able to engage in chapter activities. From my experience at ACHS, I know that we are not alone as we try to find ways to engage and provide value to *all* of our members. Not only can our chapters provide insight to each other, but our engagement in the larger world of honor societies can also enable us to learn from other groups experiencing similar challenges to those faced by Beta Phi Mu.

Venturing into social media is one means for trying to better connect with our individual members. Beta Phi Mu currently has 64 Twitter followers, 839 people who “Like” our Facebook page, and 1,586 members of our LinkedIn group. Links for easily joining us in any of these settings can be found on the Beta Phi Mu website at <http://beta-phi-mu.org/>. While these sites are not always as interactive as we’d like, they do provide venues for sharing information and staying in touch. Please join us there, visit our website, and contact headquarters with any ideas you may have for ways we can better serve you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alison M. Lewis".

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# *Monograph Series Announcement*

## Announcing a Nasser Sharify Festschrift

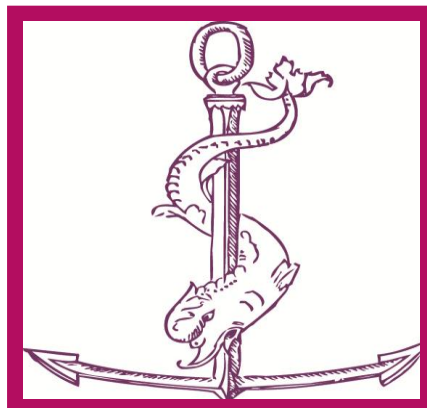
By: Keith Russell and Lorraine Haricombe

The editor (Lorraine Haricombe) and associate editor (Keith Russell) of the Beta Phi Mu Monograph Series would like to ensure that readers of *The Pipeline* are aware of the publication of a Festschrift honoring Nasser Sharify, an innovator and well-known library school educator who has made significant contributions to both U.S. and international librarianship.

John Southard and W. David Penniman compiled and edited the festschrift, which is titled *A BELT around the World: A World Building on Education, Lifelong Learning, and Technology. A Festschrift Honoring Nasser Sharify.* (Bloomington, Indiana: iUniverse, Inc., 2012.)

This is a publication that could have been published in the Beta Phi Mu Monograph Series, and, indeed, we and the Beta Phi Mu Monograph Series Editorial Board helped Southard and Penniman shape the volume. The intention at the time was to publish it within the Monograph Series, but for various reasons another publisher was found. The editors of the Festschrift acknowledge our involvement as follows in the Acknowledgements:

“With thanks and recognition of the special contributions of Lorraine J. Haricombe, editor, and Keith Russell, associate editor, and the Beta Phi Mu Monograph Series Editorial Board – Rayna Bowlby, Consultant, Connecticut; Clifford H. Haka, Michigan State University; Peter Herson, Simmons College; and Linda C. Smith, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – for their help in crafting this manuscript into a more publishable form.”



# BETA PHI MU CHAPTER NEWS

## What's the Buzz?



### *The Beta Omega chapter of Beta Phi Mu at the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information*

*Science* inducted 17 new recipients into the honor society at a ceremony on April 4, 2013. This photo shows some of the honorees during the ceremony presided over by officers (far right to left), Secretary Denise Lyons, Vice President Crystal Johnson and Treasurer Jenny Dilworth. USC's SLIS organized the first initiation of new members in June 1983. To encourage scholarship and library service, Beta Omega co-sponsors the Dean and Director's Lecture each Spring and sponsors a scholarship for currently enrolled library school students.

See picture below.



