

# In Remembrance

**“...I’ve enjoyed a wonderfully fulfilling life of service and adventure. I wouldn’t exchange any experience in any country where the Lord has led in overseas library ministry.”**

-Dorothy Spidell, ACL founding mother



On January 21, 2011, a dear friend and founding mother of ACL left us for her eternal home. Dorothy Spidell’s involvement began at the very beginning — planning the first conference at Nyack College in 1956. Her active role continued as she served as president from 1961–62. The inaugural years of CPI® also saw Dorothy’s footprints all over them. In 1970, she began volunteering overseas during the summers, visiting countries such as India, France, and Kenya. Dorothy’s home church also benefitted from her service as librarian and missions committee secretary. Known to her friends as Dottie, she has been described as vivacious, enthusiastic, talented, and most importantly, a dedicated Christian. Speaking of her home with her Savior, Dorothy wrote, “I hope you are ready to join me there when God’s call comes for you.”

# Commission for International Library Advancement (CILA)

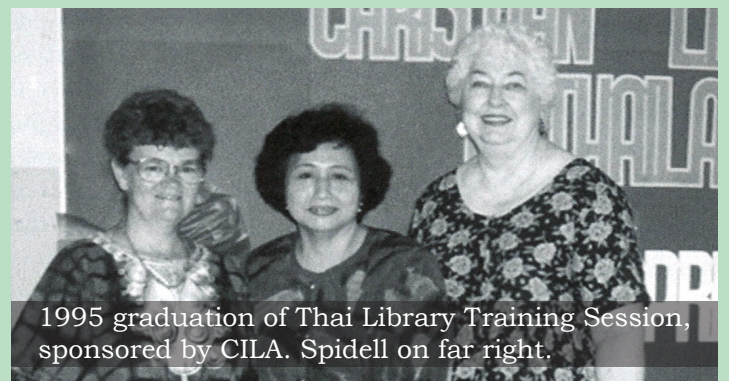
Historically, CILA members have assisted libraries around the world through advice, the majority of which revolved around automation and/or teaching and training, as well as providing needed training supplies.

Although CILA has been in existence for many years, 2011 brought a “new” CILA in the form of a name change from the Commission for International Library Assistance to the Commission for International Library Advancement. This minor change is intended to reflect the expanding role of CILA to incorporate assistance in limited ways to libraries within North America. The ACL Board of Directors has been assisting in a general reorganization of CILA due to this new area of endeavor. In the meantime, CILA has been working on a new set of goals and objectives to meet the new challenges.

To continue this work that she was deeply involved in as a member, Dorothy Spidell bequeathed \$100,000 of her estate to the furthering of the mission of CILA.

An exciting new outreach for the year has been the Haiti Book Project for the 2012 ACL Conference in which ACL members, through the sponsorship of CILA, have been challenged to donate funds and/or books for selected school libraries in earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

-Jo Ann Rhodes, ACL President



1995 graduation of Thai Library Training Session, sponsored by CILA. Spidell on far right.