

Editorial

ANN GWYN, Editor

Good news! *RBML* has become a permanent part of the ACRL publications program. From the time the *RBML* Editorial Board was appointed in January 1985, ACRL has kept a close eye on the progress of this journal. We were told at the beginning that, after three issues had been published, the journal would be evaluated and then either discontinued or put on a regular basis, depending on the results of the evaluation. Two ACRL committees, Publications, and Budget and Finance, would monitor *RBML*'s progress and make recommendations to the ACRL Board. Of particular interest would be the number of articles submitted and the quality of the articles published; the number of subscriptions; the number of advertisements; and the budget. The Publications Committee in particular asked such questions as: Is this journal needed? Will there be enough interested readers and contributors to sustain it? After the review process of the past two-and-a-half years by these ACRL Committees, especially by the Publications Committee to which I reported at each ALA meeting, these questions have been satisfactorily answered. At this past ALA meeting in June in San Francisco, when the final review took place, both the Publications Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee recommended to the ACRL Board that *RBML* should become a permanent ACRL journal. Their recommendations were accepted. Needless to say we are delighted and hope you are too.

Thanks are due to the many people (too many to name individually) who have contributed to the establishment of this journal: the individual RBMS members who had the vision and enthusiasm to promote the idea of a journal devoted to special collections librarianship and thus persuaded ACRL to give it a trial run; the RBMS Executive Committee and the RBMS Publications Committee, to whom I provided status reports at each ALA meeting, and who always

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gave helpful suggestions and encouragement; the *RBML* Editorial Board for its hard work, unfailing cooperation and good advice; the contributors to the journal; the reviewers of articles, both on and off the Editorial Board, all of whom have willingly and quickly given their carefully considered recommendations; the ACRL staff for their support and expertise; the ACRL Publications Committee for its continued interest and careful investigation of our progress; and, finally, you, the readers and subscribers, who have responded so positively to the journal. We especially appreciate all the notes of support and encouragement from readers all over the United States and Canada who knew that the final review was imminent. It is good to learn that you find *RBML* informative, instructive and, as one of you said, "even a good read." Thank you, one and all.

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