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Editorials are written on a rotating basis by the Editor-in-Chief, the Design Editor and the Consulting Editor.

The progression from one century to the next has traditionally brought us changes in attitude, invention and convention. We want to see the instant when one century slips away and another begins as momentous. With that spirit in mind we of the Editorial Staff here at TCL have made some changes. It is my hope that this has been apparent to you from the moment you first laid eyes on this issue. With the beginning of Volume 43 The Christian Librarian has a new look.

There have also been changes in the editorial staff of TCL. After more than 20 years of dedicated leadership Ron Jordahl has stepped into the new position of Consulting Editor. This change should give him some much needed time to rest (hah) and time to devote to his new endeavor as Director of the Library at Southern Evangelical Seminary.

If you are new to the Association of Christian Librarians you might not be aware that Ron almost single-handedly kept this journal alive for many of its formative years. The very fact that TCL is a journal and not an association newsletter is due to Ron. His leadership has given many Christian librarians an opportunity to publish their work, a chance to learn from their peers by reading their articles and has furthered the name and reputation of the Association of Christian Librarians globally. Ron edited each article, designed the cover, logo, and overall layout of the journal, learned new publishing programs and solicited manuscripts. For more than 20 years Ron has been doing the work of three people, quietly getting done what needed to be done.

As changes are made both to the journal and to the makeup of the Editorial Staff it is most important that

we recognize Ron Jordahl for the tremendous work he has accomplished and the effort he has consistently put into The Christian Librarian.

This issue is dedicated to Ron.

Anne-Elizabeth Powell

The phrase, "to become an institution," is sometimes used to convey the sense of establishment to the point of petrification. Life, whether in the literal, biological realm or in the metaphorical, corporate arena, is evidenced by change, by motion and growth. What this disjointed metaphorical trail is leading up to is my assertion that the ACL Board of Directors and the Editorial Team of *The Christian Librarian* are concerned with the life of the journal, that it continue to develop in effectiveness.

With its characteristic wisdom and foresight, the Board of Directors has guided the TCL Editorial Team toward what we all expect to be a more dynamic and effective periodical. We have been working for several months toward implementing changes in the structure of the Team and changes in the appearance of the journal. It is with great confidence that I welcome Anne-Elizabeth Powell to the position of Editor-in-Chief of *The Christian Librarian*.

It has been my pleasure to be involved with the journal for many years as General Editor. These years of glad service have afforded me the pleasure of stimulating contact with many individuals within and outside the Association. I look forward to continuing to work with the Team in the role of Consulting Editor.

Changes there will be, but I assure you that the journal will continue to be the publication you have come to know and depend on.

Sincerely in Christ,

Ron Jordahl