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Welcome to the November 2007 issue of *C&RL News*. Tenure is a major issue for many college and university librarians. Working in a tenure-track environment often means making the roles and duties of librarianship fit into a system often designed primarily for nonlibrary faculty.

In "On the tenure track," Deborah Lee examines the tenure process in libraries and provides straightforward, useful advice on navigating unfamiliar requirements. Her advice can help ease some of the anxiety and mystery of the tenure track.

Publishing is another major part of the tenure process. Phillip M. Edwards gives practical advice for learning about the academic publishing process by serving as a peer reviewer for LIS journals in his article "Developing as a writer."

Serving on student dissertation or thesis committees gives additional insight into the academic process. Bernadette A. Lear talks

about her experiences in "The Zen of serving on thesis committees." Not on the tenure track? There is still plenty to learn from the experiences of these authors.

This issue also features the Call for Proposals for the 2009 ACRL National Conference. Consider sharing your experiences and projects with colleagues in Seattle. Presenting is a rewarding experience for both tenure- and nontenure-track librarians.

Of course scholarship and publishing aren't just for faculty. In "Student activism," Gavin Baker takes a look at how students use the scholarly communication system and how libraries can support them in their efforts.

Don't miss the rest of the great articles and columns in this month's issue, including a new edition of "Job of a Lifetime" profiling Sandra Kroupa, Rare Arts and Rare Books curator at the University of Washington Libraries. Enjoy!

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