

Welcome to the September 2018 issue of *C&RL News*. Along with the start of a new academic year, it is the start of conference season here in the ACRL office. This month we begin our series of articles leading up to the ACRL 2019 conference, coming up April 10-13, 2019, in Cleveland. Mandi Goodsett, Evan Meszaros, Michelle S. Millet, and Jennine Vlach of the conference Local Arrangements Committee kick off the series with an introduction to our host city in “Welcome to Cleveland.”

In this issue’s Perspectives on the Framework column, Ethan Pullman of Carnegie Mellon University provides a teacher learner perspective on “Applying the Framework as a reflective tool.”

Since 2015, the Association of Research Libraries has held a number of institutes for liaison librarians. Rita Vine of the University of Toronto provides observations gleaned from the institutes in her article “Realigning liaison with university priorities.”

Heather Joseph of SPARC writes about responding to vendor acquisitions of repository and analytics products by “Securing community-

controlled infrastructure” in this month’s Scholarly Communication column.

Working with students to increase media literacy continues to be a focus for many libraries. In their article “Pizzagate and a slice of free speech,” Callie Wiygul Branstiter, Rebecca Orozco, Carmen Orth-Alfie, and Kama Younger from the University of Kansas discuss their efforts at providing media literacy education outside of the classroom setting.

In this issue’s The Way I See It essay, Michael Epstein of the University of San Diego reflects on using proactive chat as a reference strategy in “That thing is so annoying.”

This month we also look back at the 2018 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans with our annual roundup of ACRL programs and Board of Directors’ actions. Many thanks to all the reporters who volunteered to write program summaries.

Make sure to check out the other features and departments this month, including information on the benefits of being a student member of ACRL and a look at the September issue of *College & Research Libraries* from editor Wendi Kaspar.

Thanks as always for reading the *Neus!*

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