

Poster sessions are a useful and popular presentation method for sharing ideas, successful practices, and other hands-on information with your colleagues. Part of the landscape at most professional conferences, they offer librarians the chance to connect with each other on practical issues in ways that are not always possible through other presentation formats. In "Poster session alphabet soup" (p. 423), Brenda Hazard provides an A-to-Z list of tips to help make your poster session a success.

As a reminder, the application deadline for poster sessions for ACRL's 13th National Conference (March 29 to April 2, 2007 in Baltimore) is October 20, 2006.

Something else to look forward to at the 13th National Conference is ACRL's Marketing Academic and Research Libraries Committee's presentation of the 2007 Best Practices in Marketing Academic and Research Libraries @your library Award. Read

about American University's experience as the 2005 award winner and learn more about how to apply on page 425.


"Alumni access to research databases" (p. 413) provides some good information on the increasingly relevant service of providing alumnus with access to licensed database content. Cathy Wells shares the process that Case Western Reserve went through to design an alumni portal that includes database access. The article contains a useful rundown of some major vendors and their current packages for alumni.

The updated and approved "Guidelines for the security of rare books, manuscripts, and other special collections" is published here on page 426. Originally published in 1982, the document has been revised on the ACRL five-year review schedule since its inception.

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