

**Idaho Library Association
Academic and Special Libraries Division**

**Division Report
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The Academic and Special Libraries Division held their meeting on October 3, 2003, during the ILA Annual Conference in Post Falls. The format of the meeting was a roundtable discussion of recent developments throughout the state. Present were outgoing chair Gina Persichini and incoming Chair Nancy Young.

Topics of discussion were:

LiLI Express (the reciprocal borrowing arrangement for Idaho libraries, which becomes effective January 2004). Participation is voluntary. A list of participants is available on the LiLI website. There will not be a LiLI card; a LiLI Express sticker can be placed on participating libraries' existing cards. Books must be returned to the library from which they were borrowed. Some concern was expressed about the high demand from high school and charter schools at community college libraries. Other issues are the inability of some public libraries that are not automated to share in the interlibrary loan process and the federal requirements that interlibrary loan be free of charge.

LCEI (Library Consortium of East Idaho): consists of 23 libraries and allows for a single browse.

ISL and BSU transition to Endeavor database

University of Idaho: undergoing a self-study. Three main areas of concern: strengthening the undergraduate book collection; strengthening the media collection; increase of electronic journals to over 20,000 titles.

BSU: will begin 24/7 reference by January 2004.

Z39.5 Study: Not many libraries had compliant systems at the beginning of the study, but now many more do, so ISL can add them to LILI-z search page. Allows a searcher to see what other libraries own and to see the MARC record.

Hackers got into Ariel ILL system at BSU because of Microsoft OS; they will add security patches and firewalls.

Digital Learning Repositories; Kay Flowers continues working on the digitizing project.

Possible 2004 conference programs:

1. Progress Report on LiLI Express
2. Progress Report on 24/7 Reference at BSU