

Welcome to the February 2020 issue of *C&RL News*. Leading off the issue, Abigail Goben and Robert J. Sandusky discuss the risks and opportunities of “Open data repositories” in this month’s Scholarly Communication column.

In the latest edition of our Perspectives on the Framework column, Michael Dudley reflects on his experiences “Exploring world-views and authorities” in his role as a liaison for Indigenous, Women’s and Gender, and Disability studies.

Cathryn Copper takes a look at “Experimentation in academic libraries” through her experiences at the Virginia Tech Art & Architecture Library, examining innovation, including the importance of failure, through the lens of the library’s Experimentation Station.

Librarians at Kennesaw State University experimented with a new model of reference training for staff to improve service quality by

borrowing concepts from the dating world. Sarah Kantor writes about the project in her article “Reference speed dating.”

Angie Cox, Jim Kelly, and Chris Neuhaus further explore the concept of letting go, telling the story of Northern Iowa University’s Rod Library’s Beyond Google course in their article “Knowing when to cry uncle.” In this issue’s The Way I See It essay, Jason Martin discusses the concept of vulnerability as an essential part of “Daring leadership.”

Make sure to check out the other features and departments this month, including statements from the candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect in the upcoming ALA/ACRL elections, an overview of the “The 2018 ACRL Academic Library Trends and Statistics Annual Survey,” and Internet Resources on “Emergency preparedness.”

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