



Association of  
College and  
Research Libraries

a division of the American Library Association



The **CONNECTIONS**  
you need

*essential relationships, both  
virtual and personal*

The **RESOURCES** to keep  
you informed

*news, research, standards,  
and publications*

The **PROFESSIONALISM**  
to enrich you and your  
library

The academic and research  
library community's foremost  
organization



# What Do I Get When I Join ACRL?



ACRL is the leading resource for the academic and research librarian community. Members access a wide array of benefits that increase their knowledge and expertise while building the network of peers necessary to support a successful career in the field. Members receive the following benefits:

- **Specialized resources.** ACRL delivers the highest quality knowledge, products, and services. Members keep up-to-date with the latest developments with print and electronic copies of:

- \* *College and Research Libraries (bimonthly journal);*
- \* *College and Research Libraries News (news magazine with 11 issues/year); and*
- \* **Section newsletters** (2 from the sections of your choice).

The value of these subscriptions alone exceeds the cost of dues. Members also receive **substantial discounts on all ACRL publications**, including *Academic Library Trends and Statistics*.

- **Unique community.** ACRL members are part of a welcoming, supportive community that nurtures individual development and fosters a deeper connection to the profession. It is this network that sets ACRL members apart and creates a support system for a career and a lifetime. Members have an opportunity to grow their network of like-minded professionals by becoming involved in ACRL sections, which provide specialized newsletters, discussion lists, annual conference programming, and discussion groups. Members gain crucial leadership experience, make valuable connections, and build ties with colleagues around the world.
- **Support for the profession.** ACRL and its members help academic and research libraries pursue a broad agenda, ensuring that their roles are understood, valued, and protected by other stakeholders. ACRL enables the higher education community to better understand the role that academic and research libraries play in the teaching, learning, and research environments. The organization strives to set standards for services and programs that create benchmarks for the profession. ACRL also develops toolkits to help librarians convey key messages about the value of libraries to their communities.
- **Advancement.** ACRL offers many opportunities to speak, to lead, and to publish in the field along with professional development opportunities, both virtual and face-to-face. ACRL's professional development offerings include:
  - \* ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute
  - \* ACRL Institute for Information Literacy Immersion Programs

- \* E-Learning Seminars
- \* National Conference (biennial)
- \* Workshops and preconferences at ALA meetings

ACRL also provides employment and career services as well as mentorship programs. Members enjoy substantial discounts on registrations for institutes, workshops, preconferences, e-learning, and the National Conference.

- **Recognition.** ACRL, the preeminent professional organization in the field, provides the recognition you and your library deserve. Membership in ACRL provides valuable exposure for individual members and their libraries through publications, conference presentations, and awards programs.
- **Professionalism.** ACRL is dedicated to developing members who are recognized as flexible, dynamic, and progressive leaders in their institutions and scholarly communities. ACRL members expand their knowledge and, ultimately, enhance the quality of library service delivered to their communities.

"ACRL brings recognition to the field, provides professional opportunities, helps members stay in touch, and elevates the profession by setting standards and guidelines. ACRL affirms what we are today and serves as the premier association for academic librarians."

– Tyrone H. Cannon  
Library Dean  
Gleeson Library-Geschke  
Learning Resource Center  
University of San Francisco

**Our membership department is dedicated to meeting your needs.**

If you have questions about membership or would like more information on becoming involved with ACRL, please contact us directly at 800-545-2433, x2523 or e-mail us at [acrl@ala.org](mailto:acrl@ala.org). To join ACRL, complete a paper application, call one of our courteous membership specialists at 800-545-2433 (then press 5), or visit [www.ala.org/acrl](http://www.ala.org/acrl) and click "Join ACRL."



"ACRL is large enough to provide resources to help with any issue, but also small enough where members get to know a core group with similar interests and needs. It is the best of both worlds!"

– Karen Downing  
Foundation and Grants Librarian  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, MI

## Membership at a Glance

"I arrived where I am today because of my professional involvement in ACRL, and it has profited my library. ACRL membership is not just for you, but for your library."

– Julie Todaro  
Dean, Library Services  
Austin Community College  
Austin, TX

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#### Specialized resources

Unparalleled knowledge, products, and services

#### Unique community

Virtual communities, discussion groups, task forces, committees, chapters

#### Support for the profession

ACRL insures that your roles are understood, valued, and supported by the higher education community and Congress

#### Advancement

Speak, lead, and publish

#### Recognition

Grow professionally and boost the stature of your library

#### Professionalism

Enhance the quality of library service delivered to your community by developing the skills to make a difference

### About ACRL

The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is the foremost organization of academic and research librarians and other interested individuals. ACRL is dedicated to leading academic and research librarians and libraries in advancing learning and scholarship.


ACRL, the oldest and largest division of the American Library Association, provides a broad range of professional services and programs for a diverse membership.

### ACRL Values

1. Visionary leadership that is open to change, new ideas, and global perspectives.
2. Commitment to service to members.
3. Commitment to integrity and transparency.
4. Commitment to diversity of people and ideas.
5. Commitment to continuous learning.
6. Dedication to the values of higher education, to intellectual freedom, and to upholding "The Library Bill of Rights."

"ACRL is the single most important organization of which I have been a member throughout my career."

– Bob Rose  
Director of Libraries  
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
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