

Welcome to the July/August 2020 issue of *C&RL News*. Whether students return to campus for the fall term or continue to learn at a distance, food insecurity will be a major concern for many. Lana Mariko Wood of California State University-East Bay argues that academic libraries are in an ideal position to respond and details some of the initiatives put into place at her library and others to respond to this ongoing crisis in her article “Empty shelves.”

Academic and research librarians continue to respond to COVID-19 in a variety of ways. M. Wynn Tranfield, Doug Worsham, and Nisha Mody write about the UCLA Library’s grassroots rapid response to the pandemic in “When you only have a week,” while Misa Mi, Yingting Zhang, Lin Wu, and Wendy Wu detail four health sciences libraries’ experiences in “How


health sciences librarians responded to the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.”

In this issue’s The Way I See It essay, Russell A. Hall urges library leaders to continue to adopt flexible, forward-looking strategic and tactical plans for providing resources and services in “Library strategic planning after COVID-19.”

Jane Hammons of The Ohio State University writes about her library’s efforts to create an online information literacy course to assist faculty in “Teaching information literacy” to their students.

Make sure to check out the other features and departments this month, including an outreach project to support a local school district’s diversity initiatives, increasing access to reserve textbooks for student veterans, a look back at the ACRL/SPARC Forum at the 2020 ALA Midwinter Meeting, and Internet Resources on dance.


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