



Letters

To the Editor:

It is with dismay that I read your editorial, "The Best Librarians: Who Are They?" (*College & Research Libraries*, V. 48, November 1987). Although I agree with your apparent intention to identify excellent academic librarians, your stated control group, "direct patron contact and services," perpetuates classist attitudes about types of positions often present in academic libraries. As a longtime member of ACRL, I believe that excluding any academic librarian from being recognized for excellent service to the campus community does not serve the division well. Why not let the nominator argue the case for the nominee rather than being so initially restrictive? Excellent service to our academic communities exists in many forms in our libraries and assuming that one type of service is best does not conform at least to *my* interpretation of the "due process and equality of opportunity" section of the 1981 ALA "Statement on Professional Ethics."

Secondly, what are we saying about service to our patrons when we speak and write about excelling "in the trenches"? Is our "Best Librarian" to be a warrior? In the interest of ACRL, I urge you to reconsider your restrictions about academic library "superstars."

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To the Editor:

What a superb thing to do! Kudos! [November editorial: "The Best Librarians: Who Are They?"]

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