2013 Chinese Librarians Summer Program (USA)

With the partnership between the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) and China's libraries, the Chinese Librarians Summer Program gathers excellent resources from the American library and information field and is designed to offer Chinese librarians the opportunity to understand and investigate issues, challenges and solutions arising from the changing contexts and complexity of situations in society. At the same time, the Program set up a platform for communication and cooperation between the libraries of the two countries and provides excellent networking opportunities with the University's faculty, librarians, students, and leaders in libraries. The Summer Program is designed for Chinese librarians' professional development by meeting their specific needs and tailored to those who aspire to play more significant leadership roles in their organizations. It aims to cultivate the leadership of the Chinese academic libraries and the capability to lead and innovate Chinese libraries and information service in the 21st century.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is a well-known public university. Its library is the third largest university research library in North America (behind Harvard University and Yale University) and the largest publicly supported university research library in the world, with more than 30 departmental library branches and over 11 million items in its collections. The Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) is the number one ranked LIS program in the U.S. and the Department of Computer Science is highly ranked in the nation and world as well. The State's multi-type library systems have a long history of accomplishments and serve as a national model. The Ivy League owns the top-class universities and libraries in the world, with great collections, mature service systems, advanced information technology and management strategies. The Summer Program has been designed and developed within an excellent environment to guarantee its success.

The 2013 Program will carry out various forms of activities including reports, seminars, discussions, group projects and field trips. The Program will create a learning environment of stimulation, participation and intellectualism. Following eight successful summer programs and meeting the needs of Chinese librarians, the 2013 program will continue to help participants obtain a deeper understanding of library and information science in the U.S. and the world and to acquire the latest innovations and trends in library and information science.


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Program Speakers (Partial List)

Anne Craig -- Director of Illinois State Library
Craig has extensive experience in library management, IT and digital libraries. She has been a librarian for more than 20 years.

Beth Sandore -- Namachchivaya Associate University Librarian for Information Technology Policy & Planning, Associate Dean of Libraries, Professor of Library Administration
Beth Sandore Namachchivaya is the associate University Librarian for Information Technology Planning and Policy, Associate Dean of Libraries and Professor of Library Science at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign. She leads library programs that focus on discovery services, digital libraries, eResearch, and digital curation. She has broad research interests that key on the design and evaluation of digital libraries. She was co-Principal Investigator for the Illinois’ National Digital Preservation Partnership supported by the Library of Congress from 2004-2010, and is now involved with the ArchivesSpace project.

Anne Langley -- Head Librarian, Science and Technology Libraries, Princeton University
Langley has rich professional experience in library and information science and now is the Head Librarian of Princeton University’s Science and Technology Libraries.

Xinjian Guo -- System Administrator, Digital Asset Management Infrastructure, Yale University
Guo has many years of working experience at Yale University and his main responsibility is in IT departments to offer technology support for the libraries. He has participated in many projects such as Orbis/Voyager, ExLibris SFX, MetaLib, Verde, and Iliad ILL.

David Stern -- Associate Dean for Public Services
Stern’s primary responsibilities are planning, development, and/or delivery of reference, instruction, collection development, and other end-user services; setting goals; establishing policies; evaluating, refining, and redesigning procedures. He was the Associate University Librarian for Scholarly Resources at Brown University, and the Director of Science Libraries at Yale University. He is the founder and principal of Maximize Information.

Lian Ruan -- Director/Head Librarian of the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI), Director of IFSI International Programs, UIUC
Dr. Ruan has developed the Illinois State Fire Academy library, the only fire science dedicated library in Illinois. She has served on the Chinese American Librarians Association committees and is President of CALA Midwest Chapter. Dr. Ruan has also served on state and international committees, like the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee, ILLINET Network Advisory Council (INAC), and iFIRE (an international fire library consortium) Committee. She is the recipient of a series of awards and grants. She has helped organize the Chinese Librarians Summer Program since 2005 in cooperation with partners both in the United States and China.

Susan Singleton Executive Director of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI)
CARLI has 150 member libraries and runs I-Share, a shared integrated library system for 75 of those libraries. The I-Share database contains 9M unique bibliographic records and 23M items. Prior to joining CARLI Susan had eighteen years of consortia experience as the Executive Director of the Missouri Library Network Corporation, a multi-type library consortium and as the Director of the Center for Library Initiatives (CLI) for the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a consortium of 12 major research universities in the Midwest. She was also an academic librarian for 7 years, working in reference and collection development.

