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About the cover
This photo shows Mary McLeod Bethune standing in front of the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., during her tenure as Special Advisor on Minority Affairs to the Roosevelt Administration. Bethune was born in Mayesville, South Carolina, on July 10, 1875. She attended the Presbyterian Mission School in Mayesville; the Scotia Seminary in Concord, New Hampshire; and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. She taught at Haines Institute in Georgia, and established a Home for Delinquent Colored Girls in Florida. In 1904 she founded the Daytona Literary and Industrial School for Training Negro Girls (now Bethune-Cookman College), and served as president there from 1904-1942 and 1946-1947. She founded the National Council of Negro Women in 1935, and was director of the Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration (1935-1943). She was also an honorary general in the Women's Army for National Defense (WANDS).
This graphic is part of Pennsylvania State University's campaign to curb food, drink, and noise problems in the libraries. For more on that story, see page 81 of this issue.
"Empowering Afro-American Organizations: Present and Future" is the theme of the February 1994 Afro-American History Month according to Chase's Annual Events 1994. In this issue we bring this observance period (variously designated as Negro History, Black History, Afro-American History, Black Heritage, and Black Expressions) to your attention with a number of special items.

Our cover features Mary McLeod Bethune (1875–1955), an African American activist who, among her many contributions, founded the Daytona Literary and Industrial School for Training Negro Girls (now Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Florida), and served as its president from 1904–1942 and 1946–1947.

Our Internet resource list this month, compiled by Patricia Kuntz, features resources for African studies and even includes information about network linkages in Africa. Grace Jackson-Brown gives us an overview of three special collections in the humanities at Indiana University with emphasis on the history and culture of African Americans.

February is also the month to plan your National Library Week observance. ALA President Hardy Franklin asks for your participation in an ALA-sponsored customer service satisfaction survey. Linda Wallace, director of ALA's Public Information Office, gives us the how-to survey information and a camera-ready survey (see page 65) to use with your library.

Getting a handle on the ever-changing Internet resources "is a lot like browsing a used book store; amidst the dust piles of junk once in a while you come across a gem," according to Sara Amato. Amato, the systems librarian at Willamette University, is the editor of a new C&RL News column, "Internet Reviews," which will feature critical, signed reviews of selected Internet resources. We hope this column will help you find those Internet gems. Amato is looking for reviewers (details are given in her column on page 89) so please do contact her.

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