Culbertson and Collins Recipients of Ulrich’s Serials Librarianship Award

CHICAGO — The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) congratulates the recipients of the 2015 Ulrich’s Serials Librarianship Award, Rebecca Culbertson and Maria Collins. Presented by the Continuing Resources Section (CRS) of ALCTS, this award consists of a citation and $1,500 donated by ProQuest and is given for distinguished contributions to serials librarianship. The award will be presented at the ALCTS Awards Ceremony on June 27 during the 2015 American Library Association Annual Conference and Exposition in San Francisco.

Rebecca Culbertson, electronic resources cataloging librarian at the University of California San Diego, is known as a champion for cataloging education. She has mentored a generation of catalogers and worked to develop and promote clear standards for the cataloging and communication of serials information. She has been an active contributor to CONSER and Program of Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) task groups and has chaired the PCC Standing Committee on Standards since 2009. Through her work with the PCC, Culbertson has contributed to the development of such widely used standards as the PCC BIBCO Standard, PCC CONSER Standard, PCC Provider-Neutral Standard, LC-PCC Policy Statements and PCC Vendor Records Guidelines. Culbertson played a key role in updating these and other standards to accommodate the new cataloging code, Resource Description and Access (RDA). She also joined in the efforts to have these standards documented in the RDA Toolkit, the primary tool used internationally by communities that have implemented RDA. In addition, Culbertson has helped promote the effective presentation of journals through accepted standards such as KBART and PIE-J.

Maria Collins, head of acquisitions and discovery at North Carolina State University’s Hunt Library, has made substantial contributions to the field of serials librarianship. She has been a prolific contributor to the scholarship in this field with numerous publications and presentations on electronic resource management, the Open Access movement and changing workflows. She
served as special section editor for *Serials Librarian* and has served as the editor-in-chief of *Serials Review* since 2013. Her stature within the profession is shown through the positions of leadership she has taken on over the years. She currently serves on the NASIG Executive Board and has been an active leader for the North Carolina Serials Conference, the Electronic Resources and Libraries Conference, and the American Library Association’s (ALA) Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. Collins is currently contributing to the Global Open Knowledgebase (GOKb) project. This project is building an openly available knowledgebase of metadata that describes the electronic resources that will support libraries’ efforts to manage collections and support access.

The ALCTS Continuing Resources Section is pleased to recognize these accomplished, dedicated and highly influential women. Their contributions have helped countless users to successfully access information resources.

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