

Annual Report of the Documents Association of New Jersey - 2010

This has been a busy year for DANJ, as we faced the challenges of the budget cuts, kept the website functioning, and revised the DANJ by-laws, among other things. The Executive Committee also discussed the Open Government Directive and the use of social media to track government news.

Federal Documents Interest Group - In 2010, the Federal Documents Interest Group held ongoing discussions on the effects of library budget cuts on depository operations, and on the Open Government Initiative and other new efforts at making government information more readily available. (Submitted by L. Saur)

State Documents Interest Group - The New Jersey State Documents Interest Group provided several letters of support in reference to legislative matters this year. The legislation involved the deposit of electronic documents with the State Library, along with paper copies and the provision of a departmental liaison. The State Documents Interest Group also submitted a letter to the legislature recommending that the State Librarian be given a seat on the State Records Committee. To date none of the legislation has passed though the sponsors of S1838 and A1541 (regarding the deposit of electronic publications) have agreed to incorporate the State Library's recommendations into their respective bills. (Submitted by D. Mercer)

SC&I Award - Liaison to School of Communication and Information, Susan Kadezabek and several DANJ members read students' research papers from Professor Cassell's class and selected Ryan Dement to receive the annual award for his paper "Identity Theft: an annotated bibliography." Susan has kept in touch with the school during the past year and learned from Dean Schement that SC&I offers the most online classes in the entire Rutgers' system. (Submitted by S. Kadezabek)

Membership – For the 2009/2010 year, there were 33 DANJ members. (Submitted by B. Patterson)

Newsletter - For the same period, two DANJ newsletters were sent out, one in the fall the other in the spring. Both newsletters are distributed electronically; the fall newsletter is also sent out in print. (Submitted by B. Patterson)

DANJ Web page – After overcoming the initial problems concerning hosting issues, the DANJ site is now back up with all the necessary information, thanks to Sue Lyons, Laura Saur, and Ma Lei Hsieh.

Continuing Education – The 2009 DANJ annual conference was held at the Lewis Library at Princeton University. The theme was "Documenting Climate Change" and the speakers were professors from Rutgers and Princeton universities and staff from the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection. Special thanks go to Susan Bucks, chair of this committee and to Linda Oppenheim for all the wonderful arrangements that she made for the conference at Princeton University.

It has been a pleasure to work as the president of DANJ and I would like to thank each and every committee member and the chairs for their support and encouragement. Special thanks go to the New Jersey State Library and Monmouth University for hosting the DANJ meetings. Also, I would like to thank Caitlyn Cook for taking an initiative in revising the by-laws. Lastly, I would like to thank Ma Lei Hsieh for being our Treasurer and Mary Fetzner for being our auditor. I consider myself extremely lucky to be part of an organization that really has made access to government information its primary objective

Respectfully submitted,

Geetali Basu, DANJ President - 2010

DANJ balance from 1/1/2010	\$5,247.45
DANJ balance as of 10/8/2010	\$5,729.62
DANJ CD balance as of 10/8/2010	\$4,241.54