provides the opportunity to forge new alliances. Articles about information literacy are being written for professional journals and a series of videotapes related to information literacy are being produced. Efforts are currently underway in ACRL to work with the American Association for Higher Education on a program on the issue of information literacy.

Copies of the Final Report are available from the ALA office in Chicago. The ACRL Board has chosen information literacy as the theme for 1990–1991, and it will be the topic of my president's program at the ALA Annual Conference in 1991. Information literacy is an essential survival skill for the Information Age and libraries are an important part of the information universe. Preparing college and university populations to be efficient and effective information seekers and consumers is central to the mission of academic and research libraries. This is reflected in several places in the ACRL Strategic Plan including enhancing the capability of libraries to serve the needs of users and promoting study, research, and publication relevant to academic and research librarianship. It also builds on the themes of recent ACRL presidents and provides the opportunity to build upon past ACRL activities.

I would like to hear your ideas about how we, as an association, might continue to work on projects and programs relating to information literacy through efforts in ACRL and in academic and research libraries. This is an excellent opportunity to work with other units in ALA and other higher education groups and explore an important topic central to our functions as academic and research librarians.

Sources for information and ideas, in addition to the Final Report of the American Library Association Presidential Committee on Information Literacy include:


ACRL Statement on the Certification and Licensing of Academic Librarians

At the 1989 ALA Annual Conference the ACRL Board of Directors approved the following statement:

“The Association of College and Research Libraries has affirmed that the master's degree from a program accredited by the American Library Association is the appropriate terminal professional degree for academic librarians. Therefore, it opposes certification or licensing in lieu of that degree for academic librarians, either by state agencies or by state or local professional associations.”

The statement, prepared by ACRL's Academic Status Committee, does not oppose licensing or certification of librarians as an addition to an already obtained MLS, but only opposes it when it is substituted for earning an MLS.

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