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Carpeting your library is not something you need to think about often. But when you do need to select a carpet, I know you will find the article by Evelyn Minick, J. Thomas Becker, and Stacia Brokaw a valuable resource (p. 410). Sharing their knowledge of textiles, they describe factors to consider such as construction, fiber, padding, installation, and maintenance.

Maybe you're not ready for a physical change like a new carpet but you are looking for a philosophical change. Rush Miller and Beverly Stearns's article on quality management offers a practical overview of TQM and how it might be implemented in an academic library (p. 406).

Concerned about vandalism in the library? Roland Person and Nelson Ferry share with us Southern Illinois University's experiment in using student patrols to cut down on crime in the library (p. 428).

Our coverage of networking and the Internet continues in this issue with a list of English and American literature resources prepared by Loss Glazier (p. 417). And Nancy Nuckles describes Louisiana's developing statewide network (p. 414).

Danielle Mihram's conference report, "Forging partnerships in science education reform," gives us highlights of the annual Sigma Xi conference (page 432). "The Way I See It" continues this month with an essay by Bill Whitson suggesting that the future role of libraries will be in the areas of access, gateways, and assistance (p. 426).

ACRL is expanding its electronic communications to include ACRL-Forum, an open listserv for discussion of issues pertinent to ACRL, academic librarianship, and higher education. For details on subscribing see page 403.

Also in this issue are the official results of the 1994 ACRL elections (p. 433). Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to all of the candidates who allowed their names to be put forward. ACRL could not accomplish so much without individuals like you who willingly give your time and energy to its activities.

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