

Welcome to the November 2016 issue of *C&RL News*. As relations between the United States and Cuba have changed over the past couple of years, many academic libraries are positioned to further cultural and intellectual connections between the two countries. Librarian Troy Davis and Cuba scholar Ann Marie Stock of the College of William & Mary write about their collaborations towards “Making Cuba connections” in this month’s issue.

Meiyolet Méndez of the University of Miami provides an introductory list of resources to learn more about Cuban history and culture in her Internet Resources column “Cuba on our minds.”

Succession planning and leadership development continue to be major areas of focus for many libraries. Kimberly Bugg of the NYC College of Technology outlines five activities to help cultivate leadership in her article “Creating the leadership you seek.”

Leadership development has been a focus for the University of Houston Libraries for the past several years. Christina Hoffman Gola and Miranda Henry Bennett write about how their library’s Liaison Services Advisory Board contributes to leadership development and succession planning.

Not all librarians find that they thrive in leadership positions, however, as Helene Gold notes from personal experience in her *The Way I See It* essay “At least you didn’t burn the place down.”

In this issue’s Scholarly Communication column, Emily Drabinski of Long Island University-Brooklyn discusses her experiences as an editorial board member of a journal that went through the process of “Flipping to open access for survival.” Our Perspectives on the Framework column returns this month with a look at mapping the Framework to local curricula by Donna Witek of the University of Scranton in her article “Becoming gardeners.”

Make sure to check out the rest of our features and departments, including Carrie Bertling Disclafani and Jennifer C. Hill’s detailed look at the neighborhoods of Baltimore as they invite you to “Experience the charm of Charm City” during the upcoming ACRL 2017 conference. Registration and housing for ACRL 2017 are now open.

Thanks as always for reading the *News*!

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