# ALA and affiliates issue agenda

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As various constituents prepare for the White House Conference on Library and Information Service, the American Library Association and affiliate organizations have released an issues agenda to highlight the common concerns of the profession. The agenda to which they have agreed:

1. National commitments of financial resources for library services are indispensable investments in the nation's productivity.

2. Democracy is at risk when our libraries are at risk.

3. Diversity of library collections and staff is essential to serve U.S. citizens of diverse backgrounds.

4. Culturally diverse people must be recruited to the library and information services professions and must be educated to provide quality library and information services.

5. Open and equitable access to information in all formats is a linchpin of our democratic society.

6. Public access to government information, including legal information, is vital to a just society.

7. An effective marketing and public relations campaign must be mounted to promote services, increase awareness, and provide feedback to shape new library and information services programs.

8. Libraries are educational institutions which have a fundamental role in promoting literacy.

9. Materials in all types of libraries are in danger of destruction or disintegration. That must not happen. They must be preserved.

The agenda is being widely distributed in the states and territories where pre-conference activities are scheduled. The organizations that have discussed and agreed to it form an impressive list.

American Association of Law Libraries
American Indian Library Association
American Library Association
American Society for Information Science
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Association
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Sociedad de Bibliotecarios de Puerto Rico Theatre Library Association Ukrainian Library Association of America Urban Libraries Council

## **Used the Model Statement lately?**

ACRL's Bibliographic Instruction Section is creating a directory of librarians who have used the 1989 "Model Statement of Objectives for Academic Bibliographic Instruction" (see C&RL News, May 1987, pp. 256–61). The directory will be published in conjunction with the papers presented at the 1990 BIS program on the Model Statement. The Task Force on the Model Statement will send a brief follow-up questionnaire to anyone responding to this request.

Respond by December 15, 1990, to: Monica Fusich, Rivera Library, P.O. Box 5900, University of California, Riverside, CA 92517; fax, (714) 787-3285; e-mail, FUSICHM@ucr.vms.

### **Correction**

In the September 1990 issue of *C&RL News* the official ACRL election results were published. Donald Clay Johnson was listed as being elected secretary of the Asian and African Section. He was in fact elected member-at-large.

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