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RASD SEeks EDITOR FOR NEW PUBLICATION

The American Library Association's Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) is seeking qualified applicants for the position of editor of the division's proposed newsletter, RASD Update. This newsletter was authorized, subject to approval by the ALA Publishing Committee, by the RASD Board of Directors at the 1979 ALA Conference in Dallas.

The new editor will assume the responsibility immediately upon selection and serve for a nonrenewable three-year term, beginning with the ALA annual conference in 1980. In conjunction with the RASD Publications Committee, this first editor will help establish procedures for and participate in the design of the new newsletter. The editor will receive travel and expense allowances for attendance at ALA conferences, subject to the same guidelines that pertain to ALA staff.

RASD Update will disseminate news to RASD members that is timely, that acquaints the division with its members, and that features division activities and those of state and regional groups. It will incorporate news that is now carried in Messages from MARS, the newsletter of the RASD Machine-Assisted Reference Section. The division hopes to issue the newsletter up to 6 times a year.

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Candidates for the position must be members of RASD. Applications should demonstrate the candidate's experience in writing, editing, and/or publications management as well as familiarity with the needs of and issues facing reference and adult services librarians. Each candidate should include with the application a statement of not more than 300 words outlining reasons for seeking the editorship and possible goals and objectives for the new newsletter.

Applications should be mailed no later than December 1, 1979, to Nancy E. Gwinn, Chairperson, RASD Publications Committee, c/o Council on Library Resources, 1 Dupont Circle, Suite 620, Washington, D.C. 20036.

Copies of a prospectus for **RASD Update** may be obtained from Andrew M. Hansen, RASD Executive Secretary, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611. Candidates for the editorship will be interviewed at the ALA midwinter conference in Chicago in January 1980, after which the new editor will be named.

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