

Who belongs to ACRL? Why do they join? What interests and challenges them? What activities do they look to ACRL to provide?

In the ACRL membership survey, given in the fall 2000, the majority of members said they joined ACRL because of its academic focus. Other important reasons for joining were ACRL's advocacy for the profession, to have access to ACRL publications, to have contact with other librarians, and for ACRL's professional development activities.

To indulge in a bit of bragging here, 92.7% of the respondents indicated they regularly read *C&RL News* and 90.3% regularly read its sister publication *College & Research Libraries*. Selected comments included: "*C&RL News* is one of the greatest and most useful benefits of ACRL membership . . ."

So I hope you will continue reading *C&RL News* and *C&RL*, and let us know what kind of information you need to continue to feel

as this respondent does that, ". . . these two journals always have articles I found useful." Check out the rest of the results of ACRL's 2000 membership survey on page 623.

While you are thinking about ACRL, be sure to review the election results (page 630). Congratulations to ACRL's new Vice-President/President-Elect Helen H. Spalding, to new Board members Pamela Snelson and Patricia Kreitz, ACRL's new Councilor Pat Wand, as well as to all of the other ACRL section officers!

Also in this issue is the final report on ACRL's Denver conference (page 585), so you can find out about sessions you may have missed. You can also order an audiotape for most sessions (page 588) and/or the proceedings (page 594). Web broadcasts of selected session are also available. Details are on the Web at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/denver.html>.

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### All New Windows Interface for ATLA Religion Database

Debuting in the February issue of the 2001 edition of *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM (RDB-CD)*, this completely new interface represents a significant improvement over both basic MS-DOS and previous Windows options for operating *ATLA RDB-CD*. Unique features include:

- Drill-down searches for Scripture and Journal citations
- Thesaurus searching
- Single screen presentation of 11 basic search fields
- Ability to link to local holdings

This new Windows interface is also standard on two RDB subsets—*Ten year Subset* (released 3/30/01), and *Biblical Studies Subset* (forthcoming in November). The MS-DOS version is still available for all three databases.

This version of *ATLA Religion Database on CD-ROM* offers a robust and reliable backup to online access to the Database (at a low price as a 2<sup>nd</sup> copy), as well as an unparalleled research tool on its own. For more information, please visit the ATLA web site at the address listed below or contact Rick Adamek by e-mail ([radamek@atla.com](mailto:radamek@atla.com)) or by phone at the toll-free number below.

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