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International Librarianship, Part II

Someone once said that librarianship is the one profession where the more you give away, the richer you become. Wherever librarians go in the world—and their travels seem boundless—they find their counterparts and discover endless joy in exchanging information and points of view. In this issue, more globetrotting librarians share with you what they have seen and learned from their international experiences.

Who goes to Paris and visits libraries? Well, Cyril and Mary Oberlander did and have written about the trials, travails and treasures of France's new Bibliothèque Nationale. So does Kris Kern, who shares her experience visiting the little known Interuniversity Library of Oriental Languages. Ye Xu (also known to her colleagues as Diana Ye) has written a fascinating account of her rare opportunity to read and research in the famous Bailin Temple Library in Northeastern Beijing. And Remy Agudelo describes the trip and library visits she made to her native Philippines, including information on the history of librarianship in this island nation.

For over ten years, the Oregon State Library and the Fujian (China) Provincial Library have engaged in a mutually fruitful exchange program. (See "The Oregon Fujian Library Connection," *OLA Quarterly* Winter 2000.) In this issue, two Chinese librarians write of their Oregon library visit in the fall of 2000, providing us with observations of some of the differences between American and Chinese libraries.

Librarians are active in various international library associations. Debra Bogart gives us background information about IFLA, the International Federation of Library Associations. Laurel Jizba describes the activities of ALA's International Relations Round Table. And Paul Gregorio writes about school librarianship internationally and the various international organizations that promote school libraries throughout the world.

For seekers of information about intercultural communication, a good resource to know about is the Intercultural Communication Institute Library, described in an article by Faye Powell. Also included are two poetry contributions by Paulette Switzer and Paula Germond, both of Marylhurst University, who were inspired by the intercultural contacts they had right there on their own campus.

And, finally, there is an article we would rather not have written because it means we have lost a loved and valued colleague, Kathy Greey. Kathy died—with her librarian's boots on, we might add—while on a trip to China recently. This issue of the *OLA Quarterly* is dedicated to Kathy.

—Kris Kern and Faye Powell, *Guest Editors*

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