Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association
Annual Report 2011-2012

This year GPLLA hosted two programs and we held our annual Legal Research Course. In October, members were invited to attend a program about single source providers titled, “Copyright and You”, hosted by Tony Landolt of Reprints Desk. This was an informal discussion over dessert about cutting-edge copyright issues in our field, as well as professional tips on handling sensitive issues. GPLLA’s annual Legal Research Course was held at Jenkins Law Library in March and April 2012. Philadelphia-area professionals interested in learning more about legal research and understanding Pennsylvania and federal laws met once a week for seven weeks in this introductory course. At the end of April, members were invited to attend another program called, “Negotiating Digital Contracts.” Loretta Orndorff, the library director at Cozen O’Connor in Philadelphia, gave a presentation on digital contract negotiation. She discussed the pitfalls and details of vendor negotiation of digital content. In addition, the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association raised money and materials at its fall happy hour event for Books Through Bars.

Our programs and overall season concluded with the Annual Institute held at the Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law on Friday, June 1, 2011. Local Academic Law Librarians, Vicenç Feliú, Gabriela Femenia, and Eugene D. Hsue discussed issues in Foreign Law Librarianship, focusing on the European Union, South America, and China. Members in attendance also heard from AALL Executive Board Member, Susan J. Lewis.

The Grants & Scholarships Committee, chaired by Margaret Stewart Adams, awarded scholarships to two promising library students. Arti Kochhar (Drexel University) and Eugene Hsue (Drexel University) each received $1000 for their studies. Shari Berkowitz received GPLLA’s AALL Chapter Registration Award to attend the Philadelphia conference.

GPLLA Board and members said a special thank you to Mary Marzolla for her 20 plus years of service as Chair of the Membership Committee. Board members Angela Shepherd, Katie McDonald, and Tracey Rich finished their terms. The newly elected board for GPLLA 2012-2013 is: Mary Elizabeth Newsom, president; Sunita Balija, vice president/president-elect; Carey Bergsma, treasurer; Emily Roberts, treasurer; Eugene Hsue and Joseph Keslar, directors-at-large. Shari Berkowitz, Marianne Watson, will continue their terms as directors-at-large and Kristen Rook is the immediate past president.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Elizabeth Newsom
President 2012-2013