C&RL News turns 30!

By Pam Snelson

Join the anniversary celebration each month

C&RL News has been a basic fixture on my office bookshelves for my entire professional career. It is hard to imagine academic librarians staying on top of their profession without the News and its association information, job ads, People columns, and practical articles. After 30 years of publishing the News, we can proudly look back on many accomplishments and successes.

As happens with many journals and newsletters, C&RL News began life as a supplement to another publication, College and Research Libraries (C&RL). After a brief time as ACRL News in 1966, C&RL News has enjoyed three decades of success as an independent entity.

However, the roots of C&RL News go even deeper. The first issue of C&RL (December 1939) contains the column “News from the Field.” Coincidentally, that first column contains a note about the dedication of the Rose Memorial Library at Drew University. Minutes of the ACRL business meeting were printed in the first issue of C&RL. Both of these functions, reporting association business as the official medium of communication between ACRL and its members, and serving as a clearinghouse for library news by announcing personnel changes are still important components of today's News. A timeline on the next page highlights some milestones in the history of the News.

Anniversaries are the perfect occasions for celebrations

To celebrate the News’ 30th anniversary, the 1995–96 Editorial Board has planned a year-long series of events. The cover of this issue graphically illustrates the changing face of the News. An ongoing anniversary quiz will test your ability to match headlines with a publication year and answer questions about events covered in the News over the past 30 years. Each issue of the News during this celebratory year will include excerpts from past issues featuring historical spots and prominent people. The Editorial Board commissioned several articles especially for this anniversary year: Ed Holley will write a retrospective on the last 30 years of the News; Peter Lyman will forecast what the next 30 years hold for academic librarianship; and Norm Stevens will contribute a humorous and whimsical look at the News.

What can you expect from C&RL News in the years ahead? Of course there will be current information relating to issues, activities, and personalities of the higher education and academic library fields. But the News also strives to keep its focus in step with the changes in college and research libraries.

As academic librarians have interacted more and more with computing professionals, higher education associations, and subject-oriented organizations, the News has published reports on meetings of kindred groups such as educational and research agencies and learned societies. It will continue to do so in the “Conference Cir-

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C&RL News history

1966 *ACRL News* published March through December as supplement to *College & Research Libraries*.

1967 *College & Research Libraries News* premiers in January as a monthly magazine with a combined July/August issue.

1967- ACRL members serve as editors of the *News*. They include David Kaser, David Doerr, Michael Herbison, Alan Dyson, Susana Hinojosa, Mary Frances Collins, Anne Dowling, John V. Crowley, and Jeffrey T. Schwedes.

1975 Index to the *News* appears, thanks to Eldon Tamblyn.

1980 *C&RL* and *C&RL News* become separate publications with their own ISSN numbers beginning in January.

First ACRL staff editor, George Eberhardt, appointed.

1981 “Washington Hotline” becomes a monthly column first appearing in the September issue; before that it appeared sporadically as “Inside Washington,” which was part of a column called “News Briefs.”


1990 The “Preservation News” column has its start in the March issue.

1991 Mary Ellen K. Davis becomes current editor and publisher.

In the February issue the *News* publishes its first “Racial & Ethnic Diversity: Information Exchange” column.

The December issue of the *News* publishes the first “The Way I See It” column, providing a forum for the opinions of academic librarians.

Full-color covers, often highlighting collections in academic libraries, appear on each issue.

1992 Reports of library and higher education conferences are published in the new “Conference Circuit” column beginning with the April issue.

1993 The July/August issue includes the first in an ongoing series of articles on Internet resources by subject.

Survey of ACRL members reveals that *C&RL News* is one of the most important services that ACRL provides its members.

*C&RL NewsNet* debuts on the Internet featuring job ads and “News from the Field.”

1994 The “Internet Reviews” column is first published in the February issue.

1996 “ACRL Partners in Higher Education” column begins in the April issue to highlight ACRL’s liaison efforts with other professional organizations and associations of higher education.

cuit" column. The News endeavors to assist librarians by publishing articles that address current needs of practitioners. The series of articles on subject Internet sources and the Internet Reviews column are two ways in which the News will continue to serve this function. The News' presence on the Internet will certainly continue. You will see an expanded C&RLNewsNet on the Web (URL: http://www.ala.org/acrl.html) featuring early postings of job ads, "News from the Field," and reviews of Internet sources that are hotlinked directly to the sources reviewed.

The News is your magazine; its purpose is to publish articles and provide current information relevant to academic library services and collections. Tell me (psnelson@drew.edu) or Mary Ellen Davis (medavis@ala.org), editor of the News, your likes and dislikes. Tell us about new columns that would be useful to you. Send your press releases and newsletters to the editor. When the News celebrates its golden anniversary in 2016, its format and content will have evolved in reaction to the needs and demands of ACRL members. We welcome your input.

Ed. note: I'd like to extend a special thanks to the members of the 1995–96 C&RL News Editorial Board for creative ideas and their enthusiasm for C&RL News upon its 30th anniversary celebration. The members of the Board were: Pam Snelson (chair), Irene Hoffman, Robert Martin, Zenaida Fernandez, Gary Thompson, Marion Reid, and ex officio members Richard Hume Werking, Gloriana St. Clair, and Susan Martin.

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2. Bing Crosby's alma mater acquired the entire collection of the Bing Crosby Historical Society in 1993. Where did "der Bingle" attend college?

3. Who was the first person to receive the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year award and in what year?

4. Name a mass deacidification process reported in the News during the 1980s.

5. What product was the Pine Cone marketing?

ANSWERS: (The C&RL News issues in which the answers may be found are given in parentheses.)

1981 (October, December)
1991 (January, March)
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1966 (October, December)
1962 (May, June)
1978 (October, December, April)

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