

Happy New Year! The beginning of the new year is a good time to take stock and reflect on what we have done and what we hope to do. Many of you have made and even kept some New Year's resolutions. I hope that your resolutions include continuing to challenge yourself, keeping up with what is going on in the field, and growing professionally.

And to help you keep these resolutions, ACRL has planned one of its most exciting National Conferences to date. Join your colleagues at ACRL's 9th National Conference, April 8-11, 1999, in Detroit. You will be able to choose from more than 225 carefully selected research papers, programs, and discussion groups on such topics as the economics of information, distance learning, information literacy, scholarly communication, and information technology.

Pat Schroeder and Jim Neal will kick off the conference with an open forum on copyright and fair use. We'll hear what university

president Blenda Wilson thinks about how libraries should be addressing the many changes in higher education.

Ample time has been provided for networking with your colleagues to share concerns and solutions to common challenges. And there is time to have fun, too, at receptions at the Museum of African American History and the Henry Ford Museum.

Take time to review the program information included in this issue. Conference updates will be mounted on the Web at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/preindex.html>. And this year you can register online!

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