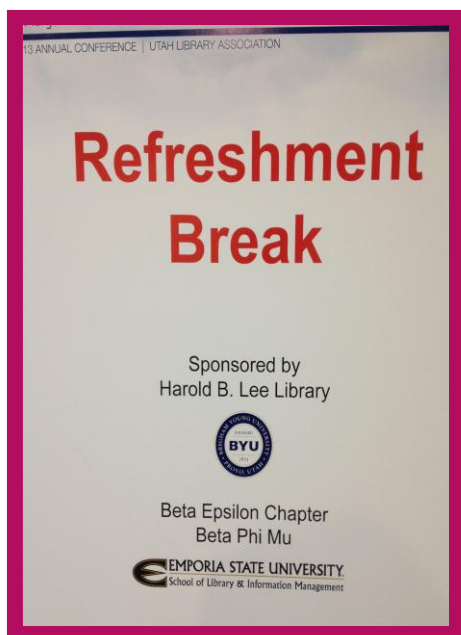
## *Xi Chapter*

The BPM Xi board and membership welcomed our latest inductees in a ceremony held at Chaminade University of Honolulu on May 19, 2013.

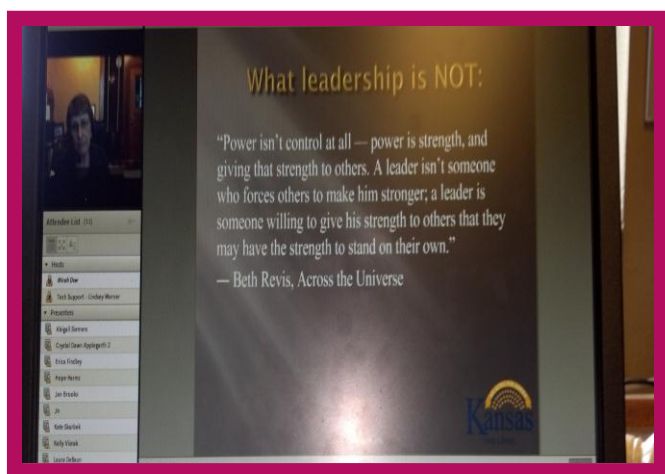
See picture above which includes the new members.



# Chapter News Continued



Beta Epsilon chapter's current annual initiative is to sponsor and financially support professional and scholarly programs.



Jo Budler, State Librarian of Kansas, presented the May 2013 program. Budler is winner of *Library Journal's* 2013 Librarian of the Year Award

**Beta Epsilon Chapter of Emporia State University - Holds 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting & Program** on May 3, 2013. The meeting and program were held on-line using Adobe® Connect Pro. Chapter President, Kelly Visnak, with assistance from executive officers, conducted a traditional business meeting. Initiation of new member was adapted for the on-line environment including new member signing of the chapter's membership book. Chapter executive officers are Erica Findley, Past President; Jan Brooks, Vice President; Kate Skarbek, Secretary; and Laura DeBaun, Treasurer. The program was presented by Jo Budler, State Librarian of Kansas and winner of *Library Journal's* 2013 Librarian of the Year award. Jo's presentation titled "*Leadership: Lessons I Have Learned along the Way*" emphasized what leadership is and is not. According to *Library Journal* (Berry, January 13, 2013), "Budler's ongoing efforts in the ebook battles and her work as chair of the [Ebook Task Force of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies](#) (COSLA), in addition to her significant local contributions in the state of Kansas, made clear a picture of Budler as an extremely effective library leader and *LJ* Editors' choice for Librarian of the Year 2013." (Retrieved from <http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2013/01/people/joanne-jo-budler-2013-librarian-of-the-year/> )

