ACRL seeks volunteers for offices and committees

The Association needs your help to achieve its goals and objectives.

Would you like to run for an ACRL office or volunteer for appointment to an ACRL standing committee? Are you interested in seeking office in an ACRL section or being considered for appointment to a section committee? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, here is what you need to do.

**ACRL President**

The ACRL Appointments and Nominations Committee will nominate candidates for the office of ACRL vice-president/president-elect at the January 1986 Midwinter Meeting of ALA. The election for this office will be held in the spring of 1987. The winner of the election will serve as vice-president/president-elect during 1987–88 and as president of ACRL during 1988–89. If you wish to be considered for nomination to this office or you would like to submit names for consideration, contact the chair of the Appointments and Nominations Committee, Kathleen Gunning, Assistant Director for Public Services and Collection Development, M.D. Anderson Memorial Library, 4800 Calhoun Blvd., University of Houston-University Park, Houston, TX 77004.

**ACRL committees**

ACRL has 20 standing committees to which appointments may be made:
- Academic Library Statistics Committee;
- Academic or Research Librarian of the Year Award Committee;
- Academic Status Committee;
- Appointments and Nominations Committee;
- Audiovisual Committee;
- Budget and Finance Committee;
- Conference Program Planning Committee;
- Constitution and Bylaws Committee;
- Copyright Committee;
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Committee;
- Legislation Committee;
- Membership Committee;
- National Conference Committee;
- Planning Committee;
- Professional Association Liaison Committee;
- Professional Education Committee;
- Publications Committee;
- Research Committee;
- Samuel Lazerow Fellowship Committee;
- Standards and Accreditation Committee.

When selected vacancies occur on ACRL standing committees, the Appointments and Nominations Committee recommends to the president-elect of ACRL the names of members who might fill the vacancies. The president-elect makes the final appointments. If you are interested in being considered for appointment to an ACRL committee, you should complete the ACRL Committee Volunteer Form that is included in this issue of *C&RL News* and mail it to Kathleen Gunning, chair of the Appointments and Nominations Committee, before December 15, 1985.

**ACRL section officers**

ACRL has 13 sections (their names are listed
ACRL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER FORM

If you are interested in serving on an ACRL standing committee, please complete this form and mail it before December 15, 1985, to: Kathleen Gunning, Assistant Director for Public Services and Collection Development, M.D. Anderson Memorial Library, 4800 Calhoun Blvd., University of Houston, Houston, TX 77004.

If you would like to serve on an ACRL section committee, send this form to the appropriate section vice-chair/chair-elect before the ALA Midwinter Meeting.

NAME, TITLE, INSTITUTIONAL ADDRESS  PREFERRED MAILING ADDRESS

DATE OF APPLICATION __________________________

NUMBER OF YEARS AS MEMBER OF ALA _____ ACRL __________________________________________

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND (List institutions, dates of degrees, and relevant subject areas)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ALA or ACRL Committee Assignments  State and Regional Committee Assignments

ALA or ACRL Offices Held  State and Regional Offices Held

Publications

Other

ACRL COMMITTEE PREFERENCES

RELEVANT BACKGROUND OR EXPERIENCE FOR COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

Can you regularly attend the ALA Midwinter and Annual conferences? YES ____ NO ____
(Members of ACRL committees are expected to attend all meetings. Failure to attend two in a row may constitute grounds for removal.)

Please express your major concerns for strengthening the Association of College and Research Libraries on a separate sheet of paper.

☐ If I can't be appointed a full committee member, I would be willing to serve as an intern.
You will find a description of their areas of responsibility in the ALA Handbook of Organization.

The chair-elect of a section appoints the chair and members of all section committees when scheduled vacancies on these committees occur. If you would like to be considered for appointment as chair or member of a section committee, fill out the ACRL Committee Volunteer Form and mail it to the chair-elect of the appropriate section (see "People to contact" below) before December 15, 1985.

**Editorial boards**

ACRL has five editorial boards:

- the *Choice* Editorial Board;
- the *College & Research Libraries* Editorial Board;
- the *College & Research Libraries News* Editorial Board;
- the *Publications in Librarianship* Editorial Board;
- the *Rare Books and Manuscripts Librarianship* Editorial Board.

When a vacancy occurs on an editorial board, the editor recommends the name of a person to fill the vacancy. The Publications Committee must approve the recommendation. The ACRL Board must give its approval, and finally the president of ACRL makes the appointment.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to an editorial board, contact the editor of the publication (see "People to contact" below).

Remember that at any given time there are only a limited number of vacancies on ACRL’s committees, sections, and editorial boards. If at first you don’t succeed in obtaining an appointment, try again. Make yourself known to committee chairs by sitting in on meetings, volunteering to help with committee projects, etc. If committee chairs see that you are interested in the work of their committees, they may recommend your name to the appropriate appointing body when a vacancy occurs.

**People to contact**

**Anthropology and Sociology Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Gregory A. Finnegan, Circulation Librarian, Roosevelt University Library, 430 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60605.

**Art Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Janice Woo, Avery Library, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

**Asian and African Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: David L. Easterbrook, University of Illinois at Chicago Library, 801 S. Morgan St., Chicago, IL 60680.

**Bibliographic Instruction Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Betsy Baker, Bibliographic Instruction Services Librarian, Northwestern University Library, 1935 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60201.

**College Libraries Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Arthur H. Miller Jr., College Librarian, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

**Community and Junior College Libraries Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Mary Ellen Mortola, Houston Community College Library, 1300 Holman, Houston, TX 77004.

