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Editorial

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This is the last issue of volume 50, an important milestone for any journal. *Library Resources & Technical Services* is your journal, though I have had the privilege to edit it for a few years. It has continued and prospered over five decades because of the authors who contribute papers, the Editorial Board, and the staff of ALA Production Services. Two board members rotated off the board after the 2006 Annual Conference, and I want to thank them for their service as referees and as editorial advisors. They are Trisha Davis (Ohio State University) and Linda Phillips (University of Tennessee). Two new members joined the board: Mary Casserly (University at Albany) and Steven Bosch (University of Arizona). I offer a special thank-you to Edward Swanson, who not only serves as book review editor, but also indexes the journal and has done so since 1979. I also wish to thank Angie Hanshaw and Christopher Keech of ALA Production Services, past and present production editors (respectively) for our journal, and Christine Taylor, ALCTS communication specialist, the board's and journal's liaison with the ALCTS office.

Assembling this issue has been poignant for me because it contains three papers presented at the Janus Conference on "Research Library Collections: Managing the Shifting Ground between Writers and Readers." The Janus Conference, a forum devoted to re-envisioning collection development in research libraries held at Cornell University, October 9–11, 2005, grew out of Ross Atkinson's vision that the time was ripe for collections development librarians to take action in shaping our future. Ross, who passed away this spring, led that important gathering and presented perhaps his last paper at the conference. I'm proud to publish Ross's paper, which reflects the passion and the insight that he brought to collection development and management, and to all aspects of librarianship. He drew on many of the themes that he explored in previous publications, most of which were assembled in *Community, Collaboration, and Collections: The Writings of Ross Atkinson*, edited by Robert Alan and Bonnie MacEwan, with an introduction by Sarah Thomas (Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, 2005).

As ALCTS prepares for its fiftieth anniversary celebration, several initiatives are planned that will commemorate *LRTS*'s steady contribution to the profession during fifty years. Underway are plans for a cumulative index for volumes 26 through 50, to be distributed in print to subscribers, posted on the ALCTS Web site, and available for sale; a paper article that will explore the history of *LRTS* and the topics it has addressed over its fifty years; and a reprinting of volume 1, number 1, for current subscribers.