# ACRL seeks volunteers for offices and committees

The Association needs your help to achieve its goals and objectives.

Would you like to run for an ACRL office or volunteer for appointment to an ACRL standing committee? Are you interested in seeking office in an ACRL section or being considered for appointment to a section committee? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, here is what you need to do.

#### **ACRL President**

The ACRL Appointments and Nominations Committee will nominate candidates for the office of ACRL vice-president/president-elect at the January 1986 Midwinter Meeting of ALA. The election for this office will be held in the spring of 1987. The winner of the election will serve as vicepresident/president-elect during 1987-88 and as president of ACRL during 1988-89. If you wish to be considered for nomination to this office or if you would like to submit names for consideration, contact the chair of the Appointments and Nominations Committee, Kathleen Gunning, Assistant Director for Public Services and Collection Development, M.D. Anderson Memorial Library, 4800 Calhoun Blvd., University of Houston-University Park, Houston, TX 77004.

#### ACRL committees

ACRL has 20 standing committees to which appointments may be made:

Academic Library Statistics Committee;

•Academic or Research Librarian of the Year Award Committee;

- Academic Status Committee;
- Appointments and Nominations Committee;

- Audiovisual Committee;
- •Budget and Finance Committee;
- Conference Program Planning Committee;
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee;
- Copyright Committee;
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Committee;
- Legislation Committee;
- Membership Committee;
- •National Conference Committee;
- •Planning Committee;
- Professional Association Liaison Committee;
- Professional Education Committee;
- Publications Committee;
- Research Committee;
- Samuel Lazerow Fellowship Committee;
- •Standards and Accreditation Committee.

To learn about the areas of responsibility covered by these committees, see the ALA Handbook of Organization 1985-86.

When selected vacancies occur on ACRL standing committees, the Appointments and Nominations Committee recommends to the presidentelect of ACRL the names of members who might fill the vacancies. The president-elect makes the final appointments. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to an ACRL committee, you should complete the ACRL Committee Volunteer Form that is included in this issue of C & RL News and mail it to Kathleen Gunning, chair of the Appointments and Nominations Committee, before December 15, 1985.

#### **ACRL** section officers

ACRL has 13 sections (their names are listed

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### ACRL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

If you are interested in serving on an ACRL standing committee, please complete this form and mail it before December 15, 1985, to: Kathleen Gunning, Assistant Director for Public Services and Collection Development, M.D. Anderson Memorial Library, 4800 Calhoun Blvd., University of Houston, Houston, TX 77004.

If you would like to serve on an ACRL section committee, send this form to the appropriate section vicechair/chair-elect before the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

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later in this article). You will find a description of their areas of responsibility in the *ALA Handbook of Organization*.

The chair-elect of a section appoints the chair and members of all section committees when scheduled vacancies on these committees occur. If you would like to be considered for appointment as chair or member of a section committee, fill out the ACRL Committee Volunteer Form and mail it to the chair-elect of the appropriate section (see "People to contact" below) before December 15, 1985.

#### **Editorial boards**

ACRL has five editorial boards:

• the Choice Editorial Board;

• the College & Research Libraries Editorial Board;

•the College & Research Libraries News Editorial Board;

• the Publications in Librarianship Editorial Board;

• the Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship Editorial Board.

When a vacancy occurs on an editorial board, the editor recommends the name of a person to fill the vacancy. The Publications Committee must approve the recommendation. The ACRL Board must give its approval, and finally the president of ACRL makes the appointment.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to an editorial board, contact the editor of the publication (see "People to contact" below).

Remember that at any given time there are only a limited number of vacancies on ACRL's committees, sections, and editorial boards. If at first you don't succeed in obtaining an appointment, try again. Make yourself known to committee chairs by sitting in on meetings, volunteering to help with committee projects, etc. If committee chairs see that you are interested in the work of their committees, they may recommend your name to the appropriate appointing body when a vacancy occurs.

#### People to contact

#### Anthropology and Sociology Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Gregory A. Finnegan, Circulation Librarian, Roosevelt University Library, 430 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605.

#### Art Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Janice Woo, Avery Library, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

Nominating Committee Chair: Edward Goodman, Avery Library, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

#### Asian and African Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: David L. Easterbrook, University of Illinois at Chicago Library, 801 S. Morgan St., Chicago, IL 60680.

Nominating Committee Chair: Maidel Cason, African Documents Librarian, Northwestern University Library, 1935 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201.

#### **Bibliographic Instruction Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Betsy Baker, Bibliographic Instruction Services Librarian, Northwestern University Library, 1935 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201.

Nominating Committee Chair: Mary Ellen Larson, Senior Assistant Librarian, General Reference Section, Pennsylvania State University Libraries, University Park, PA 16802.

#### College Libraries Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Arthur H. Miller Jr., College Librarian, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

#### Community and Junior College Libraries Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mary Ellen Mortola, Houston Community College Library, 1300 Holman, Houston, TX 77004.

Nominating Committee Chair: Mildred D. Kirsner, Bibliographic Instruction Librarian, Miami Dade Community College, 11380 NW 27th Ave., Miami, FL 33167.

#### Education and Behavioral Sciences Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jean T. Thompson, Head, Reference Department, University of Wisconsin Memorial Library, 728 State St., Madison, WI 53706.

Nominating Committee Chair: Thomas M. Peischel, Dean of Library Services, Mankato State University, Mankato, MN 56001.

