

ACRL's 11th National Conference in Charlotte is just around the corner and with it comes the official launch of ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries' Academic and Research Library Campaign. This national marketing effort is designed to heighten awareness and support of academic and research libraries and to attract more quality candidates to the profession. Learn more about this next stage of the @your library campaign and how to get involved on page 159.

If you're going to be in Charlotte, you'll want to read "Charlotte nights" (p. 179) for a comprehensive list of restaurants and other nightlife options to help you relax at the end of the conference day. Complete information about the National Conference can be found at <http://www.ala.org/acrl/charlotte>.

This month's New Realities, New Relationships article focuses on the relationship between library education and library practice. In "The ivory tower as preparation for the trenches" (p. 172), Robert

Holley explores the four primary areas of concern: program name, the curriculum, theory versus practice, and accreditation.

For an example of an uncommon place a library degree can take you within an academic institution, see the Job of a Lifetime column (p. 176) to find out what it's like to work as an informationist in a biomedical library.

This issue's Internet Resources column (p. 163) focuses on archives and special collections, providing a list of Web resources to help special collections librarians and archivists keep abreast of the latest trends in the field.

Learn more about the candidates for ALA president by reading their responses to a set of questions put forth by the ACRL Board (p. 182). Also provided is a list of ACRL members running for ALA council (p. 190); voting for these candidates can help increase ACRL's voice in ALA's affairs.

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