

In the

news

Welcome to the July/August 2009 issue of *C&RL News*. Summer can offer a much needed time for academic and research librarians to reflect on the just completed academic year, work on the projects left lingering on the to-do list, and plan programming for upcoming semesters.

The upcoming ALA Banned Books Week, held September 26–October 3, provides an opportunity to educate the campus community about censorship and freedom of expression issues. Melissa Hubbard outlines Southern Illinois University-Carbondale's programming in her article "Banned Books Week and the Freedom of the Press."

Summer break also offers a time to prepare orientation sessions for new students and faculty. "The huge hubbub" by Alice Wasielewski provides tips for planning fun and informative freshman orientations. In addition to students and faculty, libraries themselves can benefit from orientation-style

programs. Uta Hussong-Christian, Sue Kunda, and Hannah Gascho Rempel describe the Oregon State University Libraries In-Service Day in "By the people, for the people."

In our continuing look at the impact of the current economic climate on academic and research libraries, Kate Joranson and Eve Wider examine ways librarians can assist students preparing for an uncertain job market in "Librarians on the case."

Make sure to take a look at all of the other great articles and columns, including Sarah Anne Murphy's overview of implementing and evaluating the Vocera voice communication system at Ohio State University, surveying strategies using convenience sampling from Dolores Skowronek and Larry Duerr, and Sidney Lowe and Susie Skarl's Internet Resources article on generations.

Thanks for reading the *News*!

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