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The ACRL 13th National Conference was an excellent opportunity for me to learn and grow professionally. This year's program offered so many educational and insightful sessions, panels and papers.

This year, I chose to attend many of the "Leadership" themed sessions. One of the best sessions that I attended was entitled "Librarians as Academic Leaders: Uniquely Qualified for the Job." This panel session examined the need for academic librarians to be campus leaders and the obstacles that we impose on ourselves or that the administrative structure imposes on us. The presenters also examined the unique characteristics of academic librarians and explained how, for example, our ability to work across a variety of constituencies, could be an asset to our campus. The presenters then inspired the audience by listing a number of initiatives that academic librarians can take point on at our campuses.

Another valuable part of ACRL was the poster sessions. I looked at so many posters this year and was inspired by so many great ideas. Gaming, social networking, Google Scholar all appeared to be popular topics this year. Of course, many libraries allowed us to take closer looks at their Information Literacy programs including their assessment tools. Our campus has discussed implementing a Center for Scholarship and there were a few posters that discussed the library's role within such a department, administrative structure and changes that would accompany such a move, and the types of technologies that are most often incorporated in to such centers.