About ACRL
The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is the foremost organization of academic and research librarians and other interested individuals. ACRL is dedicated to leading academic and research librarians and libraries in advancing learning and scholarship.

ACRL has interest-specific sections that provide professional development through newsletters, discussion lists, specialized programming, preconferences, and awards.

ACRL Sections
- African-American Studies Librarians
- Anthropology and Sociology
- Arts
- Asian, African, and Middle Eastern
- College Libraries
- Community & Junior College Libraries
- Distance Learning
- Education and Behavioral Sciences
- Instruction
- Law and Political Science
- Literatures in English
- Rare Books and Manuscripts
- Science and Technology
- Slavic and East European
- University Libraries
- Western European Studies
- Women & Gender Studies

How to Join ACRL and the Women & Gender Studies Section
ACRL dues include two section memberships at no additional cost. If you have questions about ACRL membership or would like more information on becoming an ACRL member, please contact us by phone or e-mail. To join ACRL, complete a paper application, call one of our courteous membership specialists at (800) 545-2433 (press 5), or visit www.ala.org/acrl and click “Join ACRL.”

How to Get More Involved
Learn more and get involved: http://www.libr.org/wss/

WGSS is the best way for anyone interested in women and gender topics to find a home and friends in ALA.

Phyllis Holman Weisbard, Women’s Studies Librarian, University of Wisconsin System
What do members of the Women & Gender Studies Section do?

- **Participate** in committees whose objectives are promoting, supporting and fostering information services in the field.
- **Plan** programs and create publications of interest to members and their patrons.
- **Share** information about trends in publishing and academia.
- **Produce** women and gender studies resources such as core lists, websites and instruction guides.
- **Network** with librarians with similar interests.
- **Enhance** their careers through professional development.

What are the benefits of joining the Women & Gender Studies Section?

**Advancement**
WGSS provides opportunities for professional advancement including participating in committees and discussion groups or working on special projects and conference programs.

**Professionalism**
Whether members are practicing women and gender studies librarians or have an interest in women and gender studies librarianship, WGSS offers the opportunity for networking, committee leadership and service.

**Recognition**
WGSS provides recognition to individuals through the ACRL WGSS Award for Career Achievement in Women’s Studies Librarianship and the ACRL WGSS Award for Significant Achievement in Women’s Studies Librarianship.

**Unique Community**
The Women & Gender Studies Section is a unique community of individuals interested in women and gender studies librarianship, and women’s and gender studies scholars. The section sponsors programs at the ALA conferences, maintains a database of core book and journal titles for women and gender studies, and provides opportunities for networking among section members. Members can participate online via the WGSS-L mailing list and ALA Connect, by volunteering for one of the committees, or by joining us during our section social during conferences.

Specialized Resources
WGSS members receive the semi-annual section newsletter and stay in communication with the discussion list, WGSS-L. Through the WGSS website, members have access to information about upcoming conferences and programs as well as:

- ACRL Women & Gender Studies blog: [http://www.acrl.ala.org/WSS](http://www.acrl.ala.org/WSS)
- “Women & Gender Studies Core Books,” a database that assists librarians in building stronger women and gender studies collections.
- “Core List of Women and Gender Studies Journals,” for selecting serials that provide a feminist perspective for study and research.
- “WSS Links: Women and Gender Studies Web Sites” that provide access to Internet resources in support of women and gender studies.