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Welcome to the June 2009 issue of *C&RL News*. More than 4,300 library staff, exhibitors, speakers, and guests assembled in Seattle, March 12-15 for ACRL's 14th National Conference. "Pushing The Edge: Explore, Engage, Extend" featured a variety of invited and contributed papers, panels, poster sessions, workshops, Cyber Zed Shed talks, and discussion groups. Another 350 participants met online for the ACRL 2009 Virtual Conference. This issue includes an overview of ACRL 2009.

Instruction librarians are constantly searching for ways to engage students in the research process. Many institutions have initiated library research contests and prizes to reward student work. Lynn Jones describes the University of California-Berkeley's library prize program in her article "The rewards of research."

In past months, *C&RL News* has highlighted ways in which the current economic

climate impacts academic and research libraries and librarians in the areas of customer service and the job search process. This month, we look at the impact of the economy on management and leadership as Mary Carmen Chimato describes "How an economic crisis may improve your management skills."

The popular Job of a Lifetime feature returns this month with a new editor, Erin Dorney. Erin's first column highlights the work of user experience librarian Brian Mathews. Visit the *News* online for a podcast interview with Mathews.

Make sure to check out all of the other great features and columns in this month's issue, including a look at using CONTENTdm to create a diversity news index, information on the SCOAP3 project, and Internet Resources on translation sites.

Thanks for reading the *News*!

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