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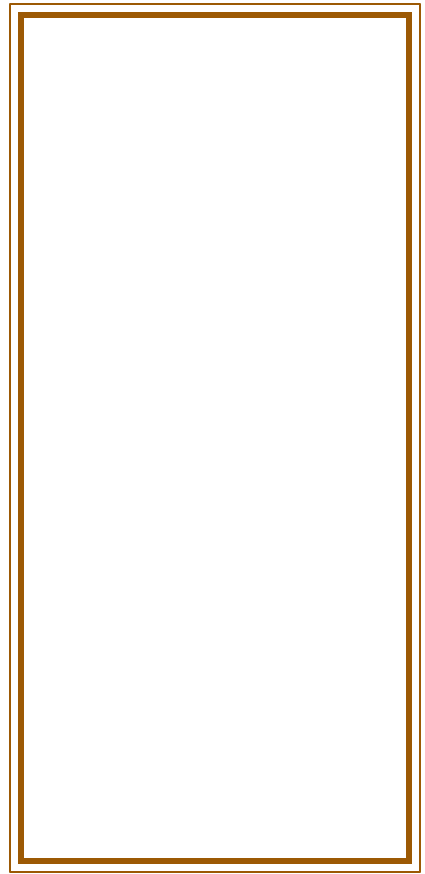
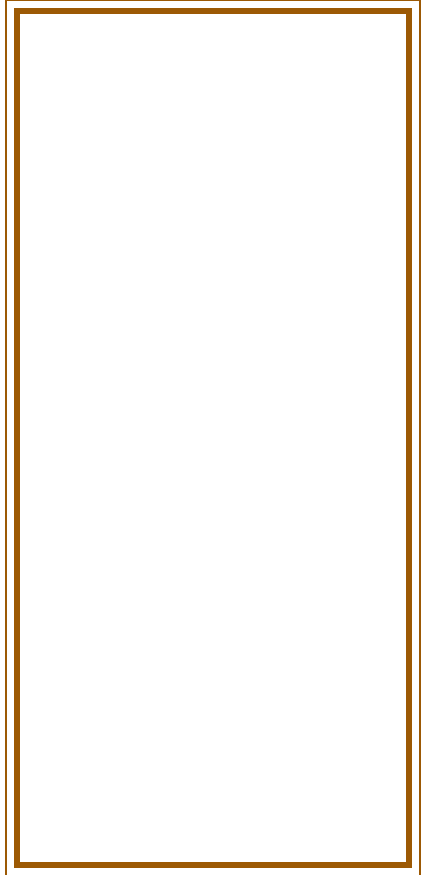
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The Central University Library Rises



Message from the IRRT Chair

By Karen Starr

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The 2002 Feria International De Libros

By Julia Schneider

Think of a major event in which hostesses wear slick black dresses; the players talk through clouds of self-generated smoke, and the noise is deafening. If this brings to mind your local bingo parlor, you probably were not one of the more than 200 North American

From ALA's International Desk By Michael Dowling

Registration Deadline Approaching for IFLA in Berlin --

For those interested in attending the IFLA Conference in Berlin, August 1 through 9, 2003, the deadline for early registration is May 1, 2003. Remember to use the ALA IFLA number **US-0002** to register at the discounted IFLA member rate. Registration and other information on the conference can be found at <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla69/index.htm>. Also, IFLA has officially changed the name of its conference to *the World Library and Information Congress*

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Impressions on Libraries in China

By William Wong

I joined a delegation of Chinese studies librarians from the U.S. on a ten-day tour of China in November 2002. We visited libraries, archives, museums, publishing houses, and government agencies. The tour began in Beijing, the capital city of China. Our visit coincided with the convention of the 16th Congress of the Chinese Communist Party. Our second stop was Shenyang, known as the center of heavy industries in China. We learned of the unique circumstances of the eBook Department of the Liaoning Publishing Group. This department is funded by its provincial government, yet has launched a project producing large Chinese databases in order to participate in the competitive marketplace. We continued



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