**Education and Behavioral Sciences Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Jean T. Thompson, Head, Reference Department, University of Wisconsin Memorial Library, 728 State St., Madison, WI 53706.

**Law and Political Science Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Peter B. Allison, Head, Social Science/Documents Center, New York University Bobst Library, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012.

**Rare Books and Manuscripts Section**

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: Donald Farren, Associate Director of Libraries for Special Collections, McKeldin Library, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742.
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Cataloging Microcomputer Files A Manual of Interpretation for AACR2 by Sue A. Dodd and Ann M. Sandberg-Fox.
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Selection of Library Materials in the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences edited by Patricia A. McClung.
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Russian rarities surface at the University of Illinois

Rare book specialist and Russian émigré Georgy Durman has discovered over a hundred extraordinary Russian imprints in the general Slavic collections at the University of Illinois Library, Urbana. On display last month in the U. of I. Rare Book Room, the books were discovered by Durman and his colleague Alla Barabtarlo in a stack search that lasted nearly a year.

Durman, who worked for the Literary Museum of Moscow before immigrating to the United States in 1981, said the hunt offered many exciting moments, but two finds were especially noteworthy: an unmutilated copy of The Wisdom of Pushkin, written by Mikhail Gershenson in 1919, and An Illustrated Almanac, the target of a massive censorship campaign in 1848.

The Wisdom of Pushkin was destroyed by its own author, a noted cultural historian and literary critic, who had mistakenly attributed a short article to the popular writer Aleksandr Pushkin. When he learned that the piece had actually been written by the poet Zhukovskii, Gershenson frantically tried to remove the embarrassing pages from every copy he could locate. "He was so successful that unmutilated copies are exceedingly rare in the Soviet Union as well as abroad," Durman said. "Ours seems to be the only complete one in this country."

Also censored was An Illustrated Almanac, a supplement to the leading Russian journal of that age called The Contemporary. Originally approved with some changes by the authorities, the almanac was withdrawn immediately after printing and totally banned. The unbound pages were bundled and stored in the author's attic, but a servant stole a small number and sold them to second-hand bookdealers in St. Petersburg. Complete copies in relatively good condition are bibliographic rarities.

The books written by Soviet émigrés interested Durman the most. In the Soviet Union émigré authors are considered "non-people, and their works are simply unavailable," according to Marianna Tax Choldin, head of the university's Slavic and East European Library.

Durman said the history of Russian publishing dates from 1553. By the eve of World War I, Russia had become one of the greatest producers of books in the world. Between the two world wars, however, "millions of human lives were lost and millions of private libraries were requisitioned, plundered, and destroyed," Durman said. "It is for these reasons that practically any book printed in Russia even in the first half of the 19th century is a significant rarity."

One such book, Guide to the Antiquities and Noteworthy Sights in Moscow, published by Lev Maksimovich in 1792, is considered extremely rare—the Illinois copy is the only one in North
America. A document called *The Report of the Investigating Commission*, issued by the imperial military authorities and dealing with the investigation following the Decembrist revolt of 1825, is considered extremely rare even in the Soviet Union.

Censorship of printed materials began at the end of the 18th century with the appearance of private printing presses under Catherine II. Earlier, official supervision was considered unnecessary because the government had assumed the role of publisher and owned all the presses.

Early banned books included the 1789 Russian translation of Thomas More's *Utopia*, which was destroyed; Radishchev’s *Journey from St. Petersburg to Moscow*, which was burned in 1790; and Voltaire's books, which were confiscated. In the 19th and early 20th century, “cases of confiscation and destruction of books became so common that simply to list the thousands of titles that were victims of censorship would require a special publication,” Durman said. After the 1917 October Revolution, a period of total regulation began that has not ceased.

Among the exhibit's censored books is a copy of Mikhail Shecherbatov's *On the Corruption of Mores in Russia*, published in 1876. Prince Shecherbatov was one of the first Russians to criticize Peter the Great for introducing corrupt Western mores into traditional Russian family values. "His pamphlet gives a lurid account of the misconduct of 18th-century Russian empresses and their favorites," Durman said.

Choldin said that microfilm copies would be made of any rare book of which the substance is not otherwise available. With some 500,000 volumes, the Illinois Slavic collection ranks third in the United States, behind those at the Library of Congress and Harvard. While more than half are written in the languages of the Soviet Union, the library holds strong Czech, Yugoslavian, Bulgarian, Polish, Romanian and Hungarian collections. ■ ■

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**ACRL chapters**

**Meet ACRL’s local representatives.**

A CRL chapters serve as channels between academic and research librarians and the ACRL Headquarters. Thirty-five regional and state ACRL chapters now cover thirty-nine states and one Canadian province, and provide opportunities for local participation for nearly 8,000 ACRL members who live within those areas. To find out how you can participate, contact the chair of the chapter nearest to you.

If you would like to start a chapter in your region, contact Judith Kharbas, Chair of the Chapters Council New ACRL State Chapters Committee, Rhees Library, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY 14627.

**Arizona Chapter** (est. 1952)
Rosanna Miller, Map Collection, Arizona State University Library, Tempe, AZ 85287.

**California Chapter** (est. 1979)
Elizabeth M. Salzer, Librarian, Michel Orradre Library, University of Santa Clara, CA 95053.

**Colorado Chapter** (est. 1983)
Christina Woo, 1933 E. 23d Ave., Denver, CO 80303.

**Delaware Valley Chapter** (est. 1969)
Judith M. Feller, Documents Librarian, Kemp Library, East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

**Florida Chapter** (est. 1978)
Althea Jenkins, Director, Sarasota Campus Library, University of South Florida, 5700 N. Ta-