Linda C. Smith Professor and Associate Dean, GSLIS, UIUC
Smith is the recipient of numerous honors and awards in library and information science. She was awarded the 2010 Award of Merit given annually by the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T). She is also the 2006 winner of the Library School Alumni Association Distinguished Alumnus Award, the recipient of the American Library Association's (ALA) 2004 Beta Phi Mu Award, the 2000 recipient of the Isador Gilbert Mudge R.R. Bowker Award, and the 1999 recipient of the ALISE Award for Teaching Excellence in the Field of Library and Information Science, in addition to other honors and rewards.

Scott Walter University Librarian, Depaul University
Walter was a Professor and Associate Dean of Libraries, UIUC. He has also served as Assistant Dean of Libraries for Information and Instructional Services at the University of Kansas. He has collaborated with faculty and staff colleagues at these institutions to design and deliver innovative service programs in areas including critical thinking instruction, information technology services, student services, faculty development, and multicultural student affairs.
The Chinese Librarians Summer Program has been successfully conducted for the past eight years (2005-2012). The following university libraries have participated in the program: Peking University, Zhejiang University, Beijing University, Wuhan University, Beijing Normal University, Beijing Institute of Technology, Beijing Jiaotong University, Beijing University of Technology, University of Science and Technology of China, Beijing Politech College, Beijing Institute of Fashion Technology, Beijing International Studies University, Beijing Union University, Capital Normal University, Dalian Jiaotong University, Capital Medical University, China Youth University for Political Science Library, Development Research Center of China Aviation Industry, The Medical Library of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army, Yanjing Theological Seminary, Northeast Normal University, AVIC Chengdu Aircraft Design & Research Institute, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China, Sichuan University, Chengdu Sport University, Third Military Medical University, Chongqing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Southwest University, Chongqing University of Science and Technology, Dalian University of Technology, Dalian University of Technology, Jilin University, Zhejiang University of Media and Communications, Hangzhou Public Library, Harbin Normal University, Northeast Agricultural University, Northeast Forestry University, University of Science and Technology of China, Luoyang Institute of Electro-optical Devices Research, Luoyang Photovoltaic Technology Development Center, Jiangxi Normal University, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Southeast University, Nanjing University of Science and Technology, Nanjing University of Technology, Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Hohai University, Ningbo University, East China Normal University, South China Normal University, Shanghai Normal University, Hangzhou Normal University, Jiangsu Normal University, University Town Library of Shenzhen, Shihong University, Hebei Normal University, North China Electric Power University, Suzhou University, Shandong University, Nankai University, Tianjin College, University of Science and Technology Beijing, Zhongnan University of Economics and Law, East China University of Political science and Law, Wuhan University of Technology, Huazhong Normal University, Xiamen University, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Shanghai University of Sport, China Women’s University, Xuzhou Institute of Technology, Xuzhou College of Industrial Technology, etc.

The Program in 2013 will receive a minimum number of 20 participants and lasts four weeks, from June 22 to July 20, 2013. The first three weeks are concentrated on topics relevant to library management and require participants to reside on campus. One of the unique features of the Program is the requirement for all participants to showcase their library’s top accomplishments and explore the issues and questions raised during the Program. Participants will evaluate issues, applying the new knowledge and ideas they have gained. During the learning period, participants will take part in colorful cultural activities and visit well-known Illinois libraries. There is no English language requirement as the Program will provide translation services for all courses and activities. At the end of the first three weeks, participants will attend a celebration ceremony and be issued a certificate by the University. In the fourth week, participants will visit top-class libraries and universities, such as Harvard University, Columbia University, Princeton University, Yale University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Stanford University, and University of California, Berkeley. The trip will enhance their understanding of America library and information science and improve their professional skills and leadership.

The 2013 program costs of $4,000 covers first three weeks’ costs associated with the program. An additional $150 is a J-1 visa processing fee required by the University. The Chinese travel agency will determine the price for the round trip airplane tickets and the fourth week visit in other cities (Chinese RMB is acceptable). Participants are encouraged to get visas by the end of April to facilitate the trip and ensure to arrive on time. See more information about the Summer Program at http://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/international%20programs/china/

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