

Publish or Perish? Librarian Publishing-Past, Present and Future

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Mari Miller-Lamb speaking on  
librarians as fiction writers

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The New  
Librarians Discus-  
sion Group spon-  
sored a session on  
December 12,  
2008, at Long Is-

land University, Brooklyn Campus, on librari-  
ans and publishing. The session, Publish or  
Perish: Librarians Publishing – Past, Present  
and Future was free and promoted as fol-  
lows:

Most academic librarians are encour-  
aged, if not required, to publish. And tenure  
requirements can be vastly different from  
institution to institution. How does publish-  
ing, or the pressure to publish, affect our

lives, and our ability to succeed? This session will  
focus on traditional and non-traditional publish-  
ing for academic librarians.

Anne Leonard and Susan Thomas pre-  
sented on “**Interdisciplinary Librarians: Publish-  
ing Outside of Library Science**,” Mari Miller-Lamb  
presented on “**Librarians as Fiction Writers - A  
Brief Overview**” and Carrie Eastman and Susanne  
Markgren presented on “**The Reality of Publishing  
Today: What You Can Do Now.**” The session at-  
tracted 23 people from various academic institu-  
tions and a few library school students. The ses-  
sion stirred lively discussion and great ques-  
tions. We hope to do a similar session in the  
Spring, and to continue the discussion of pub-  
lishing and tenure in the New Librarians Discus-  
sion Group.

—Susanne Markgren  
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