

This September 2018 issue of ITAL continues our celebration of the journal's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a column by former Editorial Board member Mark Dehmlow, who highlights the technological changes beginning to stir the library world in the 1980s. The seeds of change planted in the 1970s are germinating, but the explosive growth of the 1990s is still a few years away.

In addition to peer-reviewed articles on recommender systems, big data processing and storage, finding vendor accessibility documentation, using GIS to find specific books on a shelf, and a recommender system for archival manuscripts, we are also publishing the student paper by this year's [Ex Libris/LITA Student Writing Award](#), "The Open Access Citation Advantage: Does It Exist and What Does It Mean for Libraries?", by Colby Lewis at the University of Michigan School of Information. This inciteful paper impressed the competition's judges (as ITAL's Editor, I was one of them) and I am very pleased to include Ms. Lewis' work here.

This issue also marks my fourth as editor. With one year under my belt I am finding a rhythm for the publication process and starting to see the increased flow of articles from outside traditional academic library spaces that I wrote about in December 2017. As always, if you have an idea for a potential ITAL article, please do get in touch. We on the editorial board look forward to working with you.

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