

UCSD University Librarian Brian Schottlaender Elected to OCLC Board of Trustees

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Brian E. C. Schottlaender, The Audrey Geisel University Librarian at the University of California, San Diego Libraries, has been elected to serve a 5-year term on the OCLC Board of Trustees, effective November 2010.

OCLC (Online Computer Library Center), is a nonprofit, membership, computer library service and research organization dedicated to the public purposes of furthering access to the world's information and reducing information costs. More than 72,000 libraries in 171 countries and territories around the world have used OCLC services to locate, acquire, catalog, lend and preserve library materials.

Schottlaender currently serves as a member of the Hathi Trust Executive Committee, an elected delegate to OCLC's Global Council, and Co-Secretary of OCLC's Americas Regional Council. He also has served as president of both ALA's Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) and the Association of Research Libraries. Schottlaender, who has served as The Audrey Geisel University Librarian at UC San Diego since 1999, was recently named the Melvil Dewey Medal winner by the American Library Association (ALA) in recognition of his "creative leadership of a high order." His previous awards include ALCTS's Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award and the Margaret Mann Citation.

Over the years, Schottlaender has been recognized for his many efforts aimed at improving library service both within UC San Diego and in the University of California (UC) system as a whole. These efforts have included work on digital collections, applications of supercomputing, the next generation of the UC's MELVYL union catalog, the design and use of UC San Diego's university library buildings, and rationalizing of UC's library collections. Under Schottlaender's direction, the UC San Diego Libraries have built world-class collections and innovative services, and have excelled in the development and implementation of cutting-edge digital technologies in support of national and global digitization and digital preservation initiatives.

Before joining the UCSD Libraries, Schottlaender held positions at the UC California Digital Library, UCLA, the University of Arizona, and Indiana University.

The UC San Diego Libraries, ranked among the top 25 public academic research libraries in the nation, play an integral role in advancing and supporting the university's research, teaching, patient care, and public service missions. The nine libraries that comprise the UCSD Library system provide access to more than 7 million digital and print volumes, journals, and multimedia materials to meet the knowledge demands of scholars, students, and members of the public. Each day, more than 7,300 people stream through one of the university's nine libraries. The Libraries' vast resources and services are accessed more than 87,500 times each day via the UCSD Libraries' Web site.

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