



Editorial

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In April, the ALCTS Board asked me to step in as interim editor for *LRTS*, following the resignation of John Budd. I benefit from the work John did during his tenure in securing manuscripts and working with reviewers and authors to bring these works to publication. John began work to resume the respected literature surveys that look at publications and trends in each of the areas for which ALCTS is responsible. Traditionally, the survey articles (often called “Recent Works in . . .”) are aligned with ALCTS’s sections. The article in this issue, by Kyun-Sun Kim, looks at the literature of cataloging and classification. Jean Ann Croft’s survey of preservation literature appeared in volume 47, number 2. Authors are identified for a survey of recent collection development and management literature, and efforts are underway to gain commitments to review the literature of acquisitions and serials.

At the direction of the board, I have set several goals to accomplish during my interim appointment. I aim to return the journal to a timely publication pattern and expect the January 2004 issue to appear as scheduled. The next issue will contain the 2003 annual price index studies sponsored by the ALCTS Library Materials Price Index Committee (LMPIC). Previous editions of this study appeared in each April 15 issue of *Library Journal* (except for the 1985 edition, which appeared in the August issue) until 1993, when the study began appearing in the May issue of *American Libraries*. The number of book reviews will increase. Edward Swanson has accepted appointment as book review editor, coterminus with my appointment. Please contact him at swans152@umn.edu, if you are interested in reviewing books for *LRTS*. We will begin, with this issue, publishing selected papers that fall within a category we are calling “Notes from Operations.” These papers adhere to the same high standards for which *LRTS* is known, but are grounded in operational experience, challenges, and practice. *LRTS* will, of course, continue to publish empirical research. All submissions will be reviewed anonymously according to the highest criteria. Finally, I intend to increase the size of each issue. This, of course, depends on you. *LRTS* needs your submissions and, equally important, your help in encouraging others to write for *LRTS*, our professional journal.

In the tradition of my predecessors, I am committed to working with authors to develop papers for publication and to continue the fine history of *LRTS*, now in its forty-seventh year. I encourage you to contact me at m-john@umn.edu to discuss possible papers. You may also send your submission to me via e-mail or on paper (Peggy Johnson, University of Minnesota, 499 Wilson Library, 309 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455).