

In the *News*

The Internet, its future, and its effect on library and information services is one of the challenging issues facing the profession today. In this issue we continue our efforts to keep you informed with a number of Internet articles.

Kristin Jacobsen offers an historic look at the development of the Internet and its exponential growth. Her time line indicates that for the first 20 years (1964-1984) there were only 1,000 Internet hosts. Eleven years later the figure has increased to 4,800,000.

Marie Kascus and Faith Merriman describe how they have used the Internet as a cost-effective tool for resolving questions that arise in serials management.

Bee Gallegos, Charles Kratz, and Victoria Spain continue our series on Internet resources with a look at the field of education.

Despite all of this electronic communication, we are far from the often-predicted paperless society. Carol Withers and Donnelyn Curtis remind us of the need for simple paper and pencil tools to help patrons find the information they need.

Nicoletta Mattioli Hary and Francesca Hary elaborate on the importance of face-to-face interaction in this electronic age as they share their tips for hosting an international librarian.

This issue is our final one before the ACRL 7th National Conference in Pittsburgh. A very special thanks to Marcia Duncan Lowry for her lively and informative series of articles on Pittsburgh. In this issue Marcia takes us to a variety of local restaurants.

Can't go to Pittsburgh? ACRL offers another opportunity to participate without leaving home. On page 172 is a list of prizes donated for ACRL's first silent auction. From Ritz Carlton bathrobes to a getaway football weekend in Indianapolis, a number of interesting prizes are available. Fax your bid to ACRL by March 20.

Finally, read what candidates for ACRL president, Bessie K. Hahn and William Miller, have planned for ACRL and be an informed voter this spring.

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