In the News

February is a month for celebrations—and I don’t say that just because I was born in February. It is the time to celebrate Black History Month and C&RL News joins in the celebration by featuring a silkscreen by William H. Johnson on its cover. The work is now in the collections of the Amistad Research Center at Tulane University.

February is also the time to prepare for celebrating the ALA-sponsored National Library Week. In this issue, Linda Wallace and Mary Somerville share with us ideas that can be used to adapt the theme “Kids Connect @ the Library” to the academic environment (page 79). Although it may not need to be adapted; it seems that academic libraries are doing a lot with children these days. A quick e-mail message to only three listservs soliciting examples of how academic libraries worked with children yielded nearly 50 examples in just a few days.

Our Internet resources series continues this month with a look at journalism and communications resources thanks to John Olson and Patience Simmonds (page 86).


Take some time to review the draft revision of the “Guidelines for Extended Academic Library Services” (page 98). Send your comments to Harvey Gover at hgover@beta.tricity.wsu.edu or attend the hearing this month during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Washington, D.C.

This issue also provides a report of the CNI conference thanks to Bill Miller (page 96).

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C&RL News 30th anniversary quiz

Here is the next installment of the C&RL News 30th anniversary quiz. Test your recollection of events that have been reported in the News since 1966.

1. What was “cooked” at Alfred University’s 1994 “cardbecue”?
2. Why was the 1991 IFLA Conference in Moscow an affair to remember?
3. How did the library at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock keep pace with a 20-year growth from less than 5,000 undergraduates to more than 12,000 graduates and undergraduates?
4. In 1994, “LOEX” went west. What is “LOEX” and where did it land?
5. Name the first periodical to be devoted to the use of computers in libraries. When did it begin publication and who was its first editor?

Answers:

1. The 100,000 cards from its closed 1,148 drawer card catalog were burned during a symbolic ceremony to celebrate the change from the Dewey classification system to the Library of Congress system (May 1994).
2. For the first time ever, a political coup took place during IFLA’s annual conference in Moscow in October 1991. The coup led to the fall of the Soviet Union.
3. By instituting a student library fee, the University of Arkansas expanded its library as the enrollment expanded (July/August 1992).
4. LOEX stands for Library Orientation and Exchange and it landed in Willamette University in Salem, Oregon (November 1994).