

To the Readers of *CRL News*

This issue is my final issue as editor of *CRL News* and it seems that now is an appropriate time to say thanks to the many people that make *CRL News* possible.

The *News* is totally dependent on its readers for its continued existence. It is from you the readers that copy must come and somehow each month you have kept the *News* in operation. News releases, personal letters, title pages of obscure publications, appointment notices, and it seemed at times, even scraps of paper from wastebaskets have come from every state and from countries scattered all over the globe. On these items the *News* has fed and to all of you who took the time to share your news notes with me I would like to offer my thanks and ask that you continue to give my successors the same cooperation.

A special note of thanks is due to the too of-

ten anonymous people in Chicago who have taken my copy and hammered it into a form that a printer could understand. Eileen Mahoney and her predecessor, Holly Campbell, and their staff in the ALA Central Production Unit have been patient and helpful as they have worked with an editor who was often late and who has made most mistakes that one could imagine an editor making. Their help to me has been beyond measure.

The past three and one half years have been an education and as with all education, at times a pleasure and at times an agony. Thanks to the help of the readers and the ALA staff, the pleasure has outweighed the agony. My best wishes to my successors.

Sincerely,
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Title II-A Grant Funds

The Office of Education has issued the following administrative bulletin clarifying the use of Fiscal Year 1972 Title II-A grant funds for necessary costs of acquisitions:

To: Institutions of higher education which were recipients of college library resources grants under Title II-A of the Higher Education Act in FY 1972

Subject: Administrative bulletin clarifying use of FY 1972 Title II-A grant funds for necessary costs of acquisition

1. On October 11, 1972, the *Federal Register* (vol. 37, no. 197, p. 21436-37) contained the following amendment affecting Title II-A:

Part 131 of Chapter I of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended by adding a new paragraph (u) to § 131.2, as follows:

§ 131.2 Definitions.

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(u) "Acquisition of books and other materials to be used for library purposes" means the purchase, lease-purchase, or straight lease of such books and other materials and includes the necessary costs of ordering, processing, and cataloging such books and other materials and delivery of them to the initial place at which they are to be available for use. Such term does not include the rebinding or repair of such books and other materials.

2. This amended definition, in effect, now permits Title II-A grant funds to be used for

ordering, processing, and cataloging costs as well as printed and published materials. Delivery costs from the supplier to the point of use are also eligible under this new definition.

3. The purpose of this Administrative Bulletin is to bring the new definition to your attention, and to clarify the terms and conditions under which any funds used for these new purposes are subject. They are as follows:

a. Such costs may include those costs incurred by the grant recipient for supplies, personal service, computer time, etc., necessary to make materials acquired readily available for library use;

b. Such costs may include those costs charged by a commercial firm when the grant recipient elects to have materials acquired cataloged and processed by an outside agency;

c. Such costs may include those costs charged by a noncommercial agency when the grant recipient elects to have materials acquired cataloged and processed by an outside library cooperative agency;

d. Purchase or rental of equipment (except for computer time) ordinarily would not be considered necessary costs.

e. Such costs should ordinarily exceed neither an average of \$2.75 per volume or item acquired nor 20 percent of the total Title II-A grant awarded.

f. Such costs can be applied only to materials acquired with Title II-A grant funds;

g. Such costs must be reported to the Com-