



ART LIBRARIES SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICA

## **Annual Report 2006 ARLIS/NA Public Librarians Round Table**

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### **Report:**

Alyssa Resnick will remain moderator unless a change is determined at the 2007 Atlanta meeting.

Mission/Purpose: The Public Librarians Round Table (PLRT) will meet annually to identify the problems and interests of public librarians who work with art(s) collections, and provide a forum for information exchange and discussion. The PLRT will continually establish action items related to the ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan to implement as activities throughout the year.

The PLRT initiated the following goals during the last two annual conferences as they reflect the ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan. These are all works in progress.

### **Goal I: To increase the effectiveness and support the professional growth of art librarians and visual resources professionals.**

- Initiate a survey of public libraries that have works of art in their collection and/or have exhibition space. **[Posted email to ARLIS-L August 2005 and received ca. 12 responses]**
  - **2006-2007 actions: post again, and solicit responses from specific libraries**
- Initiate a survey of other art public libraries
  - Post the survey on the ARLIS/NA website, if possible.
  - Pursue responses to the survey at the chapter level because there is a stronger public library presence at the local level.

### **Goal II: To foster the creation and dissemination of information, resources and standards in the field of art information and art librarianship.**

- Communicate/coordinate with conference program chair that we would like to be involved with a program that could have a speaker from a public library.
  - Results from goals above could result in a future conference proposal

### **Goal III: To be an advocate for our members, the profession, and ARLIS/NA.**

- Invite/encourage local public librarians to attend the annual conferences and pursue having events at the nearby public libraries.

**Goal IV: To strengthen and increase the effectiveness of ARLIS/NA's activities and operations.**

- Collaborate with Artists' Files Working Group (PLRT member Pam Eyerdam is a member)

**Issues for the Executive Board (concerns, suggestions for additions to Strategic Plan, etc.)**

The PLRT is concerned about the decision to have chapter members also be members of ARLIS/NA and how this will impact public librarians. In many instances public librarians cannot attend the annual conferences and therefore have no interest in joining ARLIS/NA but do have an interest on the local level. The PLRT would like the Board to consider allowing chapters to have "Associate Members" or for ARLIS/NA to have a level of membership that would allow those who cannot really participate in the national organization still be allowed to be full members of a chapter.