

Welcome to the December 2014 issue of *C&RL News*. Data management continues to be an important topic for many researchers and libraries. In this issue's Scholarly Communication column, Heather Coates examines how data management programs are "Ensuring research integrity" in an era of crises, including the risk of data becoming inaccessible.

Undergraduate creative writing programs are an area that has potentially been overlooked in library instruction efforts. Julia Glassman of UCLA discusses "Research support for creative writers" in this month's issue, providing examples of why research skills are important for fiction writers as well as researchers.

At Yale University, librarians are working with researchers to highlight their work in creative ways. Lori Bronars and Gwyneth Crowley discuss their efforts at "Library outreach through media wall exhibits," demonstrating an interesting program to both increase campus outreach and provide engaging visual elements to the library.

In this issue's The Way I See It essay, librarians from Appalachian State University

discuss their experiences "Modeling ACRL's Standards for Libraries in Higher Education" to help create a culture of assessment for their library and institution.

According to tradition, we also take a look back at ACRL's accomplishments over the past fiscal year with our Annual Report. The report demonstrates the progress the association has made on achieving the goals of the Plan for Excellence along with other programs and services. We also continue our look back at the history of the association in honor of our 75th anniversary. Lian Ruan gives an overview of ACRL in the 1960s in her article "Aiming high."

Help make the next year as successful as the last by volunteering to serve on an ACRL committee. The call for volunteers is available on page 610.

Make sure to check out the other features and departments, including a preview of association activities at the upcoming 2015 ALA Midwinter Meeting and an update on our online research journal *C&RL*, in this issue as well.

Thanks as always for reading the *News*, and we'll see you in 2015!

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