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Thomas J. Galvin assumed the Presidency of the American Library Association at the Inaugural Banquet, Thursday June 28, during the Association's Annual Conference in Dallas.

Long active in ALA, Galvin is currently a member of the Association's Executive Board. He recently completed a term as President of ALA's Library Education Division and has served on many committees.

Before going to Pittsburgh where he is also a professor on the Library School Faculty, Galvin was Associate Director and Professor in the School of Library Science at Simmons College in Boston. Before that, he was Assistant Director of the library at Simmons; Chief Librarian at the Abbot Public Library in Marblehead, Mass.; and Reference Librarian at Boston University's College of General Education.

Galvin is known for his work in applying the case methods to teaching reference service. His latest book on the subject is Current Problems in Reference Service, the first in a nine-volume series of which Galvin serves as General Editor.

Galvin has a B.A. in English from Columbia College; an M.S. in Library and Information Science from Simmons College; and a Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from Case Western Reserve University.