The ARLIS/NA Fashion, Textile & Costume (FTC) Special Interest Group (SIG) was founded in February 2011 by Sandra Ley (Pima Community College, Tucson) who also functions as the group coordinator.

**FTC SIG Purpose:**
The purpose of this group is to serve as a focus for sharing ideas pertinent to fashion, textile & costume librarianship. Participants capitalize on the shared experiences and knowledge of the FTC library community. The group is primarily composed of members from academic, public, museum and corporate libraries concerned with developing professional skills in areas such as reference, library instruction, and collection development.

**FTC SIG Postcards from the Edge: Fashion & Textiles Workshop**
The first formal FTC SIG event was the Postcards from the Edge IV: Fashion & Textiles workshop, held at the ARLIS/NA 2011 Conference in Minneapolis. The workshop was organized by Sandra Ley and Lisa Schattman, Design Institute of San Diego. The presenters were Marie Botkin, Georgia Southern University; Edith W. Serkownek, Kent State University; Jane Carlin, University of Puget Sound; and Robin Dodge, Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising. The workshop continued the popular ARLIS/NA “Postcards from the Edge” series. Presentations included a general overview of the FTC disciplines, best practices in collection development, reference, faculty outreach, and library instruction, as well as an overview of fashion trend forecasting services. Approximately twenty attended. (See [http://vraarlis11.sched.org/event/7c8910a43bf9e36181f69f62491580d6](http://vraarlis11.sched.org/event/7c8910a43bf9e36181f69f62491580d6).)

**Online Fashion Librarians’ Resource Guide**
In conjunction with the workshop, an online Fashion Librarians’ Resource Guide was jointly created by the new SIG members to provide colleagues with a permanent and continually evolving list of recommendations for essential reference resources, key publishers and vendors, information on trend forecasting services and the fashion design information competencies, important free websites, and more. The online guide generated approximately 2,100 hits in 2011 and continues to be updated frequently. (See [http://libguides.pima.edu/fashionlibrarians](http://libguides.pima.edu/fashionlibrarians).)

**FTC SIG Meeting:**
The FTC SIG had its first meeting with six members attending on March 27th at the 2011 Conference. Attendance was low most likely because the SIG was very new and because there was confusion over the time and place of the meeting. (The SIG was formed several months after the ARLIS call for conference room assignments.) Discussions covered the objectives of the new SIG, the pre-conference workshop, the new Fashion Librarians’ Resource Guide, membership outreach, and possible 2012 conference events. Sandra Ley shared the address for the newly-created FTC blog which was launched on February 24, 2011. (See [http://arlisftc.wordpress.com/](http://arlisftc.wordpress.com/).) By the end of 2011, the blog had approximately 90 subscribers.