

Welcome to the March 2010 issue of *C&RL News*. The rise of widgets, gadgets, and apps has moved academic and research libraries into a customized, mobile world. But commercial tools can often be pricey and platform-specific. In this issue, Nina McHale encourages you to “Steal this code! Please!” to create and share your own HTML widgets to provide customized access to library resources.

Also in this issue, Mary Francis argues that libraries can improve students’ information literacy skills by focusing on their more basic needs as outlined by Maslow’s hierarchy in her article “Fulfillment of a higher order.” Effective teaching and communication skills are required to convey any sort of message to students. Bob Schoofs details his journey to find his “Voice in teaching” and improve his classroom presentation skills.

Working with classroom faculty is essential to providing quality library instruction and

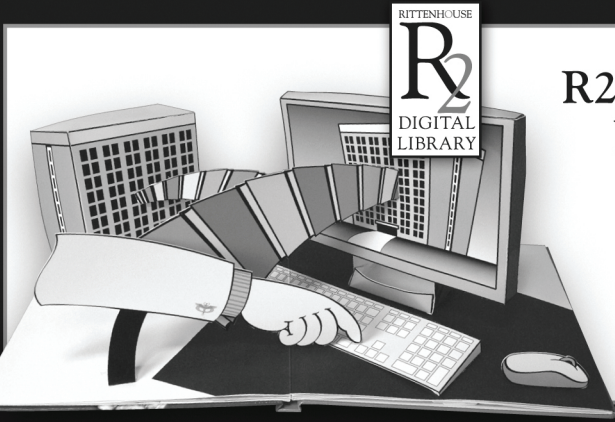
assignments. In her article “Partnering for success,” Larissa Gordon discusses a program at Acadia University to provide grants to promote collaboration between faculty and librarians.

To help you make an informed decision in the upcoming ALA/ACRL election, this issue also features responses from the 2010 candidates for ALA President, Sarah Kelly Johns and Molly Raphael, to a set of questions from the ACRL Board of Directors. A list of ACLR members running for ALA Council is also provided. Voting in the 2010 election opens on March 16.

Make sure to take a look at all of the other great articles and columns this month, including the first in a two-part series recognizing the 2010 ACRL award winners and Internet Resources on anarchism.

Thanks for reading the *News!*

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