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Nominations sought for Africana bibliography award
The African Librarians Council of the African Studies Association seeks nominations for the 12th biennial Conover-Porter Award for excellence in Africana bibliography or reference work. Any Africa-related reference work, bibliography, or bibliographic essay published separately or as part of a larger work during 1999, 2000, or 2001 can be nominated for the 2002 award.

The prize of $300 will be presented during the 2002 annual meeting of the African Studies Association in Washington, D.C. Nominations must be received by January 15, 2002, and should include a brief justification and at least one review.

Send nominations to or request further information from Kenneth P. Lohrentz, 320 Anschutz Library, University of Kansas Libraries, 1301 Hoch Auditoria Dr., Lawrence, KS 66045-7537; phone (785) 864-4593, fax (785) 864-5705; e-mail: klohrentz@ukans.edu.

ARL 1999–2000 statistics now available
The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has just published the latest in its annual publications describing collections, staffing, expenditures, and service activities for 112 of its member libraries, all but 10 of these university libraries.

The latest statistics document the continued increase in costs for the purchase of materials and the increased demand for library user education and interlibrary borrowing. Unit costs for serials (up 226% since 1986) and for monographs (up 66% since 1986) have continued to rise, with corresponding drops in purchases by research libraries. While interlibrary borrowing is up 190% in the same time period, there have been modest declines in the number of reference transactions and total circulation.

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