

## E D I T O R I A L

## EDITORIAL

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It is with pleasure that I announce the beginning of a new series in *Education Libraries*. Special collections in all types of libraries—university, public, education, etc. will be covered.

Featured in this issue is the first of the series, an article about the deaf collection at Gallaudet University, in Washington, DC. This library serves only deaf students, mainly from the United States, but internationally as well. The staff, instructors, and library personnel are also mostly deaf, thus creating a very welcoming milieu for the students.

Our second article describes the Michigan Research Libraries Triangle. Strictly speaking this is not about a special collection. Rather, it is a special treatment of collections and cooperation between three university libraries. The founding and evolution of the project as well as its problems and eventual success is also explored.

In the coming year this series will be continued, with descriptions of specialized collections for multicultural populations, the blind and other minority groups served by libraries. 1999 is the "Year of the Elderly" as declared by the United Nations. Therefore we plan to include an article covering special collections for the elderly in one of the upcoming issues.

The ERIC column, prepared by Eric Plotnick from Syracuse University, complements the Gallaudet University article, and News from Eric, as always, provides some useful insights into the ERIC operations. Our other column, New and Forthcoming at Reference, is supplied as usual by Deborah Garson and Gladys Dratch from Harvard University.

The book review section is varied and eclectic. We are pleased to greet new reviewers who have joined our ranks, thanks to the *Education Libraries*' Web site as well as the Listserv, where the complimentary books supplied to us by publishers are currently listed.