

Deadlines, deadlines, deadlines. There are days I have more deadlines than I want to think about—and I am sure that you do, too. But there are notices of so many deadlines in this issue that I want to make sure you don't miss them.

- December 1. Applications/nominations due for ACRL awards (page 886).
- December 1. Proposals for leading roundtable discussions at the ACRL 10th National Conference due (page 887).
- December 6. Applications/nominations due for the position of editor of *College & Research Libraries* (page 936).
- December 15. Applications due for ACRL 10th National Conference scholarships (page 886).
- December 15. Applications due for ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy Immersion program (page 910).

So please be sure to check out this diverse array of opportunities and don't let these deadlines slip by!

Ever wonder how those "millionth" commemorative volumes get selected and purchased? Anthony Bliss shares the inside account of how the University of California, Berkeley, selected its 9-millionth book and purchased it at an auction (page 890).

While commemorative purchases often look to the past, it is important for us to keep focusing on the future. Carla Stoffle (with colleagues Barbara Allen and Janet Fore) and Emily Mobley look at the future of academic librarianship and the trends that will affect them (page 894).

As we look to the future, we must consider our own responsibility for preparing for it. Take a moment to review the new ACRL Statement on Professional Development that exhorts us to strive for professional excellence through rigorous programs of lifelong learning and professional growth (page 933).

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