CULAR Spring Meeting 2026
Friday, June 5th, 2026
UCA's Brewer-Hegeman Center and Zoom

In attendance:

Arkansas Colleges of Health Education (Fort Smith) Sonya Lemke **Arkansas State University** April Sheppard Jeff Bailey Star Holloway **Arkansas State University – Beebe** Ron Russ **Arkansas State University – Three Rivers** Alan Robinette **Arkansas Tech University** Angela Black Carol Hanan Eric Rector Philippe Van Houtte **Harding University** Amelia Baker Amy McGohan **Henderson State University** Ken Angell **Hendrix College** Britt Anne Murphy Melissa Freiley	**Northwest Arkansas Community College** Heather Lundy Patti Bruno Rachel Baack Shawna Thorup Shya Washington **University of Arkansas-Fayetteville** Ariane Breton Autumn Roberts Deborah Kulczak Mary Gilbertson Robin Roggio **University of Arkansas-Fort Smith** Andrea Parton **University of Arkansas-Monticello** Renée Chérie Clark **University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff** Sonya Lockett **University of Arkansas-Pulaski Tech** Veronica Stewart **University of Central Arkansas** Janice Weddle Jessica Riedmueller Joanna Warren Liz DiPrince

1. Jessica Riedmueller called the meeting to order at 9:06am.

2. Approval of Minutes: Angela Black made an amendment to minutes regarding the "L" in CULAR under new business. She noted that voting on bylaws did not pass because there were only 14 votes in favor, not 15 as required in bylaws. Proposed change to the minutes: Proposal failed by one vote. Janice Weddle made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Angela Black seconded. Minutes approved.

3. Introductions: Jessica Riedmueller asked people in the room and online to introduce themselves.

4. Old Business

a. CULAR - Libraries or Librarians: Jessica Riedmueller gave the background of the discretion of the “L” appearing in different places as “Librarian” and as “Libraries,” and asked participants if we want to address it or leave it as is. It was agreed that consistency would be preferred. Angela Black gave additional context that ARKLink serves libraries and CULAR serves the individual, adding that “librarians” keeps it person-centric. She did note that “librarians” may exclude non-degreed library workers. Ron Russ added that our original name, CULD, did refer to libraries, so “libraries” is consistent with our history. Andrea Parton suggested editing the bylaws to state that “librarians” does not only refer to degreed librarians, but to library workers. Discussion ended when Jessica made the suggestion to appoint a bylaws subcommittee to review the bylaws, including considering the libraries/librarian question.

4. New Business

a. 2026 ACRL Framework Revision: Janice Weddle led a brief overview and discussion of the updated ACRL Framework, noting that most changes were fairly minor and changes to language, i.e. changing “experts” to “leaders.” Eric Rector responded that the framework is a document for librarians and “learner” doesn’t acknowledge our expertise. It was also noted that there was no qualification of leaders, i.e. advanced learners. Shawna Thorup added that the framework leaned hard on language that will make legislators come for academic libraries. Jessica Riedmueller stated that the comment period was over, but that they want people to be aware of the changes.

5. Announcements

a. CULAR Sponsored Pre-conference at ArLA: Jessica Riedmueller announced that there will be a CULAR-sponsored pre-conference the Friday morning of the ArLA Annual Conference. They may try to get a virtual speaker from ACLR and Angela Black added that they may get a keynote speaker to talk about the ACRL Framework. A call for proposals will be sent out on the listserv. Potential topics include how AI is impacting us in the library world, ways to use AI in instruction and tech services, and fighting back against it. Details are still being finalized and

we’re hoping to be in the same location as last year. Jessica stated that she will get more information out soon.

6. Angela Black made motion to adjoin, Renée Chérie Clark seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.