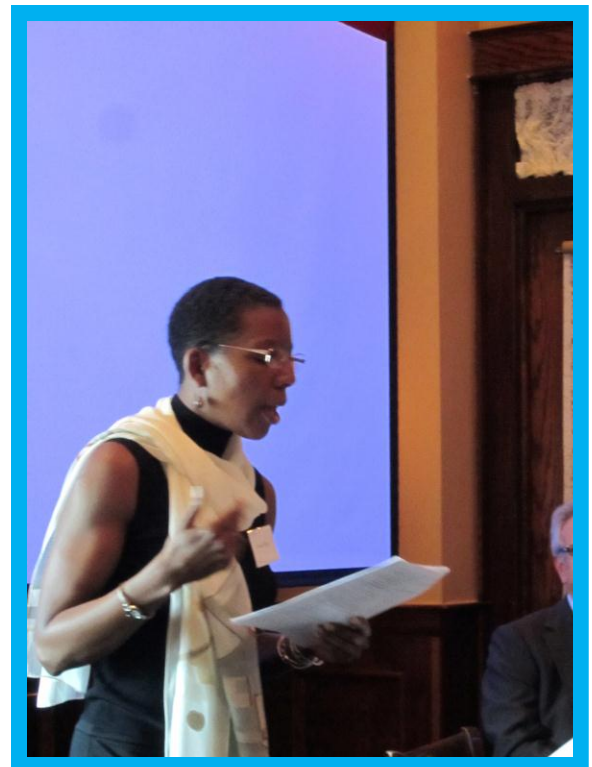
During the current year, one Beta Epsilon chapter initiative is to sponsor and/or financially support professional and scholarly projects and programs. Plans are to provide financial support for one event at each of the State library conferences where SLIM, Master of Library Science degree programs are delivered (Kansas, Colorado, Utah, and Oregon). Sponsorships in the amount of \$250 have so far gone to support programs at the 2013 Joint Oregon and Washington Library Associations' Annual Conference, and the Utah Library Association 2013 Conference.

The Sarah R. Reed Beta Epsilon Chapter Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 is awarded annually to an outstanding Master of Library Science student who demonstrates scholarly achievement (a minimum 3.75 Grade Point Average and 1000 Graduate Record Examination score), academic and technical abilities, accomplishments, and professional promise. Diane Wilson was the 2011-12 scholarship recipient. Another scholarship award will be made before the end of the current fiscal year. Past Sarah R. Reed Beta Epsilon Chapter Scholarships are listed on the chapter's website at <http://slim.emporia.edu/index.php/beta-phi-mu-the-international-library-and-information-studies-honor-society/> For updates about Beta Epsilon chapter activities, please visit the Beta Epsilon chapter blog at <http://slimbetaepsilon.wordpress.com/>

# Chapter News Continued

## *The Epsilon Chapter of UNC-Chapel Hill*

The chapter held its annual dinner meeting and induction ceremony on May 8, 2013. Eleven new members were inducted – four in person and seven in absentia – and the chapter's Achievement Award was awarded in absentia to Craig Willis. The chapter also elected new officers: John Blythe was elected as the Epsilon chapter's Vice President/President-Elect and Kimberly Hirsh was elected as Secretary/Treasurer. Emily Jack, formerly Vice President, became President. Our keynote speaker was Anne Klinefelter, Director of the UNC Law Library and an Associate Professor of Law, who led a thought-provoking discussion of the role of librarians in mediating privacy in a changing information landscape.



# Chapter News Continued

**Beta Beta Theta at Dominican University** would like to share with Beta Phi Mu members the following:

## IN MEMORIAM Diana Halda, 1918-2011

In 1968, Diana Halda earned her M.A. degree in library science from Rosary College (now Dominican University) where she was inducted into Beta Phi Mu. She was librarian at Highland Park Elementary School in Richmond, VA; librarian at Maine South High School, Park Ridge, IL; head librarian at Prospect High School, Mount Prospect, IL; and supervisor of Library Technical Services, High School District 214 in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. Upon retirement in 1981, Diana returned to her native environs and became the librarian at Halcyon House, a retirement residence in Washington, IA. As reported in an article from the October 20, 2008 Lifestyle section of the Washington [Iowa] Evening Journal, the library at Halcyon House was named "Diana's Place" in her honor.

Diana was a Charter Member of the Beta Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu and a generous supporter of the chapter's Scholarship Fund. *Aliis inserviando consumer*  
Consumed in the service of others

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### Diana's Place honors Halda

Wesley Halcyon House honored Diana Halda on Oct. 10, at a dedication ceremony for the newly renovated library and coffee shop. The library was named "Diana's Place" in honor of the many volunteer hours of work as well as financial support given throughout the past 27 years by Diana and by her late husband, Francis.

