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**Cathleen Bourdon named RASD and ASCLA executive director**

Cathleen Bourdon, deputy executive director of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), has been appointed executive director of the Reference and Adult Services Division (RASD) and the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA). She will assume her duties at RASD and ASCLA on June 7.

In her new post, Bourdon will serve as head of the 5,500-member RASD and 1,200-member ASCLA. Both are divisions of the American Library Association (ALA). ACRL is also an ALA division.

RASD is responsible for stimulating and supporting in every type of library the delivery of reference/information services to all groups, regardless of age, and of general library services and materials to adults.

ASCLA represents state library agencies, specialized library agencies and multitype library cooperatives.

"These two divisions of the American Library Association are significant in the programs and services they provide," stated Peggy Sullivan, ALA executive director. "It is a great pleasure to look forward to a future in which Cathleen Bourdon's leadership qualities, organizational skills and ability to work with a great variety of people will be of service to RASD and ASCLA.

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She is a respected colleague at ALA headquarters and it is great that she has accepted this opportunity."

Sullivan said that there were 38 nominations and 26 applications for the position.

Bourdon previously served as acting director of ACRL, library director, supervisor of the cataloging department and assistant professor of library and information science at Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wis. She also served for three years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Ethiopia teaching English as a second language.

She has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee and a master's degree in library science from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Bourdon succeeds Andrew Hansen who will serve as the RASD associate executive director until his retirement in March 1994.