ACRL’s Fifth National Conference will feature Ed Holley, poster sessions, and retired librarians.

Five decades of academic librarianship

Edward G. Holley, professor, School of Information and Library Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will be the featured speaker at a luncheon during the ACRL Fifth National Conference, April 5–8, 1989 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Holley will speak on “Building a Firm Foundation: ACRL Leadership, 1939–1989.” The luncheon is in honor of all ACRL past presidents and executive secretaries and directors.

Holley, who received his doctorate from the University of Illinois, served as professor and dean at Chapel Hill, from 1972 to 1985. A past president of ALA, Holley has received the prestigious Melvil Dewey Medal and the Joseph W. Lippincott award for notable achievement in librarianship. In 1988, Holley was selected as the Academic or Research Librarian of the Year by ACRL.

“Ed Holley, as the Academic Librarian of the Year, is well qualified to speak about contributions to our profession,” stated Jordan M. Scepanski, library director at California State University, Long Beach, and program chair for the conference.

“The search is now on to locate all 50 ACRL past presidents and the nine executive secretaries and directors to invite them to the luncheon,” stated Martha Alexander Bowman, university librarian, University of Louisville and co-chair of the conference. She added that one past president sure to be in attendance was the conference co-chair, Evan Ira Farber, librarian at Earlham College and ACRL president in 1978–79.

The conference theme, “Building on the First Century,” marks the 100th anniversary of the founding of the College Library Section of the American Library Association in 1889. The section officially became the ACRL division in 1938. “We plan on celebrating all our anniversaries at the conference,” stated Bowman. She said that 1989 is also the 50th anniversary of College and Research Libraries, the official ACRL journal and the 25th anniversary of Choice, ACRL’s book and multimedia review journal.

Poster sessions

ACRL invites proposals for poster sessions at its Fifth National Conference in Cincinnati. Poster session proposals are sought on issues in higher education and academic and research librarianship.

The deadline for the receipt of applications for poster session presentations is November 1, 1988. The submission must be made by the author or one of the co-authors. An abstract can be submitted only if the author or one of the principal authors will be in Cincinnati to make the presentation at the assigned time.

An abstract must be submitted on the official form available from the ACRL office; call toll free (800) 545-2433, ext. 291; in Illinois call (800) 545-2444, ext. 291. The quality of the research, program, or project, as presented in the abstract, will be the main factor for acceptance by the Poster Session Review Panel, but it may be necessary to restrict the number of presentations because of space limitations or topic distribution. Final selections will be made by December 15, 1988, and authors will be notified of the Panel’s decision.

Poster sessions provide an opportunity for the informal exchange of information. Participants place materials (graphs, diagrams, pictures, data and narrative text) on bulletin boards. During their assigned time periods, participants informally discuss their presentations with conference attendees. The presentations may cover a broad range of subjects grouped according to major categories.
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Distinguished Career Award

The Cincinnati Conference will be devoted in part to celebrating the achievements of our first century. Those achievements could not have been realized without the hard work and dedication of colleagues who preceded us in academic and research libraries throughout the country.

"The ACRL National Conference will give us an opportunity to honor our distinguished colleagues," stated Joseph A. Boissé, university librarian at the University of California, Santa Barbara and ACRL president. Boissé has appointed a subcommittee to identify 10–12 librarians whose careers ended before the establishment of the Academic or Research Librarian of the Year Award in 1978 and whose careers exemplify the ideals which that award recognizes. Boissé stated that those selected would be honored at sessions throughout the conference and will receive a citation recognizing their contributions. Carla A. Stoffle, associate director, University of Michigan Libraries and ALA treasurer, will chair the subcommittee. Stoffle served as ACRL president in 1982–83.

Members of the Association are asked to submit nominations for this recognition. Nominations should include the name of the individual, the reasons for which he/she is being nominated, as much biographical data as is available, and information about where the individual now resides and can be reached. This information should reach the chair of the special committee no later than October 31, 1988.

Please address your letters to: Carla J. Stoffle, Deputy Director of Libraries, 818 Hatcher Graduate Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1205.

Information about the conference is available from the ACRL Office, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL, 60611-2795; (800) 545-2433; in Illinois, (800) 545-2444; in Canada, (800) 545-2455.
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