Diana began her career in 1960, serving as librarian at Main South High School in Park Ridge, Ill., and District 214 in the Chicago area for 18 years. She recalls many outstanding students through the years, notably including Hillary Rodham, now Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Shortly after retiring to Wesley Halcyon House in 1981, Diana began a new quest: to complete start-up of a library at Halcyon House. She worked to purchase books, catalogue, organize and set up the library. She donated countless hours as well as substantial financial support to the project. Diana and Francis carefully selected furnishings for the library to enhance the experience of all who enjoyed its amenities. These included reading lights, sitting areas, table and desk areas, height of the shelving and making more room for those with walkers or wheel chairs.

Over the past 27 years, Diana has faithfully served as librarian for Halcyon House. She spends hours in the library each and every day, where she orders and catalogues new books, prepares books for shelving and processes returned books. Now with thousands of books on the shelves, including a large collection of newly released large-print books, Diana's newest project was planning



Photo submitted by Halcyon House

**Diana Halda**

and financing a library renovation. New custom-made oak bookshelves enhance the library, which included new computer work stations with wireless Internet connections and printing as well as a free coffee shop for all residents to enjoy.

Diana's volunteer career at Wesley Halcyon House has contributed greatly to the well being, mental health, independence and fullness of life of both residents and staff members for nearly 30 years and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Having recently celebrated her 90th birthday, Diana continues her dedication to the Halcyon House library, even after the death of her husband a few months ago.



# Chapter News Continued

**Greetings from Pi Lambda Sigma Chapter at the original iSchool, The School of Information Studies at Syracuse University!**

Our 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Initiation as an affiliate of Beta Phi Mu was held Saturday, May 11, at the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center. As the oldest library honor society in the U.S., May 11 also marked our 110<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting. Nine graduates accepted membership this year: Michelle (Mia) Brietkopf, Jocelyn M. Boyce, Pamela Espinosa de los Monteros, Christina Plattner Evola, Matthew C. Gunby, Aaron M. Neslin, Alyssa D. Newton, Mary E. Patroulis, and Robert A. Schrier. We congratulate these new members!

Our guest speakers for our luncheon were local television personalities Christie Casciano Burns ( SU Newhouse grad ), Tim Fox, and Lou Gulino, authors of *Syracuse Television*, from the "Images of America" local history series of books. A wonderful trip down "Memory Lane" was followed by autographing. We are re-building funds to again be able to award our Dosa Scholarship and Van Hoesen interest-free loans. Our Marion Mullen Travel Award is awarded to Chapter Treasurer Suzanne Preate, helping her attend Summer ALA in Chicago in June and to attend the annual Beta Phi Mu National meeting as Chapter representative.

Our current Executive Board members are: President Linda Galloway, SU Libraries; Past President Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, SU Libraries; Recording Secretary Brian Dobreski, SU Libraries; Corresponding Secretary Susan Slenker, retired school librarian; Treasurer Suzanne Preate, SU Libraries; Membership Chair Christine Demetros, SU/ Barclay Law Library; Scholarship Chairs Gary Maggi, health sciences librarian, and Valarie Massulik, Onondaga County Public Library; at-large Board members Jennifer Huzenitza, Liverpool Public Library; Carole Kupelian, retired school librarian; and Ellen Owens, Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital Medical Library, Anne Rauh, Syracuse University Libraries. Together, we manage the Chapter's mission of extending financial support to the most academically-gifted yet challenged iSchool students in the Library and Information Science graduate degree program. Faculty Advisor is Dr. Megan Oakleaf.

Our major efforts this year were an upgrade to our Chapter website and to finish all the paperwork for the IRS that all Chapters have grappled with. Kudos to Chapter Treasurer Suzanne Preate for heading up these efforts. We have finished upgrades to our website and now allow members to pay dues and make contributions electronically through PayPal.



Our website is <http://bpm.syr.edu>; Visit us online, or follow us on Twitter at BPM\_Syracuse.



