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Two appointments in the publishing program of the American Library Association were announced today by Robert Wedgeworth, Executive Director. Arthur Plotnik, Editor of American Libraries since January 1975, will take on additional responsibilities as Editorial Development Director for general ALA publishing programs. In that assignment, he will concentrate on identifying and developing new ways of serving the library profession through publications and services, and he will work on acquisitions and on new resources. Plotnik continues, as Editor of American Libraries, to direct the Association's membership journal.

Joel Lee, Headquarters Librarian of the American Library Association since October 1977, also assumes new duties. Named Associate Editorial Development Officer, Lee will contribute to the publishing reference program. He is already at work as Associate Editor of the forthcoming ALA World Encyclopedia of Library and Information Services. At a special U.S. library publishers' exhibit at the IFLA meeting in Denmark in August 1979, Lee will introduce the new work. It is scheduled for early 1980 publication. Lee has also been appointed Editor-in-Chief of a new Who's Who in Library and Information Services, a directory to be published by K.G. Saur in cooperation with ALA. Lee, in his present position as Headquarters Librarian, continues to direct that special library.

In their new assignments, Plotnik and Lee report to the Associate Executive Director for Publishing, Donald E. Stewart.