

Welcome to the February 2016 issue of *C&RL News*. Collaborations, both within and across institutional lines, provide a way to extend library services and demonstrate the value of libraries to the higher education community. Gauging the success of collaborative efforts can sometimes be tricky, however. Librarians from the Cornell University Library provide tested tips and tools for assessing both internal and external collaborations in their article “Partnerships.”

Assessment and evaluation are also essential to developing courses and other learning activities. Amanda Nichols Hess and James L. Moseley discuss their experiences “Conducting formative evaluation online,” while developing and presenting an online learning module at Oakland University.

Cynthia Hudson-Vitale and Jennifer Moore add to the discussion of assessment techniques with their experiment using “Digital badges” in helping librarians at Washington University in St. Louis develop data management and GIS skills.

Diversity and inclusion efforts continue to

be a needed point of focus in academic and research libraries. In this issue’s Scholarly Communication column, Charlotte Roh of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst examines these issues through the lens of scholarly publishing in her article “Library publishing and diversity values.”

With spring conference season close at hand, Tina P. Franks of The Ohio State University provides a travelogue of her recent adventures as a first-time poster presenter in her *The Way I See It* essay “Travel companion.”

Also this month we continue our look at the upcoming ALA/ACRL elections with statements from the candidates for ACRL vice-president/president-elect. Vote for the candidates of your choice in the election beginning March 15.

Make sure to check out the other features and departments this month, including an ACRL TechConnect article by Tammy Ivins on creating automated reports from Google Forms and Internet Resources on Intellectual Freedom Associations by Steven Greechie.

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