# Chapter News Continued

## **Beta Beta Xi at St. Catherine University –**

Beta Beta Xi chapter is happy be inducting seven new members (plus one in absentia) at its annual meeting on May 20th. The annual meeting will also feature a presentation from Beta Beta Xi's first 'Student Research Paper Prize' winner, Linda Mork. Linda is a student at St. Catherine University pursuing an MLIS degree. Her research paper submission was chosen from several entries as best exemplifying the research, synthesis, and commentary upon the library profession that the Prize Committee was looking for. The chapter will continue to recognize student excellence by making this prize an annual event. Finally, the members present will vote on the 2013-2014 President Elect for the chapter.

## **Beta Phi Chapter at University of South Florida –**

The Beta Phi chapter at the School of Information, University of South Florida, held and initiation for 2012 and spring 2013 graduates on May 4, 2013 preceding the spring graduation reception at the School on the Tampa campus. Four 2012 and four 2013 graduates were initiated. Another twenty-one graduates from 2012 and three from 2013 were initiated in absentia. The eight present and initiated are Kelly Campana, Scarlett Ferstl, Catharine Jones, Marisa Meale, Laura Owczarek, Theresa Potter, and Anna Spry.

**Omega Chapter at San Jose State University -** This spring, as part of its revitalization efforts, Omega Chapter (San José State University) launched its free, online "Community Conversations" speaker series featuring leaders from the LIS professions. Using a webinar platform and presentation/Q&A format, the series enabled attendees from across the globe to hear speakers share their perspectives and to ask them questions in real time. The goal is to make the series a spring tradition, fully archive it, and make it accessible as a resource for the greater LIS community.

There were three speakers in the inaugural 2013 series, which had leadership as its theme:

"ALA Leadership with Courtney Young" (March 16, 2013)

"Lauren Comito on Making Your Own Leadership Opportunities" (April 3, 2013)

"Milly Lugo on Leadership Through Service" (April 20, 2013)

First up was Courtney Young, Head Librarian and Associate Professor of Women's Studies at Pennsylvania State University, Greater Allegheny Campus and incoming ALA President-Elect. Courtney spoke with Cynthia Orozco (Program Coordinator for Omega Chapter) about getting involved in ALA, the value of being a member, and pursuing ALA leadership opportunities at all levels in your library career. The second speaker was Lauren Comito, Outreach Librarian for Queens Library and Director of Operations for Urban Librarians Unite, who spoke with John Jackson (Omega Chapter president) about her personal brand of leadership and what it means to be a leader in today's libraries. Finishing the series was Milly Lugo, senior librarian at the Santa Ana Public Library and a 2012 Movers and Shakers. She spoke with Young Lee (Vice President/President-Elect of Omega Chapter) about her signature information literacy workshop for non-English speakers, Usted y Su Biblioteca ("You and Your Library"), and about creating leadership opportunities by serving patrons and communities.

Recording list for sessions currently accessible at:

<https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/recording/playback/link/able/meeting?suid=M.1F329587595A72FF3310D46EBEF732&id=2011274>

Facebook page for Beta Phi Mu, Omega Chapter:  
<https://www.facebook.com/BetaPhiMuOmega>

# *Chapter News Continued*

## *Sigma Chapter at Drexel University –*

Sigma Chapter and the Drexel iSchool community were saddened to learn that Dr. Guy Grady Garrison, Professor and Dean Emeritus, passed away on Monday, May 13, 2013. Dr. Garrison joined the College as Professor and Dean in 1968 and was instrumental in founding Sigma Chapter in 1969. In 1987, he became the first Alice B. Kroeger Professor, and continued in that role until his retirement in 1992.

Dr. Garrison was a life member of the American Library Association, and held many positions in that organization, including 6 years as an elected member of Council and several years of service as member or chair of accreditation committees. In 1992 he received ALA's Beta Phi Mu award for distinguished service to library and information science nationally and internationally. Dr. Garrison was humbled by the award, stating in his 2012 book, *A Century of Library Education at Drexel University: Vignettes of Growth and Change*: "The receipt in July 1992 of the Beta Phi Mu Award from ALA, recognizing distinguished service to education for library and information science, gave me the pleasant reassurance that even the world outside Drexel University recognizes that the iSchool made great progress in the years while I was at the helm." He was also active in the Association for Library and Information Science Education, serving on its Board from 1970-76 and as President from 1976-77.

