Call for participation in the Showcase of Ideas—1997 ACRL President's Program

The 1997 ACRL President's Program Planning Committee invites you to participate in a Showcase of Ideas as part of the program, "Imagining the Learning Library." The program will be held Monday, June 30, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. during the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco.

The Showcase of Ideas promises to be an integral and exciting part of this program, whose speakers will include members of the Disney Imagineering Team. The program is being jointly sponsored by six ACRL sections: the Instruction Section, the College Libraries Section, the Community and Junior College Libraries Section, the Extended Campus Library Services Section, the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section, and the Asian, African, and Middle East Studies Section.

The committee envisions the Showcase of Ideas as a forum in which librarians from all types of college, university, and research libraries can present some of the forward-thinking and innovative ways they are communicating the teaching mission of the library and creating learning environments in their institutions. Areas that may be of high interest to the ACRL community include:

• collaborative learning initiatives and teaching projects;

• integrated learning environments, either virtual or physical;

• innovative tutorials or services, electronic, Web-based, or other;

• marketing or public relations activities;

• distance learning or reference services.

Proposals that describe other ways of expressing the teaching and learning mission of the library are also welcome. The Showcase of Ideas will consist of informal presentations that can take the form of poster sessions or demonstrated papers. Presenters should be prepared to repeat the presentation several times. Each presentation should last about ten minutes, including time for questions. These interactive sessions will be a spectacular conclusion to the President's Program.

To submit a proposal, send a 250-word abstract with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address by December 31, 1996. If you would like to include photographs or other visual materials to support your proposal, please do so (indicate if your presentation will require access to electricity). Proposals will be accepted by mail, e-mail, or fax. The review panel will consist of representatives from each of the sponsoring sections. The committee is looking forward to broad representation from the sections of ACRL.

Send proposals to: Patricia Lovett, Biology Library, Jordan Hall A304, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405; (812) 855-9792; fax: (812) 855-6612; e-mail: plovett@indiana.edu.

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unique and innovative library-based projects with important lessons for the academic and research library community.

Submit a 250-word abstract and a completed program application (available on the World Wide Web at http://ala. org.acrl.html or in the "Call for Participation" insert in the January 1996 *C&RL News)* by November 1, 1996, to: Janice Simmons-Welburn, Coordinator, Personnel & Diversity Programs, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA

52242-1420; e-mail: j-simmons-welburn@uiowa.edu.

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