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If you have a job at a great place to work, think about nominating your library for ACRL's Excellence in Academic Libraries Award. Committee Chair Gloriana St. Clair describes the award and how to apply/nominate a library on page 812.

As you think about stretching your job or looking for new challenges, Bill Miller and Paul

Studdard share some things they have done outside the usual library job description. Bill describes Florida Atlantic University Libraries' role in making a documentary film about the wooden synagogues in Europe (page 777). (Thanks to Bill for providing the cover for this month's issue.)

Paul Studdard suggests that librarians consider serving as academic advisors so that they can help students map out their educational and career strategies (page 781).

In this issue we also bring you reports from two conferences. Larry Hardesty describes the experience of the ACRL/Harvard Leadership Institute (page 805). Hannelore Rader's impressions of the IFLA conference in Jerusalem (along with a photo of Hannelore and her camel) can be found on page 809.

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