

Registration is now open for the ACRL 12th National Conference, "Currents and Convergence: Navigating the Rivers of Change," which will be held in Minneapolis April 7–10, 2005. The article on page 514, "Colleges and universities in the Twin Cities," is full of information on institutions of higher learning and their libraries in Minneapolis-St. Paul. Many are near the conference center and can easily be visited for a quick getaway from conference activity.

This month's issue includes an installment in *The Way I See It* (p. 518), in which the author, William Baer, lays out the pros and cons of federated searching.

If you've been wondering exactly what being a liaison librarian entails, the profile in the *Job of a Lifetime* column (p. 508) will provide you with an insider's perspective.

Two recently approved ACRL standards and guidelines can also be found in this issue.

"Standards for libraries in higher education," on page 534, supercedes "Standards for community, junior and technical colleges learning resources programs," "Standards for college libraries," and "Standards for university libraries," which have been rescinded by the ACRL Board. "Guidelines for the interlibrary loan of rare and unique materials," updated guidelines from RBMS, can be found on page 544.

If you'd like to become more actively involved in ACRL, the article on page 524 outlines the volunteering and selection process for ACRL committee membership. Volunteering for membership on one of ACRL's 23 division-level committees and wide-ranging section committees is a good way to expand your skills and contribute to the profession.

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