Rachel Frick to Lead Digital Library Federation

Rachel Frick has been named senior program officer for the Council on Library and Information Resources' Digital Library Federation (DLF). Frick comes to CLIR from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS), where she was senior program officer for the National Leadership Grants Program for Libraries. She will assume her new position on May 21.

In announcing the appointment, CLIR President Chuck Henry said, “All of us involved with the DLF search process are delighted in Rachel's appointment. She brings acumen, energy, and a rare depth of knowledge to this position. She possesses a strong strategic sensibility as well as a keen understanding of the needs and expectations of the DLF constituency that will help guide, evolve, and expand the organization in the coming years.”

Prior to joining IMLS, Frick was head of bibliographic access and digital services at the University of Richmond. During her tenure she was selected to participate in the Frye Leadership Institute. Frick has also served as assistant acquisitions head and serials librarian at Virginia Commonwealth University, and as a sales manager for the Faxon Company. She holds an MSLS degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a BA in English literature from Guilford College.

“As a strong believer in the value the DLF brings to its member organizations, and ultimately the broader library community, I see an amazing opportunity for the DLF to build upon its past achievements and expand its potential for innovative leadership,” said Frick.

Founded by 16 institutions in 1995 as a project of CLIR, DLF became an independent organization in 2005 before merging back into CLIR on July 1, 2009. Operating as a CLIR program, the DLF seeks to expand its membership and deepen its engagement with institutions in the United States and abroad on collaborative work around shared problems.

CLIR is an independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to expand access to information, however recorded and preserved, as a public good. Through publications, projects, and programs, CLIR works to maintain and improve access to information for generations to come. In partnership with other institutions, CLIR helps create services that expand the concept of “library” and supports the providers and preservers of information. Details about CLIR and its work are available at www.clir.org.

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