

AkLA Anchorage Chapter Face-to-Face Report, September 2011

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2011 has been a busy year, organizationally, for the Anchorage chapter. We've updated our Bylaws, updated and approved our Chapter Handbook, and started using a Google Calendar for keeping up with future meetings and important dates.

Our premier event for the year, so far, has been a Library Networking Night in April, consisting of a panel of hiring managers, a panel of new graduates and current students, and a presentation, reprised from annual conference, entitled "Get the Library Job You Want," followed by an hour of social/networking time. We're considering holding another meeting along these lines, perhaps focused on distance education, next year.

Throughout the rest of the year we have met twice at Crush Wine Bar, once to begin the year/elect officers and once to admire the flower baskets that our chapter sponsors, downtown, every summer. In February, Mike Robinson was kind enough to show us the UAA/APU Consortium Library's mobile website. May and June were both fairly laid back meetings, where we showed off our favorite "Tech Tools" and discussed/traded books we liked, and in August Doug McAllister hosted the chapter for a most excellent barbeque. We are looking forward to a breakfast meeting in October, a Webpage Smackdown in November, and a holiday party hosted by Nina in December. As always, we will announce upcoming meetings on the AkLA Anchorage listserv and [usually] on the AkLA Facebook and Twitter.

On the community service front, besides sponsoring the flower basket, several of our members contributed funds toward the Loussac Library "Teen Underground"; the chapter donated to BizBee, in support of the Alaska Literacy Project; the chapter and several members contributed to Beyond the Stacks, in support of the Anchorage Public Library; and several of our members met on a Saturday morning to clean up part of downtown Anchorage, as part of the annual Citywide Cleanup.

Our elected officers for 2011 are Coral Sheldon-Hess as President, Patience Frederiksen as Vice President, Sigrid Brudie and Doug McAllister as co-Secretaries, Nina Prockish as Treasurer, and Jim Curran as Past President.