About the Anthropology & Sociology Section
ACRL’s Anthropology & Sociology Section supports the development of subject-specialist librarians and resources in academic and research libraries through specialized programs, discussion forums, and networking opportunities.

ANSS has five goals:
1. Promote collections and services in anthropology, sociology, criminology, and related fields in academic and research libraries.
2. Foster cooperation among librarians, scholars, students, and publishers in anthropology, sociology, criminology, and related fields.
3. Lead the way in developing tools to enhance access to information in these disciplines through bibliographies, research guides, and reviews.
4. Collaborate with other librarians, scholars, practitioners and professional groups to advance learning, teaching and research in these disciplines.
5. Support advanced learning through program development and planning.

ANSS welcomes new and returning members from all types of college and research libraries. There are many ways for you to get involved in and benefit from committee work, program planning, and professional exchange. Meetings and programs take place at ALA conferences, and all interested colleagues are welcome to attend.

“Whatever I joined ANSS, I didn’t know what to expect. But after attending my first Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group meeting, I was hooked. Here was a group of friendly, experienced and knowledgeable people who shared my interests and welcomed me with open arms. Almost all of my professional accomplishments since that time can be traced directly or indirectly to my involvement in ANSS. This is definitely the place to be!”

Wade Kotter
Stewart Library, Weber State University

About ACRL
The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) is the foremost organization of academic and research librarians and other interested individuals. ACRL is dedicated to leading academic and research librarians and libraries in advancing learning and scholarship.

ACRL has 17 interest-specific sections that provide professional development through newsletters, discussion lists, specialized programming, preconferences, and awards.

ACRL Sections
- African-American Studies Librarians
- Anthropology and Sociology
- Arts
- Asian, African, and Middle Eastern
- College Libraries
- Community & Junior College Libraries
- Distance Learning
- Education and Behavioral Sciences
- Instruction
- Law and Political Science
- Literatures in English
- Rare Books and Manuscripts
- Science and Technology
- Slavic and East European
- University Libraries
- Western European Studies
- Women and Gender Studies

How to Join ACRL and the Anthropology & Sociology Section
ACRL dues include section memberships at no additional cost. If you have questions about ACRL membership or would like more information on becoming an ACRL member, please contact us by phone or e-mail. To join ACRL, complete a paper application, call one of our courteous membership specialists at (800) 545-2433 (press 5), or visit www.ala.org/acrl and click “Join ACRL.”

Visit the Anthropology & Sociology Section at http://anssacrl.wordpress.com or on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/anssacrl.
What do members of the Anthropology & Sociology Section do?

**Participate** in committees that promote and foster information services in anthropology, sociology, criminology, and related fields.

**Plan** and participate in programs that reach beyond the boundaries of librarianship and bring together a broad range of experts and scholars.

**Share** information about topics of current interest in the Anthropology, Sociology, and Criminology Discussion Groups.

**Produce** in-depth reviews of key information sources and articles on a wide range of relevant topics that are published online and in the section newsletter, ANSS Currents.

**Network** with librarians with similar interests.

**Enhance** their careers through ongoing professional development.

What are the benefits of joining the Anthropology & Sociology Section?

**Advancement**
ANSS members have a unique opportunity to increase knowledge and expertise within their subject areas, while making contacts with colleagues who share similar interests and experiences. ANSS provides opportunities for members to lead committees, participate in discussion groups, publish reviews and articles, plan programs, or work on special projects.

**Professionalism**
Whether members are practicing subject specialists or simply have an interest in anthropology and sociology, or criminology, ANSS offers the opportunity for networking, committee leadership, and service. ANSS members—especially newer librarians or those with new areas of responsibility—can benefit from working with and being mentored by other librarians who are leaders in the field.

**Unique Community**
The Anthropology and Sociology Section is a unique community of subject specialists in anthropology, sociology, criminology, and related fields. The section actively engages librarians, scholars, and other researchers and practitioners, fostering communication among these groups through our programs, publications, and the ANSSWeb. Members can participate by volunteering for one of the section committees, networking informally with colleagues at our section social during annual and midwinter conferences, joining the ANSS-L mailing list, or participating in the Anthropology, Sociology or Criminology Discussion Groups.

Recognition
With around 500 members from a variety of college and research libraries, ANSS provides valuable exposure for individual members and their libraries through conference programs, discussion groups, and the ANSS-L mailing list.

Specialized Resources
ANSS members receive the section newsletter, ANSS Currents, twice a year and stay in communication through the discussion list, ANSS-L. The section Web site, ANSSWeb (http://anssacrl.wordpress.com), provides details on upcoming conference events and programs, links to bibliographies of selected resources in anthropology and sociology, guides to the subject literature, and more.

How to Get More Involved
Visit the Anthropology & Sociology Section at http://anssacrl.wordpress.com for more information. Join ANSS-L, the section mailing list, by e-mailing listproc@ala.org with the message: “subscribe ANSS-L yourfirstname lastname.”