Dr. Garrison earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he also served as Research Associate Professor and Director of the Library Research Center at the Graduate School of Library Science (GSLs). In recognition of his service to Drexel University and his contributions to the field of information studies, Drexel conferred upon Dr. Garrison the Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, during its 2011 Commencement Ceremonies.

The iSchool will be hosting a memorial service to celebrate the life of Dr. Garrison on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Behrakis Grand Hall on Drexel's Main Campus.

June 13 is also the date for Sigma Chapter's next Initiation Ceremony, where new members elected for the 2011-2012 academic year will be welcomed. Sigma is currently in a re-organizing stage and is happy to report a newly revived Executive Council consisting of Jenn Phiambolis, President; Catherine Odson, Secretary; James Gilbert, Treasurer; and Directors Chuck Broadbent, Samantha Kennedy, and John Wiggins.



# Chapter News Continued

## *Iota Chapter at Catholic University and University of Maryland –*

The IOTA Chapter, representing the College of Information Science at the University of Maryland and the Catholic University of America's School of Library and Information Science, held its Annual Membership Meeting and Induction Ceremony at the offices of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, L.L.P. in Washington, DC. on Monday, March 25, 2013.

The meeting began with executive business. President Sue Ann Orsini conducted the initiation ceremony and directed the reading of the ceremonial script. Each Beta Phi Mu inductee signed the sacred book after receiving their certificate. New inductees included: From SLIS, CUA: Lianne Cooper, Stacey Anne Galik, Hannah L. Gavalis, Helen Horn-Mitchem, Mark D. Winek and Susan Yoo. From CIS, UMD: Kelsey Corlett-Rivera, Stacey Py Flynn, Andrea F. Goltz, Daniel Ramirez, and Kathleen E. Zawodny.

During the 2012-2013 year, the Iota Chapter Executive Board voted to hand out two \$2000 scholarships, one to each university. The CUA-SLIS recipient was Elizabeth Greeley. The CIS, UMD recipient was Emily Likins-Hohman. Both students have demonstrated a high level of academic achievement and dedication to the Library and Information professions. Faculty advisers from both programs introduced each recipient. President Sue Ann Orsini presided over the meeting and led the election of new officers. Members approved by acclamation David Gayer for Vice President/President Elect and Kt Zawodny for a two year term as Secretary. David has recently completed an internship with the special library at Population Action International. Kt is a recent graduate of UMD who has just begun her career with the Anne Arundel Public Library system. President Orsini passed the gavel symbolically to incoming President Susan Yoo, who could not be at the meeting due to illness.

After the conclusion of the business meeting, members sat back to enjoy a keynote presentation given by Pamela Barnes Craig of the Library of Congress (LOC). Pam spoke about Congress.gov, a new LOC platform for legislative information that will eventually replace the existing THOMAS website. Pam spoke of the challenges in disseminating and presenting legislative information and also the important position librarians often take with regard to public information. Pam described the new Congress.gov and discussed how it will make finding information on Congressmen and the bills they introduce much more user-friendly. She also highlighted portions of Congress.gov that explain the legislative process in video format and how popular that has been with high school and middle school students. The presentation was very well-received and prompted a lengthy question and answer session. Afterwards, members stayed to enjoy food and refreshments.



# DATES AND DEADLINES



June 27 – July 2, 2013  
American Library Association  
Annual Conference  
Chicago, Illinois



January 24 – January 28, 2014  
American Library Association  
Mid-Winter Meeting  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**2013 Scholarship Season Winners to be announced at the G-ALA on **June 29<sup>th</sup>** from **3-5pm** in N230 B of the McCormick Place Convention Center!**

**Online Elections are open!**

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