#### Law and Political Science Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Peter B. Allison, Head, Social Science/Documents Center, New York University Bobst Library, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012.

Nominating Committee Chair: Roberta Palen, Political Science/Public Administration/ Social Work Librarian, Box 294 University Station, Syracuse, NY 13210.

#### Rare Books and Manuscripts Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Donald Farren, Associate Director of Libraries for Special Collections, McKeldin Library, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.

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#### Science and Technology Section

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#### Slavic and East European Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Miranda Beaven, Slavic Bibliographer, Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Nominating Committee Chair: Joseph Kladko, Assistant Director for Technical Services, Hoover Institution Library, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305.

#### University Libraries Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Donna Goehner, Acquisitions/Serials Librarian, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL 61455.

Nominating Committee Chair: Kenneth W. Hedman, Interim Director of Libraries, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX 79968.

#### Western European Specialists Section

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Anna H. Perrault, Humanities Bibliographer, Louisiana State University Library, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Nominating Committee Chair: Cecily Johns, Associate University Librarian, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106.

#### Editorial Boards

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## Russian rarities surface at the University of Illinois

Rare book specialist and Russian emigré Georgy Durman has discovered over a hundred extraordinary Russian imprints in the general Slavic collections at the University of Illinois Library, Urbana. On display last month in the U. of I. Rare Book Room, the books were discovered by Durman and his colleague Alla Barabtarlo in a stack search that lasted nearly a year.

Durman, who worked for the Literary Museum of Moscow before immigrating to the United States in 1981, said the hunt offered many exciting moments, but two finds were especially noteworthy: an unmutilated copy of *The Wisdom of Pushkin*, written by Mikhail Gershenson in 1919, and *An Illustrated Almanac*, the target of a massive censorship campaign in 1848.

The Wisdom of Pushkin was destroyed by its own author, a noted cultural historian and literary critic, who had mistakenly attributed a short article to the popular writer Aleksandr Pushkin. When he learned that the piece had actually been written by the poet Zhukovskii, Gershenson frantically tried to remove the embarrassing pages from every copy he could locate. "He was so successful that unmutilated copies are exceedingly rare in the Soviet Union as well as abroad," Durman said. "Ours seems to be the only complete one in this country."

Also censored was An Illustrated Almanac, a supplement to the leading Russian journal of that age called *The Contemporary*. Originally approved with some changes by the authorities, the almanac was withdrawn immediately after printing and totally banned. The unbound pages were bundled and stored in the author's attic, but a servant stole a small number and sold them to second-hand bookdealers in St. Petersburg. Complete copies in relatively good condition are bibliographic rarities.

The books written by Soviet emigrés interested Durman the most. In the Soviet Union emigré authors are considered "non-people, and their works are simply unavailable," according to Marianna Tax Choldin, head of the university's Slavic and East European Library.

Durman said the history of Russian publishing dates from 1553. By the eve of World War I, Russia had become one of the greatest producers of books in the world. Between the two world wars, however, "millions of human lives were lost and millions of private libraries were requisitioned, plundered, and destroyed," Durman said. "It is for these reasons that practically any book printed in Russia even in the first half of the 19th century is a significant rarity."

One such book, Guide to the Antiquities and Noteworthy Sights in Moscow, published by Lev Maksimovich in 1792, is considered extremely rare—the Illinois copy is the only one in North America. A document called *The Report of the Investigating Commission*, issued by the imperial military authorities and dealing with the investigation following the Decembrist revolt of 1825, is considered extremely rare even in the Soviet Union.

Censorship of printed materials began at the end of the 18th century with the appearance of private printing presses under Catherine II. Earlier, official supervision was considered unnecessary because the government had assumed the role of publisher and owned all the presses.

Early banned books included the 1789 Russian translation of Thomas More's Utopia, which was destroyed; Radishchev's Journey from St. Petersburg to Moscow, which was burned in 1790; and Voltaire's books, which were confiscated. In the 19th and early 20th century, "cases of confiscation and destruction of books became so common that simply to list the thousands of titles that were victims of censorship would require a special publication," Durman said. After the 1917 October Revolution, a period of total regulation began that has not ceased.

Among the exhibit's censored books is a copy of Mikhail Shcherbatov's On the Corruption of Morals in Russia, published in 1876. Prince Shcherbatov was one of the first Russians to criticize Peter the Great for introducing corrupt Western mores into traditional Russian family values. "His pamphlet gives a lurid account of the misconduct of 18th-century Russian empresses and their favorites," Durman said.

Choldin said that microfilm copies would be made of any rare book of which the substance is not otherwise available. With some 500,000 volumes, the Illinois Slavic collection ranks third in the United States, behind those at the Library of Congress and Harvard. While more than half are written in the languages of the Soviet Union, the library holds strong Czech, Yugoslavian, Bulgarian, Polish, Romanian and Hungarian collections.

## **ACRL chapters**

## Meet ACRL's local representatives.

A CRL chapters serve as channels between academic and research librarians and the ACRL Headquarters. Thirty-five regional and state ACRL chapters now cover thirty-nine states and one Canadian province, and provide opportunities for local participation for nearly 8,000 ACRL members who live within those areas. To find out how you can participate, contact the chair of the chapter nearest to you.

If you would like to start a chapter in your region, contact Judith Kharbas, Chair of the Chapters Council New ACRL State Chapters Committee, Rhees Library, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627.

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Colorado Chapter (est. 1983)

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