

ACRL, along with other American library organizations, public interest groups, and patient advocacy organizations, has been actively working to support the recent National Institutes of Health (NIH) proposal to make the results of NIH-funded research accessible through PubMed Central. This month's Scholarly Communication article provides an FAQ written by Prudence Adler of the Association of Research Libraries that answers some common questions about the proposal.

Comments on the proposal are being accepted by NIH through November 16 at [grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/public\\_access/add.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/public_access/add.htm). ACRL members are encouraged to express their support during this public comment period.

As you know, ACRL is preparing for its April 2005 National Conference in Minneapo-

lis. This issue includes an article on the thriving theater scene in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, which promises to offer many opportunities for entertainment during the conference.

If you've been thinking about applying for ACRL's 2005 Immersion Program, you'll benefit from the brief article, *Being Immersed* (p. 602), which shares feedback from attendees of the 2004 program. The deadline for applying for Immersion '05 is December 6.

The revised "Guidelines for distance library services," which was approved by the ACRL Board of Directors at the ALA Annual Conference in June, is published in this issue. It is also available, along with all other ACRL standards and guidelines, at [www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/standardsguidelines.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlstandards/standardsguidelines.htm).

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