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This was a dynamic year for ALCTS, with some outstanding offerings in Continuing Education which energized and engaged the membership.

Second Annual Preservation Week very successful

April 24-30, 2011 was the second annual occurrence of Preservation Week sponsored by ALCTS in cooperation with the Library of Congress and IMLS. Preservation Week is aimed primarily at advocating for the preservation of cultural heritage from families, individuals, thus helping to preserve the nation's cultural heritage. Over 100 libraries (up from 70 the first year) contributed their events to the [Preservation Week website](#), and over 1800 people attended the free webinars on selecting preserving digital memories, protecting and saving family treasures, and protecting future access. These webinar recordings continue to be available free on the [ALCTS webinar site](#). The 3rd Annual Preservation Week will be held April 22-29, 2012.

Continuing Education

The ALCTS Webinars have been extremely popular. 29 webinars have been held this year with over 4,000 attendees on a wide variety of topics including the most RDA, institutional repositories, intellectual property issues, collection management, weeding, copyright, electronic resources, and linked library data. ALCTS continues to offer four online web courses at multiple times throughout the year, and these have also been well-attended. Most popular by far have been the ALCTS e-Forums, held about once per month. These are two day online chats with defined topics that are free and open to all. They have attracted participation from both members and non-members and have covered topics such as job hunting, patron driven acquisitions, digital preservation, and cataloging research. This model for engaging the library community in discussions has now been emulated by our colleagues in the UK, who initiated their own CILIP CIG (Cataloging Interest Group) e-Forum to discuss RDA after consulting with the ALCTS e-Forum coordinator.

ALCTS' serials: *Library Resources and Technical Services* & *ALCTS Newsletter Online*
ALCTS' peer reviewed journal, *Library Resources and Technical Services (LRTS)*, is making strides toward becoming available electronically. We hope to make the announcement to members of this availability in July 2011. Peggy Johnson continues as editor. The *ALCTS Newsletter Online (ANO)* is issued quarterly to provide news to the ALCTS membership. Mary Beth Weber completed her two terms (6 years) as editor in June 2011.

Division Reorganization aka Re-shaping

The results of last year's member survey on re-shaping of the division structure were examined by a task group that recommended moving forward with incremental steps, rather than drastic changes. The steps taken this year include re-organization and streamlining of the Collection Management and Development Section (CMDSD), which became the Collection Management Section (CMS) in June 2011. The Council on Regional Groups disbanded and reformed as the ALCTS Affiliate Relations Committee effective July 2011. Dale Swensen accepted appointment as the first ALCTS Interest Group Coordinator for a 3 year term.

Strategic Planning

A new ALCTS strategic plan focusing on issues facing the organization was adopted by the ALCTS Board at Annual 2011. This plan will guide ALCTS in new initiatives and will be re-examined and updated annually, rather than every five years.

Midwinter and Annual Events Highlights

Two well-attended Midwinter symposiums were held in San Diego entitled:

- Administrators, RDA and the Future
- Beams and Bytes: Constructing the Future Library

The ALCTS President's program in June 2011 featured Dr. Paul Courant, economist and University Library from the University of Michigan speaking about "Economic Reflections on Libraries". RDA (Resource Description & Access) preconference, programs, discussions, and forums were provided in abundance at both Annual and Midwinter and were well attended.

Awards Highlights

Special honors were accorded posthumously to Edward Swanson with the renaming of the Best of LRTS Award in his honor as well as being awarded the Margaret Mann Citation for his service to ALCTS and to the cataloging profession. The Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award was renamed the Harrassowitz Award for Leadership in Library Acquisitions to honor Dr. Knut Dorn on his retirement from Harrassowitz. The 2011 recipient of the Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award was Jean Merrill-Oldham, honored for her exceptional leadership in the preservation community. Presidential Citations were presented to Mary Beth Weber for her service as editor of ANO and to Kristin Martin for coordination of the highly successful ALCTS e-Forums.

Transforming Collections Task Force

ALCTS initiated a new Transforming Collections TF in March 2011, ably chaired by Mary Beth Thomson, to lead ALCTS in working on the ALA Goal area of Transforming Libraries. The TF presented a list of tasks, ideas, and actions to the ALCTS Board at Annual, and will work collaboratively with many ALCTS groups on implementation of the top ideas over the next year.