

## In the News

I have always loved Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy movies, and was reminded by Arlene Rodda Quaratiello of what a terrific reference librarian Katharine Hepburn played in the old movie *Desk Set* (page 625). Arlene takes the themes from that movie and applies them to our current technology revolution—yes, technology is wonderful as an assistant but not as a replacement for librarians and libraries.

Libraries and librarians are more than ready to assist today's users in searching for, evaluating, and using a wide variety of information with both traditional means and the latest technology. In this issue, Mark Bentley shares with us the user-education program in place at New York Public Library's new Science, Industry, and Business Library (page 633). In "News from the Field" you can read about Wayne State University's new undergraduate library, which opened with 700 installed workstations and has connections for another 700.

Carol Pfeiffer articulates the need for keeping up with rapid changes as she discusses the themes of ACRL's 9th National Conference, "Racing toward Tomorrow" (page 637). Save the dates April 8–11, 1999, so that you can attend the conference in Detroit.

Also in this issue we continue our Internet series with a look at health statistics thanks to Kristin Stoklosa and John Auditore (page 627).

Finally, ACRL wants you! ACRL depends on its member volunteers to carry out the work of the association. There are numerous openings available at the section and division level and these opportunities give you the chance to enhance your leadership and management skills. Take a moment to review the article on page 641 and volunteer your time and expertise to ACRL.

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