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## 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBRARY REVOLUTION INSPIRES SPECIAL REPORT

In 1969, a few dozen activists met in a dreary Washington hotel to hold what they called a "Congress for Change." They developed a program of action for radical reform in the library profession and they took it to 10,000 librarians meeting the following week at the American Library Conference in Atlantic City.

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differed from library events of its day.

"With every editorial resource available, American Libraries will explore the decade of change, focusing on topics such as technology, women, access, reference, young people's media, the ALA, and librarians," explained Plotnik.

"In addition, we will profile some of those who attended the Congress for Change, showing them as they were in 1969 and where they are today."

This comprehensive and important issue of American Libraries is sure to be the talk of the 1979 ALA Conference in Dallas. Don't leave home without it!

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