2017-2018 CALA Mid-Year Chapter Report

Northeast Chapter

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Chapter Name: Northeast Chapter
Chapter Roster: Clara Tran (President), Hong Yao (President Elect), Hung-Yun Chang (Treasurer), and Yongming Wang (Immediate Past President)

Chapter Charge:

A chapter may elect its own officers in close coordination with the Association. The chapter officers’ nomination and election processes should follow the CALA nomination and election bylaws. All chapter officers, elected or appointed, must be personal members in good standing of the Association. Chapter officers are ultimately responsible to the Association for general operations of their chapters (Handbook of Officers, Revised June 2016; CALA Chapter Officers – Overview).

Tasks Completed (according to the 5 Goals Outlined in the CALA 2020 Strategic Plan if Applicable- Be Specific):

CALA Northeast Chapter has been very active in the past few months (June – December 2017). The Board discussions held frequently via emails. Hung-Yun Chang, our Chapter Treasurer also reported a sound financial balance as of November 2017. This will allows the Chapter to sponsor future programs that are of interest to our Chapter members.

Special thanks to the hard work of the Chapter officers and many members, the Chapter successfully held two programs in August 2017 and November 2017 as described below in alignment with the CALA 2020 Strategic Plan. The programs were promoted and reported on our Chapter website and invitation emails were sent to our Chapter members. Both programs were very well-attended.

1. August Program: CALA and Yunnan 21st Century Librarian Seminar 2017
   a. Date/Time: Thursday, August 3, 2017 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
   b. Location: Rutgers University, Alexander Library, 4th Floor, Room 413, 169 College Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

The Northeast Chapter effectively implemented the strategic Goals 3, 4, 5, and 6 for the August 2017 program. Yongming Wang, our Chapter Immediate Past President, and the Planning Committee collaborated with Yunnan Library Directors for a seminar focusing on innovative library services in the 21st century. The seminar included discussions and presentations from CALA Senior members, Lian Ruan, Haipeng Li, and Shali Zhang; as well as Northeast Chapter members, Yuan Li, Sharon Yang, and Rong Wang. The presentations were followed by a rich discussion among the Library Directors, presenters, and Chapter members. On or after the day of the seminar, Tao Yang from Rutgers, Yuan Li from Princeton, Chubing Tripepi from Columbia, and Hung-Yun Chang from NYPL, also provided
library visits for the Library Directors. The program, which was a remarkable success, provided a venue for Yunnan Library Directors and our Chapter members to meet, learn, cultivate, and exchange ideas.

2. November Program: Lecture by Yuguang Wang, Professor from the Department of Information Management, Peking University
   a. Date/Time: Monday, November 27, 2017 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
   b. Location: International Affairs Building, Room 918, Columbia University

The Northeast Chapter also effectively aligned the strategic Goals 3, 4, 5, and 6 with the November 2017 program. Organized by Chengzhi Wang at Columbia University, Professor Yuguang Wang was invited to present a lecture on "China Knowledge and Library Sources: A Lecture Marking the 115th Anniversary of the Chinese Library at Columbia University". Coordinated by the Chapter President and Board members, an invitation email was sent out to all Chapter members. After the lecture and lunch, Chengzhi Wang provided a brief tour of the Science Library, East Asian Library, and Butler Library at Columbia. Additionally, Hung-Yun Chang at NYPL led a tour for Professor Wang. The event was a great success. Chapter members felt that the lecture was very informative, and they learned the history of people and things from China related to American libraries. It was also enlightening to exchange conversation with Professor Wang and colleagues afterwards.

**Goals and Objectives Accomplished:**

The August 2017 program accomplished the following Goals and Objectives:

- Goal 3 with Objective 3
- Goal 4 with Objective 2
- Goal 5 with Objectives 1, 2, and 3
- Goal 6 with Objective 1

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- Goal 5 with Objectives 1 and 3
- Goal 6 with Objective 1

**Goals and Objectives to Be Completed:**

A 2018 April program with author talks and fundraising proposed by Hong Yao, our Chapter President Elect, is in the planning with the following potential goals and objectives in mind:

- Goal 3 with Objectives 1 and 3
- Goal 4 with Objective 2
- Goal 5 with Objectives 1 and 2

**Budget Requirements or Reimbursement Requests (if any):**

A total of $998.36 ($500.00 from the CALA Chapter local fund and $498.36 from CALA fund) was requested and received to reimburse the costs for the Chapter’s August program, CALA and Yunnan 21st Century Librarian Seminar 2017, which was held on August 3, 2017 at Rutgers University.

**Questions/Comments/Suggestions for the Board (if any):**
The Northeast Chapter appreciates the CALA Executive Director and Board members for their full support of the Chapter August program.

One of our Chapter Board members asked if programs should be in English. We would appreciate any advice from the CALA Board.

Summary Paragraph: In a few sentences, highlight your achievements, concerns, or suggestions that you mostly want addressed. This should be the main point of your committee report.

The Northeast Chapter achieved the goals of providing a hub for Chapter members to learn and exchange ideas intellectually, offering a platform for Chapter members to network professionally, and raising the profile and visibility of the Chapter on local, national, and international levels through collaborations with the Yunnan Library Directors and the lecture by Professor Wang from Peking University. The programs proved to be valuable to our Chapter members. For the next 6 months in 2018, the Northeast Chapter will continue to focus on developing programs benefiting our Chapter members. As mentioned in “Goals and Objectives to be completed”, an author talk and fundraising event in April 2018 is in the planning.

We are very grateful to see that two programs were successfully held by the Northeast Chapter in August and November 2017. We sincerely thank our Chapter members for their suggestions, collaborations, and involvements that made these programs possible. Additionally, we appreciate the dedicated support from the CALA Executive Director and Board members for these programs.

Respectfully submitted by

Clara Tran
President of Northeast Chapter (2017-2018)