

CHOICE 60th Anniversary Time Line

- 1876** The American Library Association is founded in Philadelphia, PA
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- 1940** The Association of College and Reference Libraries becomes ALA's first division
- 1957** The Association of College and Reference Libraries' name is changed to Association of College and Research Libraries
- 1961** The Council on Library Resources awards \$150,000 to the ALA to establish a book review service for college libraries
- 1963** Richard K. Gardner is appointed the founding Editor of Choice. Choice editorial space is secured at the Olin Library through the generosity of Wyman Parker, Librarian of Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT
- 1964** The inaugural issue of Choice is published, Vol. 1, no. 1
- 1965** Requiring additional space, the Choice office moves to a storefront location at 42 Broad St., Middletown, CT; The first "Outstanding Academic Books" and "Opening Day Collection" lists are published in Choice
- 1966** Peter Doiron is appointed Editor, Choice; The Choice office moves again, to 100 Riverview Center, Middletown, CT
- 1968** First set of Choice Reviews on Cards is published; the first monthly Index to Advertisers is published in Choice
- 1970** The ISBN (SBN) begins to appear in the bibliographic header of the Choice review
- 1972** Louise Lockwood is appointed Acting Editor, Choice. In June, the ALA announces that Richard K. Gardner will return as Editor, Choice, beginning October 1972
- 1973** The CIP designation begins to appear in the bibliographic header of the Choice review
- 1974** The first "Periodicals for College Libraries" article is published in Choice
- 1975** Compiled at Choice, Books for College Libraries, 2nd edition, is published
- 1978** Louis Sasso is appointed Editor, Choice
- 1979** Jay Poole is appointed Editor, Choice
- 1980** Choice begins to feature photographs of academic library buildings as the magazine cover; the first reviews of nonprint materials are published in Choice
- 1982** Rebecca Dixon is appointed Editor, Choice
- 1983** A formal Choice selection policy is published
- 1984** Patricia E. Sabosik is appointed Editor and Publisher, Choice; Choice celebrates its 20th anniversary; the first annual college book price information is published in Choice; the reviewer byline is added to the Choice review
- 1985** Choice publishes its first Forthcoming Reference Books feature
- 1988** Developed and edited at Choice, Books for College Libraries, 3rd ed., is published; Choice automates—the first issue of Choice produced and printed exclusively through the automated online Wilson system
- 1989** Choice celebrates its 25th anniversary
- 1991** Choice transitions to the STAR automated review database
- 1994** Choice celebrates its 30th anniversary; Choice installs a new LAN linking 2/3 of the staff to the network
- 1995** Irving E. Rockwood is appointed Editor & Publisher, Choice; Vocational and Technical Materials for Community College Libraries is published by Choice
- 1996** Choice installs an e-mail system; Choice licenses its reviews to Brodart
- 1997** Choice publishes first annual Web review supplement; Choice homepage launches on the ALA website
- 1998** Choice's Outstanding Academic Books, 1992-1997, is published
- 1999** Choice celebrates its 35th anniversary; Choice Reviews online is launched
- 2001** The first issue of Choice is produced exclusively through the new Publishing System; the Choice Reviewer website is launched; Choice partners with Syndetic Solutions to include Choice reviews in library OPACs
- 2003** Choice Reviews online is enhanced with the launch of the monthly Advertisers' Index
- 2004** Choice celebrates its 40th anniversary
- 2006** Choice's monthly "Editors Picks" and "Hot Topics" e-newsletters begin distribution; Choice expands from 11 to 12 regular issues annually; Resources for College Libraries, the sequel to Books for College Libraries, 3rd ed., copublished with R. R. Bowker, is published in print and online
- 2007** Choice Reviews online 2.0 is release
- 2008** Groundbreaking ceremony for Choice's newly purchased 7,635 square-foot office condominium at Liberty Square in Middletown, CT
- 2009** Choice moves into the Liberty Square office condominium; Resources for College Libraries: Career Resources, the successor to Vocational and Technical Resources for Community College Libraries, is released as an online supplement to Resources for College Libraries
- 2010** Choice's Facebook page is launched. In September, Liberty Square office receives LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification for meeting national standards for sustainability and green practices in building design.
- 2011** Resources for College Libraries 2.0 is launched
- 2013** Mark Cummings is appointed Editor & Publisher, Choice; Choice Reviews Online 3.0, developed by HighWire Press, is released; Resources for College Libraries 2.5 is released; ACRL/Choice Webinar program debuts
- 2014** Choice celebrates its 50th anniversary; Choice's new proprietary content management system, ChoiceConnect, launches
- 2016** Launch of newly designed Choice Reviews: for the first time reviews are published daily online and not held to monthly issue closes
- 2016** Choice's popular Bibliographical Essays series goes open access on the SpringShare LibGuide Platform.
- 2018** Choice's sponsored content program launches
- 2017** The Authority File Podcast launches
- 2020** Redesign of Choice360.org on the WordPress platform; in March, staff starts working from home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. An emergency egalley review workflow developed and implemented
- 2021** Launch of Toward Inclusive Excellence, Choice's EDI channel
- 2022** The Choice Outstanding Academic Title seal is offered for sale through the ALA store
- 2023** Rachel Hendrick is appointed Editor & Publisher, Choice; launch of LibTech Insights, Choice's library technology channel; in April, The Authority File wins Best B2B Podcast at the 2023 Publisher Podcast Awards
- 2024:** Choice celebrates its 60th anniversary; last set of Choice Reviews on Cards published in February