

As the holidays quickly approach I realize that the end of the year is once again close at hand. At this time of year we are encouraged to reflect on where we have been and where we want to go.

ACRL takes the time to do just that with its 1997-98 Annual Report on pages 853-877. Officers W. Lee Hisle and Maureen Sullivan share with us their reflections on the year, Executive Director Althea Jenkins reviews for us ACRL's many accomplishments, and Budget & Finance Chair Ray English gives us the financial report.

I encourage you to take a few moments to review the annual report and see what ACRL has been able to accomplish through the efforts of its many dedicated volunteers.

Other ACRL business in this issue includes a report from President Maureen Sullivan on her initiatives (page 838), the slate of candidates for the spring 1999 elections (page 844), and the list

of ACRL meetings taking place at the ALA Mid-winter Meeting in Philadelphia (page 879).

Also in this issue, Bill Kane gives us an overview of the wonderful library community available to us when we visit Detroit for ACRL's 9th National Conference, April 8-11, 1999 (page 848).

Martin Goldberg and Susan Hamburger tell us about the exciting diversity conference they attended (page 840). The responses to the opening question asked of the audience (Suppose you were on a sinking boat with your spouse/partner, your mother, and your child. As the only swimmer, whom would you choose to save?) are an illuminating and thought-provoking illustration of cultural diversity.

I wish you all the best for this holiday season and hope that you have fun and find some time for quiet reflection.

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