

demographic libraries in Illinois to this day only pay, through the State Library, direct OCLC charges.

As Director of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science I once again had many opportunities to address issues of importance to academic libraries and librarians. These included the long discussions over a national periodical center/system, participation by academic librarians in the 1979 White House Conference and the 57 pre-White House Conferences in the various states and territories, and the discussions with publishers, authors and members of Congress over a compromise on the issue of copyright.

There is little question that ACRL is not only one of ALA's largest divisions but one of its strongest. It has a program that is the envy of most of the other divisions. This leadership by ACRL is the result of good staff, an effective membership, and relevant programs both at the national and regional level. The relationship between ALA and its divisions and the current Operating Agreement all indicate

the ability of all parties to negotiate in good faith and to act with the interest of the profession as a whole rather than with parochialism. Strength in unity is understood by ACRL; there are no issues that the division and ALA cannot resolve with good will and honest effort. The success of the Operating Agreement depends on continual review by all parties and, when and if necessary, a revision of the agreement to meet changing conditions.

As president of ALA you can be assured of my understanding of ACRL's problems based on my long experience, my commitment to both ALA and ACRL as well as my strong belief in the profession of librarianship remaining as a vital and dynamic force in today and tomorrow's information society. ACRL has a loyal and dedicated membership that will meet the challenges of technology, funding, and increasing demands. I am proud to be a part of that effort.—*Alphonse F. Trezza, Associate Professor, School of Library & Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida.*

Candidates for ALA Council

These ACRL members need your vote.

The following members of the Association of College and Research Libraries are either nominated or petition candidates for ALA councilor in the spring 1985 elections. Members are encouraged to vote for these candidates to increase ACRL's voice in the affairs of the American Library Association.

John L. Ayala, library director, Long Beach City College, California.

Herbert Biblo, Long Island Library Resources Council, Bellport, New York.

Joseph A. Boissé, director, University of California Library, Santa Barbara.

Luis F. Chaparro, public services librarian, El Paso Community College, Texas.

Marva L. DeLoach, head, CRM Division, Illinois State University, Normal.

Miriam Drake, director of libraries, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta.

Paul Fasana, associate director, Preparation Services, New York Public Library.

Barbara J. Ford, assistant director for public services, Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.

Jack Forman, reference/bibliographic services librarian, Mesa College Library and University of California, San Diego.

Elaine A. Franco, cataloger, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

George C. Grant, director of library services, Stockton State College, Pomona, New Jersey.

Kathleen Gunning, assistant director for public services and collection development, University Libraries, University of Houston, Texas.

Rodney M. Hersberger, director of libraries, California State College, Bakersfield.

Mary F. Hicks, Sacramento, California.

Jane E. Hukill, director, Widener University Library, Wilmington, Delaware.

Richard D. Johnson, director of libraries, State University College, Oneonta, New York.

Sheila M. Laidlaw, university librarian, Harriet Irving Library, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

Lois P. Mills, documents and legal reference librarian, Western Illinois University, Macomb.

Orthella Polk Moman, head of technical services, Jackson State University Library, Mississippi.

Joan Neumann, executive director, New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency, Brooklyn, New York.

Ruth J. Person, associate dean, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Sandra K. Peterson, Government Documents Center, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Lelia G. Rhodes, dean of libraries, Jackson State

University, Mississippi.

Carlton Rochell, dean of libraries, New York University.

Joseph A. Rosenthal, university librarian, University of California, Berkeley.

Marvin H. Scilken, director, Orange Public Library, New Jersey.

Judith A. Sessions, university librarian, California State University, Chico.

Marilyn J. Sharrow, chief librarian, University of Toronto, Ontario.

Carol A. Turner, chief librarian, Jonsson Library of Government Documents, Stanford University, California.

Susan J. Vaughn, associate librarian for collection development, Brooklyn College Library, New York.

Robert A. Walter, government documents librarian, Pittsburg State University, Kansas.

Louella V. Wetherbee, executive director, Amigos Bibliographic Council, Dallas, Texas. ■■



Stimulating quality research: Starting with the basics

By Dorothy J. Anderson

Chair, ACRL Research Development Committee

ACRL's new Research Development Committee is launching a plan to stimulate superior research among academic librarians. The plan is based on three beliefs.

1) Many astute library directors recognize research as an opportunity to:

- enhance the library's status in the university and in the profession;
- lift staff morale; and
- investigate persistent problems scientifically.

2) Many bright academic librarians would enjoy doing research if they had:

- administrative support (time, money, recognition);

- confidence in their ability;

- help and training;

3) As an incentive to do quality research, potential researchers need training designed to diffuse fears, build confidence and to develop a researcher's mindset and ability.

The Research Development Committee therefore proposes a mechanism to link library directors, new researchers, and basic training. These foundation blocks form the necessary base for an invisible college—a network of new researchers around the country—who can produce research of superior quality in an encouraging atmosphere.