

In the News

Building strong partnerships is the heart and soul of ACRL. Whether the partnerships are among individual members or with another association or within the higher education community or between libraries and vendors, ACRL accomplishes much of its work through partnership and collaborative effort.

You can be an active partner in ACRL by serving on one of its numerous committees or sections. Such service not only furthers the work of ACRL but also provides you with personal and professional benefits. Through ACRL you will be introduced to new people, new methods, and new ideas.

In making her committee appointments, president-elect Patricia Breivik notes that she is "looking for people with strong leadership skills, from diverse backgrounds . . . , willing to work throughout the year, to serve on its committees, forward its mission, and provide the impetus to lead our profession in serving the information requirements of our campuses."

Take a moment to complete the volunteer form on pages 591–592 and offer to share your skills with ACRL. You could receive as many benefits as you give.

Building partnerships is the theme of Charlotte Hess and Gerry Bernbom's article on page 560. It describes the budding partnership between Indiana University librarians and technologists and offers strategies for building partnerships on your own campus. It also represents a collaborative publication effort between ACRL and CAUSE as a companion article to this one appears in *CAUSE/EFFECT*.

To keep you informed about activities of other associations, this issue also includes Barbara Ford's report on the recent IFLA meeting in Cuba and Gladys Smiley Bell's report on BCALA in Milwaukee.

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