

Libraries and Librarianship in Japan, by Theodore F. Welch (215 pages, February 1997), examines Japanese library history from early court and temple libraries to the 47,100 libraries in the country today. Welch gives special attention to the National Diet Library and academic libraries, where the directors are rarely trained librarians. Also covered are national bibliographic control and services, automation, library and information science education, and Japanese professional organizations. $75.00. Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Westport, CT 06881-5007. ISBN 0-313-29668-5.

Library Public Relations, Promotions, and Communications, by Lisa A. Wolfe (208 pages, April 1997), offers examples and case studies of proven communication techniques and strategies for all types of libraries. Many of these approaches are appropriate for academic libraries, such as creating effective print communications and media coverage. A good introduction for libraries that need to launch a PR program. $39.95. Neal-Schuman Publishers, 100 Varick St., New York, NY 10013. ISBN 1-55570-266-X.

C&RL News 30th anniversary quiz

Here is the last installment of the C&RL News 30th anniversary quiz. Test your recollection of events that have been reported in the News since 1966. We hope you've enjoyed these mind benders, and that they've brought back some pleasant memories.

1. What was offered as an alternative to busy signals and long waits on "hold" at the reference desk in Paul Frisch and John J. Small's June 1994 article?

2. In 1995, how many hosts were on the Internet?

3. According to Sherman Hayes and Michael Kathman's October 1992 article, what is one of the most important roles for the college library?

4. In the 1970's the University of the Pacific received the papers of the man known as the father of the national park system. What is his name and which natural area near San Francisco is named after him?

5. When did the New York Public Library Public Catalog Room and Main Reading Room close for the first time since the Central Research Library opened its doors in 1911 and why?