

This month's "Charting our Future" article, which supports ACRL President Camila Alire's focus of advocacy to advance academic libraries, is written by Paulita Aguilar, curator for the Indigenous Nations Library Program at the University of New Mexico (UNM). Aguilar discusses UNM's outreach to the American Indian community and her unique role as an American Indian librarian at the university.

"Got game?" focuses on outreach of a different kind, a gaming night for students held at Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library. The event allowed the library to showcase itself to students as a welcoming place that understands the needs and interests of those it serves and brought awareness of the library to new students who may have waited to make a visit until later in the term.

In "The other side of the podium," Marilyn Pukkila shares the insights she gained through taking on the role of student during a semester-long sabbatical. The experience allowed

her to refresh her perspective on what it's like to be a student and to observe the teaching style of her colleagues.

The article "Long-range planning across generational lines" focuses on the necessity of including members of all generations in a library's long-range planning process and provides tips for working successfully in such diverse groups.

To help you prepare for the ALA election this spring, this issue includes responses from the candidates for ALA President to a set of questions put forth by the ACRL Board of Directors. A list of ACRL members running for ALA council is also provided.

Congratulations to Ray English, ACRL's 2006 Academic/Research Librarian of the Year; the winners of ACRL's Excellence in Academic Libraries Awards; and other award winners. See the article on page 146 for more information.

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