Advantageous Liaisons: Librarians and Student Associations

@WalterSchlect
Librarian @GI_NewYork
#ARLISVRA2016
Connecting students to the profession

- Internships (preferably paid)
- Partnerships with special courses
- Networking in local professional organizations / conferences
- Student associations
What’s the point of a student association?

There is very little written about student associations.

Yet there are over 50 ALA student chapters in North America.
ALA and other kinds of Student Chapters

- Student to staff program for conferences
- Other opportunities through SAA, SLA, ASIS&T
- Also possibility of setting up clubs based on special interest
Knowing your student body

- Is it in-person, online, or a hybrid?
- Where are the students commuting from?
- What needs do students have that aren’t being served by their coursework?
- What programming will attract busy students?
Skill workshops

Imparting knowledge of alumni/local professionals with students
Job Workshops

Professionals demystifying the job application process

Help students prevent mistakes and better prepare for applications, interviews, and negotiations
Student Showcase
But is this sustainable?

What are your experiences with participating in a student association?

What ways could ARLIS/NA reach out to them?