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Dr. Russell Shank, UCLA University Librarian, has been elected Vice-President, President-Elect of the American Library Association.

Long active in ALA, Dr. Shank is a member of the Association's Executive Board, and has served as President of both the Information Science and Automation Division (ISAD) and the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). Before joining the UCLA faculty, he was Director of Libraries at the Smithsonian Institution. Before that he was on the faculty of Columbia University's School of Library Service.

Dr. Shank has also served as President of the U.S. Book Exchange, Chairperson of the Networks Committee of the American Society for Information Science and of the Engineering Division of the Special Libraries Association. An expert on automation, telecommunications and networks, he has served as a consultant to a number of agencies in the U.S. and Canada. He led the development of FEDLINK, a cooperative automated cataloging network of federal libraries and was an early and prominent advocate of using cable television to improve library service. In addition, as a consultant to the Indonesian Institute of Sciences, he outlined a proposal for national science and engineering information services in that country.

Dr. Shank has bachelor's degrees in both electrical engineering and librarianship from the University of Washington, a master of business

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administration from the University of Wisconsin and a doctorate in library science from Columbia University. He has served on the library staffs at all three of these universities. He also served as the Assistant University Librarian at the University of California at Berkeley.

Dr. Shank is a native of Spokane, Washington.