

With this issue, *Information Technology and Libraries (ITAL)* begins its second year as an open-access, e-only publication. There have been a couple of technical hiccups related to the publication of back issues of *ITAL* previously only available in print: the publication system we're using (Open Journal System) treats the back issues as new content and automatically sends notifications to readers who have signed up to be notified when new content is available. We're working to correct that glitch, but hope that the benefit of having the full *ITAL* archive online will outweigh the inconvenience of the extra e-mail notifications. Overall though, *ITAL* continues to chug along and the wheels aren't in danger of falling off any time soon. Thanks go to Mary Taylor, the LITA Board, and the LITA Publications Committee for supporting the move to the new model for *ITAL*.

Readership this year appears to be healthy—the total download count for the thirty-three articles published in 2012 was 42,166, with 48,160 abstract views. Unfortunately we don't have statistics about online use from previous years to compare with. The overall number of article downloads for 2012, for new and archival content, was 74,924. We continue to add to the online archive: this month the first issues from March 1969 and March 1981 were added. If you haven't taken the opportunity to look, the back issues offer an interesting reminder of the technology challenges our predecessors faces.

In this month's issue, *ITAL* Editorial Board member Patrick "Tod" Colegrove reflects on the emergence of makerspace phenomenon in libraries, providing an overview of the makerspace landscape. LITA member Danielle Becker and Lauren Yannotta describe the user-centered website redesign process used at the Hunter College Libraries. Kathleen Weessies and Daniel Dotson describe GIS lite provide examples of its use at the Michigan State University Libraries. Vandana Singh presents guidelines for adopting an open-source integrated library system, based on findings from interviews with staff at libraries that have adopted open-source systems. Danijela Boberić Krstićev from the University of Novi Sad describes a software methodology enabling sharing of information between different library systems, using the Z39.50 and SRU protocols.

Beginning with the June issue of *ITAL*, articles will be published individually as soon as they are ready. *ITAL* issues will still close on a quarterly basis, in March, June, September, and December. By publishing articles individually as they are ready, we hope to make *ITAL* content more timely and reduce the overall length of time for our peer-review and publication processes.

Suggestions and feedback are welcome, at the e-mail address below.

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