2011 was a busy year, organizationally, for the Anchorage chapter. We updated our Bylaws, updated and approved our Chapter Handbook, and started using a Google Calendar for keeping up with future meetings and important dates.

We had several enjoyable and educational meetings throughout the year: Mike Robinson was kind enough to show us the UAA/APU Consortium Library’s mobile website in February. We held a Library Networking Night in April, consisting of a panel of hiring managers, a panel of new graduates and current students, and a presentation, reprised from annual conference, entitled “Get the Library Job You Want,” all followed by an hour of social/networking time. In the summer we showed off our favorite “Tech Tools,” discussed/traded books we liked, and held a most excellent barbecue. We also visited the flower baskets we sponsor in downtown Anchorage, every year. We had a delightful breakfast meeting in October, a Webpage Smackdown in November, and a holiday party/silent auction in December.

On the community service front, besides the chapter sponsoring the flower baskets, several of our members contributed funds toward the Loussac Library “Teen Underground”; the chapter donated to BizBee, in support of the Alaska Literacy Project; the chapter and several members contributed to Beyond the Stacks, in support of the Anchorage Public Library; and several of our members met on a Saturday morning to clean up part of downtown Anchorage, as part of the annual Citywide Cleanup.

2012 began smoothly for the AkLA Anchorage chapter. At our first meeting Ann Morgester from the Anchorage School District gave a very interesting presentation on educational and professional uses of the online virtual world Second Life.

The next chapter meeting, scheduled for March at the Loussac Library will include a tour of Teen Underground. In an effort to continue the momentum of last year’s successful Library Networking Night, an April an event is being planned with a focus on distance education. Other meetings scheduled in 2012 include a First Friday Walk in May, a barbecue hosted by Doug McAllister in June, a field trip downtown to admire the AkLA-A sponsored flower basket in July, a legislative priorities meeting in Sept., a Continuing Education event in either Oct. or Nov., and a breakfast meeting in Dec.
The chapter will continue community service efforts by sponsoring the flower basket, participating in the annual Citywide Cleanup, and contributing to Beyond the Stacks and BizBee.

Our elected officers for 2011 were:
Coral Sheldon-Hess, President
Patience Frederiksen, Vice President
Sigrid Brudie and Doug McAllister, co-Secretaries
Nina Prockish, Treasurer
Jim Curran, Past President.

Our elected officers for 2012 are:
Jodi Jacques, President
Elizabeth Haskett, Vice President
Sigrid Brudie, Secretary
Nina Prockish, Treasurer
Coral Sheldon-Hess, Past President

As always, we will announce upcoming meetings on the AkLA Anchorage listserv and [usually] on the AkLA Facebook and Twitter.