Annual Report 2018

New York Chapter

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Chapter Highlights

- ARLIS/NA New York was proud to host the national conference for 2018. In addition to the heroic efforts of many chapter members working on the conference in various capacities, we made an extra donation to sponsor the wireless, and held an unofficial, but highly successful, karaoke meetup after the sessions one night.
- Since the conference was local, the chapter elected to use the Celine Palatsky Travel Award to cover the cost of registration for four students/new professionals: Emily Dunne, Kelsey Gallagher, Anna Holbert, and Timothy Ryan Mendenhall. They each made brief reports which were posted on our chapter website. ARLIS/NA New York member Amye McCarther (New Museum) will be granted the Celine Palatsky Travel Award for 2019, consisting of $1000 to attend the national conference in Salt Lake City.
• We had a number of notable events collaborating with other local organizations such as Archivists Round Table and New York Technical Services Librarians; we look forward to collaborating on more events like these in the coming year.
• At our annual business meeting, after a spirited discussion, we voted overwhelmingly in support of the bundled membership proposal.
• We ended 2018 with 154 active members.
• There are still a few of our highly desirable tote bags available. Once those have sold we will contemplate our next fundraiser.
• The executive board approved a budget of $5,405 for 2019; we have had a number of discussions about how much money is appropriate or desirable for us to have in our account, and what purposes we would ideally put it toward, especially if it increases with the bundled membership proposal; this is a discussion we’d love to have in Salt Lake City.

Programs

• 3/15/2018 Tour of the Fales Library and Special Collections at NYU
• 3/20/2018 Tour of the Sackner Archive of Concrete and Visual Poetry
• 7/08/2018 David Bowie Is private tour at Brooklyn Museum
• 8/1/2018 Library Visiting Artists Exhibition tour at Bard Graduate Center
• 8/8/2018 Tour of the American Kennel Club Library
• 8/16/2018 Artist's Conversation at Bard Graduate Center Library
• 9/17/2018 Back to School Happy Hour
• 10/19/2018 Uncanny Valley: Acquisitions processes between selecting and cataloging (co-sponsored with New York Technical Services Librarians). This was an afternoon lightning round/panel discussion/open forum focusing on the nuts and bolts of acquisitions processes, rather than collection development or cataloging. Presenters were from NYU, Columbia, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Bard Graduate Center, and the Frick Art Reference Library.
• 10/24/2018 Tour of LaGuardia and Wagner Archives at LaGuardia Community College
• 11/01/2018 Tour of Pioneer Works and Reanimation Library
• 11/13/2018 Rene d'Harnoncourt and the Art of Installation lecture and reception at MoMA (cosponsored with ART). Michelle Elligott, Chief of Archives, Library, and Research Collections at MoMA discussed her book about MoMA’s visionary former director.
• 11/16/2018 Annual chapter business meeting and happy hour
• 11/29/2018 Tour of Agents of Faith at Bard Graduate Center
• 12/5/2018 Tour of Devotion and Decadence at Institute for the Study of the Ancient World
• 12/11/2018 After the Storm: Benefit for Puerto Rican Cultural Heritage Collections (co-sponsored with Archivists Round Table). We collaborated with ART in organizing a project to support existing recovery efforts on the ground in Puerto Rico, and to aid local organizations in preparing for future disasters.
• 12/13/2018 Chapter holiday party at SVA Chelsea Gallery