In the *News*

Back to school. The ads have been heralding the coming of the new school year in the newspapers and stores since mid-July. But as I write this column in the 90-degree, mid-August heat it is difficult to conjure up images of crisp autumn days and a new fall semester.

Yet by the time you are reading this many of your semesters will be well underway, countless orientation tours of the library will have been given, and (since it is the beginning of the fiscal year) many of you may have a little money to spend for collection development.

Fall is a very busy time in libraries and summer may be a distant memory but I urge you to take a few minutes to peruse this issue to find out what your association did during the summer.

This issue contains a report of the actions taken at the 1993 Annual Conference by the ACRL Board of Directors (page 456) and lists the top priorities set for ACRL by your elected leaders (page 459). It also contains a message from ACRL President Tom Kirk about his plans for his presidential year on page 437.

This issue also contains the first of a two-part report on the many and varied programs that were offered by ACRL units at the summer conference in New Orleans.

Part two of the program coverage will be published in the October issue. My thanks to the many individuals who served as reporters and contributed summaries of the programs.

Be sure to review the "ACRL awards for 1994" article on pages 461–468 describing over $14,000 in cash awards and prizes. Take a moment to consider the possibilities and then send in your nomination or application.

The Internet continues to have a major impact on libraries. In this issue we continue our efforts to help you get a handle on its vast offerings with a compilation of Slavic resources by Michael Markiw. More resource lists are being prepared for future issues
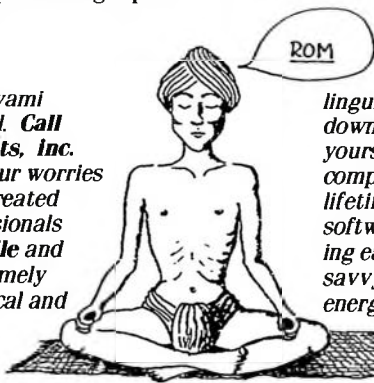
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