
ACRL President's letter

1984—ACRL's year in review.

Dear ACRL Colleagues:

This is the time of year when many of us assess the past year and make plans to invest—and reinvest—in a selection of personal and professional activities. This letter will review some of the events of the past year to enlist your support for the dynamic professional association that ACRL is.

- ACRL is a healthy, mature association of 8,835 members.

- The Association's revenues for 1984-85 are projected at \$1,786,517. With expenditures at \$1,825,816, we will end the year with a fund balance of \$426,436.

- Dr. JoAn Segal was selected as Executive Di-

rector and began her service to the Association in September.

- Patricia E. Sabosik became the editor and publisher of *Choice* in August.

- Outreach to subject discipline and higher education professional associations became a funded program of the Association with the appointment of the Professional Association Liaison Committee.

- New section newsletters were issued by the Bibliographic Instruction Section and the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section.

- The successful National Conference in Seattle serves as a springboard for a National Conference in Baltimore in 1986. Joanne Harrar is chairing the



Sharon Rogers, ACRL's 47th President.

conference planning committee. Other key roles will be played by: Danuta Nitecki (contributed papers); Suzanne Hill (local arrangements and hospitality); Bonita Perry (program); Charmaine Yochim (publicity); Diana S. Cunningham (special events); Sandy Whiteley (exhibits); Cathleen Bourdon (staff liaison).

• Charles Martell, beginning his editorship of *College and Research Libraries*, has announced plans for reorganization of the journal.

• Activities at the Chapter level continue to thrive and expand. Association-funded visits by ACRL officers to six chapter meetings has solidified the ties between the national and regional levels of the association.

• ACRL will support a five-year project to develop performance measures under the leadership of Virginia Tiefel.

• Awards for professional service were presented to Richard D. Johnson (ACRL's Academic/Research Librarian of the Year, sponsored by Baker and Taylor) and Tom Kirk (Bibliographic Instruction Librarian of the Year, sponsored by Mountainside Press).

• A wide variety of continuing education programs enhance members' skills. New formats are being developed to deliver continuing education at the regional level.

This list is only a sampling of the many initiatives now visible within ACRL. In fact, there are so many horizons open to association members that two final highlights will be used to focus the programs of the Association:

• The 1985 President's Program provides opportunity for association members to state their preferences for priorities among possible association activities. A survey of 600 members was sent out in November (if you haven't returned yours, please do!). The results of the survey will be presented at the ACRL annual meeting where attending members will participate in the final priority-setting activity.

• A Strategic Planning Task Force, chaired by Susan Klingberg, will use membership priority information as the first stage in developing a long-range plan of ACRL activities.

Please join me in active support of ACRL activities. The Association serves you in many ways—continuing education, development of leadership skills, professional advancement. You may contribute to the Association and to your profession by choosing to invest in ACRL.

Sharon J. Rogers
ACRL President



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