

I am delighted to be acting as *C&RL News* editor until a permanent replacement can be appointed. During my many years as an academic librarian, most recently as deputy director of the University of Notre Dame Libraries, *C&RL News* consistently provided me with both information and stimulation. It is a pleasure to be a small part of this valuable publication.

During her presidential term, Mary Reichel has chosen the concept of the learning community as a fitting expression of ACRL goals (page 818). Learning implies an emphasis on outcomes, and this theme is developed in Amos Lakos's report from the American Association of Higher Education Assessment Forum (page 830). His description of library-sponsored programs at the forum illustrate the active participation of libraries in the "assessment culture."

Another aspect of community involves collaboration. Provost David Shulenburg of

the University of Kansas discusses the relationship of faculty evaluation practices to the accessibility and affordability of quality scholarly work, a critical issue for both librarians and faculty (page 808).

Reichel regards ACRL as an exemplary learning community in pursuit of excellence. Learn from accounts of ACRL's programs at the ALA Annual Conference (page 793), and select from program cassettes (page 795). We urge you to recognize excellence by nominating candidates for the variety of ACRL awards described on page 822.

Librarians are also members of the larger community and managers of resources. In "Greening Our Libraries" (page 825), Kathleen Rickert offers suggestions on how we can fulfill those responsibilities in an environmentally responsible way.

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