

CULAR Spring Meeting

Friday, April 25, 2025 – 10:45 am

Ross Pendergraft Library Room 300B AND Zoom

In attendance:

<p>Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (Fort Smith) Sonya Lemke</p> <p>Arkansas State University April Sheppard</p> <p>Arkansas State University – Beebe Ron Russ</p> <p>Arkansas State University – Three Rivers Alan Robinette</p> <p>Arkansas Tech University Angela Black Charity Park Eric Rector Sherry Tinerella</p> <p>Harding University Amelia Baker Amy McGohan Jean Waldrop</p> <p>Hendrix College Britt Anne Murphy Melissa Freiley</p> <p>Lyon College Kassandra Meyer</p> <p>Northwest Arkansas Community College Patti Bruno Rachel Baack Shawna Thorup</p> <p>Ouachita Baptist University Anping Wu</p>	<p>University of Arkansas Community College at Rich Mountain Brenda Miner</p> <p>University of Arkansas-Fayetteville Lisa Headstream Robin Roggio Stephanie Brown</p> <p>University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Andrea Parton</p> <p>University of Arkansas-Little Rock Carol Macheak J.B. Hill Melissa Serfass</p> <p>University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Libby Ingram</p> <p>University of Arkansas-Monticello Dan Boice LaShonda Campbell</p> <p>University of Arkansas-Pulaski Tech Carita Alexander</p> <p>University of Central Arkansas Janice Weddle Jessica Riedmueller Kiran Mufty Liz DiPrince Renee L. Ford Rodney Lippard</p> <p>University of the Ozarks Douglas Denne Krista Denne</p>
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Also in attendance: Jennifer Razer (Arkansas State Library) and Katie Walton (Arkansas State Library)

1. Angela Black called the meeting to order at 10:48am.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- Angela Black noted that the minutes from October 4, 2024 were from an impromptu meeting at the ArLA Conference and no official business was conducted. Minutes are shared for informational purposes only.
- October 18, 2024 minutes: Janice Weddle and Melissa Freiley noted that they were not included as attendees in the minutes despite being mentioned. It was then noticed that the attendees list only included Zoom attendees. April Sheppard stated that they have the full list of attendees and can amend. Janice moved to approve the minutes as amended. LaShonda Campbell seconded. All in favor, minutes as amended passed.

Shortly after the business meeting adjourned, it was discovered that the minutes that were distributed were the incomplete draft and not the completed minutes. April forwarded the correct minutes. CULAR reconvened at 3:30pm to reapprove the correct minutes. Angela Black moved to approve the minutes. Janice seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Angela Black introduced the officers of the CULAR.

4. Reports

- Executive Committee: Angela Black stated that the Executive Committee has spent the majority of their time getting ready for the spring meeting and on items listed in new business.
- K-12 Collaboration Subcommittee: Britt Anne Murphy began by thanking Arkansas Tech University and everyone who works there for hosting the meeting and thanked OCLC for hosting the lunch. She then stated that she

has been on a mission to get academic librarians to collaborate with school librarians. She has been working with a team consisting of Jean Waldrop, Alan Robinette, April Sheppard, Karen Haggard, Cassandra Barnett, Rodney Lippard, Angela Black, and others. Activities include:

- Presented on the K-16 continuum at the 2024 Arkansas Association of Instructional Media (AAIM) Conference.
- Britt Anne Murphy and Alan Robinette presented at a co-op meeting in Hot Springs.
- Cassandra Barnett sent out a survey to school librarians to learn about level of support for information literacy. She received about 40 responses and the survey shows that school librarians are interested in collaboration. Angela Black will send out a similar survey to academic librarians. The survey is currently waiting on IRB and will be disbursed soon.
- Cassandra Barnett is helping to develop a free preconference to the AAIM conference on July 7, 2025. A separate registration is being developed for the preconference and will be sent out. Format of conference will be “unconference” and will include different topics, a mixture of academics and school librarians, and tours. Goal is to get an equal number of school and academic librarians in attendance.
- Britt Anne Murphy and Alan Robinette will also be presenting at a Saturday Community of School Librarians And Library Educators (COSLLE) event in July.

5. New Business

- ARLA Conference Presentation: Angela Black stated that she was thinking of presenting the results from the two surveys on academic and school librarians as the CULAR presentation. Also considering getting Brad Warren and get him on the schedule.
- AI Preconference: Angela Black noted that there was a lot of interest in AI presentations at the last ArLA Conference. CULAR is now thinking of doing an AI preconference on AI – how we’re using AI, adapting to it, using it in technical services, etc. She may invite Leo Lo again from ACRL

to talk about the recently published *AI Competencies for Library Workers*.

- Next meeting date/location: Angela Black asked about having a small meeting at the ArLA Conference or doing something before or after. Janice Weddle and others noted that it would be better to have our business meeting separate from the conference. Angela asked people to send her ideas where to hold the meeting.

6. Announcements

- Britt Anne Murphy stated that Melissa Freiley WMS Community of Interest but that they may need to broaden their scope – perhaps broaden to a separate Technical Services Community of Interest. She noted that they would need 15 currently active ArLA individual members.
- Melissa Freiley is putting together a presentation proposal for the ArLA Conference on weeding. She wants to have different library types to participate and is looking for an academic library.

7. Adjournment:

- Angela Black thanked everyone for coming and for staying around for the following round tables. It was noted that there was not a round table on instruction because we wanted to shine a light on the people doing the background work. She encouraged people to attend round tables, even if they aren't in their areas.
- Angela Black made a motion to adjourn. Ron Russ seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12am.