

# EDITORIAL

The Editorial Board, in choosing to have a Winter *Indiana Libraries* which did not feature a theme, determined to let the leadership in the Indiana library profession speak on various non-theme related issues. It was a wise decision, one that will most assuredly be repeated in the future. From the manuscripts submitted, practical concerns of public library programming, of university serials automation and ILL services, and library education evolved. After reading the accepted manuscripts over a second time, I saw historical sense to these submissions.

Arthur S. Meyers writes like a historian. His article calling for public libraries to study their community's ethnic heritage could easily have fit in the Summer 1981 issue which dealt with community analysis. It is an excellent postscript to that issue. Wendell A. Yeatts Jr.'s article on serials automation hearkened me back to the Winter 1981 issue when Guest Editor Lawrence A. Woods selected manuscripts for the first *Indiana Libraries* issue on automation. Larry W. Griffin has written an interesting article comparing BLLD and ILL. It complements Karen Chittick Stabler's excellent study of Indiana ILL. And finally, library educator George W. Whitbeck

enumerates the similarities and differences between library education in North America and Britain, an issue new to *Indiana Libraries*.

This issue, which leads the reader briefly through some of the topics found in earlier *Indiana Libraries*, points toward a need for more chances to pick up on earlier topics and to continue the professional discussion. Don't be surprised if your Editorial Board not only proposes more Potpourri issues, but also chooses to use one of the earlier topics again.

Your new *Indiana Libraries* editor for the next two years is Professor Ray Tevis of Ball State University. Ray is an active member of ILA/ILTA, a professor of library science, and present editor of AIME's periodical. He will do an outstanding job, I'm sure. You'll see some changes in topics and in style, and you'll discover Ray is a hard working professional.

As I bid you adieu I also bid adieu to the library profession. Purdue will phase out its program of library education within the next two years, and I will look out of my ivory tower from another angle, that of a specialist in children's literature. The past is prologue. I ventured out of my tower to see what was happening in librarianship in Indiana and I liked what I saw. Now I return to academe secure that I have many professional friends in the library world of Indiana and that they will continue to build a strong network of library programming.

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