

**Delaware Library Association
College and Research Library Division Annual Report
2010-2011**



Membership: 54 members as of March 2011. The membership statistics for the past 3 years continues to hold steady. This past year there were five new first-time members.

CRLD Fall & Spring Programs: The Division held two programs in 2010/11, in spring and fall.

In the fall, CRLD visited the James M. Gilliss Library, located on the grounds of the U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO), Washington, D.C. The program held November 16, 2010, included a tour and a presentation of the mission and history of the Observatory and a view of USNO's timekeeping responsibilities with a presentation of the Master Clock system. The tour of was lead by Sally Bosken, the Head Librarian. The tour was limited to twenty people and it rained.

The spring 2011 program was held April 8, 2011 at Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA. The program featured presentations by Longwood Gardens Library staff and tours of the library, archives, and the archives reading and imaging center. Presenters included students in the graduate program in Longwood Graduate Program in Public Horticulture at the University of Delaware.

About thirty participants from Delaware attended the spring program. Attendees received complimentary passes to tour the gardens, inside and outside, and it rained!

DLA Annual Conference Program:

Due to insufficient time to issue a call to the membership to submit program ideas to the Division and in turn to the MLA Conference Committee Planning, the Division did not sponsor any programming for the MD/DE joint conference.

Thanks to the all members who contributed and donated items and volunteered to assist with preparing items for the Division's theme basket being auctioned at the DLA-MLA joint conference to support future conferencing. A portion of the proceeds is being donated to the ALA Spectrum Scholarship fund. CRLD received about \$60 in cash to purchase items for the basket and about \$200 worth of donated items. Division members also donated items to several other baskets: Delaware Heritage books, Our Delaware, and Cake Boss.

CRLD Officers: The commitment, creativity and reliability of the Executive Board resulted in a successful year for CRLD. Executive Board held virtual meetings throughout the year to discuss program planning and take care of division business and met in-person on April 8 at Longwood Gardens, to discuss identifying members to serve as candidates to fill open offices and planning the theme baskets for the silent auction at the 2011 conference. Mary Alice Peeling completed a year as Vice President/President Elect. Dawn Mitchell completed her first year of a two year term as Treasurer. Meg Grotti completed her second year of a two year term as Secretary. She

was responsible for the publicity and registration for both programs. Janet Chin served as Past-President and provided guidance and assisted with contacting members to serve as the candidate for secretary.

Leadership Retreat: I attended the DLA Leadership Retreat on June 3, 2010 held at Delaware Division of Libraries in the Delaware Public Archives, Dover. The purpose of the retreat was to do some strategic planning and to identify short and long term goals. Members discussed many important issues and discussed the DLA conference. This was also a time for the old and new to meet and talk about transition into this new year. The list of action items and priorities from the Leadership retreat are available on the DLA Web (<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla/>).

Respectfully submitted by
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