Editorial: Celebrating Six-Year Anniversary and Launching the Thirteenth Issue

As the *International Journal of Librarianship (IJoL)* enters its sixth year of publishing, it enjoys an ever-expanding cohort of authorship and readership. Including this issue, *IJoL* has published 127 articles by more than 200 authors from 20+ countries in all five continents. The total abstract views have reached almost 100,000 and the full-text downloads close to 40,000 times.

IJoL publishes online biannually. Some are general issues with topics on library services and practices, others are special issues with a theme that focuses on popular topics such as data librarianship, linked data, sustainability and libraries, open library platform (FOLIO), and the COVID-19 pandemic and libraries. In 2023, *IJoL* will pilot a quarterly publication model. The four issues will be published in March, June, September, and December respectively. This decision was made by the *IJoL* editorial board based on the considerations of both the journal's long-term strategic development and optimizing the journal's publication cycle and workflow.

In this December 2022 issue, we have 14 articles with authors coming from seven countries in three continents:

Featured Articles
Rodarte and Moore from the United States assess academic librarians' perceptions of productivity while working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic by surveying the academic librarians at large university and college libraries (FTE is greater than 15,000 students). They find that the majority of the surveyed academic librarians perceived themselves to be highly productive, and generally satisfied with their jobs, while working from home during the pandemic.

Dadzie, Danquah, and Gyesi from Ghana use the qualitative research design which comprised documentary evidence of the experiences of ten public and private university libraries in Ghana with regard to their resources, services, facilities, and staff training, along with the impact on library users during the pandemic. Their findings reveal the libraries' strict compliance with the COVID -19 protocols and sanitation practices, the increased use of online databases, social media interventions, and virtual training among others.

Anderson, Ness, and Sandoval-Hernandez from the United States explain the changed and changing COVID-19 pandemic programming implemented by Brooklyn Public Library and Queens Public Library's correctional outreach teams. They also talk about the two new services

created: 1) Library Hub, a tablet program for people in Rikers Island jail complex, and 2) Immediate Access, a technology and resource access program for people on parole.

The literature review by Trembach from the United States traces the historical development of culturally responsive library service from its earliest format, readers advisory, to contemporary forms of library support available to multicultural communities. Current policy response to specific issues involved in library work with multicultural constituencies is also examined, along with the contributions of such work to the ongoing interdisciplinary global citizenship discourse.

Ig-Worlu and Ukaegbu from Nigeria investigate the extent to which signage and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) facilities correlate to the usage of information resources in university libraries in Nigeria. It was found that to a great extent signage relates to the utilization of information resources while information and communication technology facilities is the vice versa.

Khaskheli and Siddiqui from Pakistan use a quantitative survey to examine the use of social media in professional development by college librarians of Pakistan. The findings demonstrated that most college librarians are aware of the importance of social media and use social media networks in professional development-related activities. Furthermore, findings identified that YouTube, WhatsApp, and Facebook are the most frequently used social media platforms in professional development.

By surveying 134 lecturers and postgraduate students in Western Delta University, Ivwighreghweta and Eireyi-Fidelis from Nigeria find that there was a high level of awareness of the electronic academic database among the lecturers and postgraduate students. JSTOR, Elsevier, DOAJ, ProQuest, Science direct, and LexisNexis have been put to maximum usage. Meanwhile, NUC Virtual library, HINARI, Research4life, AGORA and EBSCO Host were used least frequently.

Reports from the Field
Pang from the United States discusses how the Access and Resources Sharing department at the University of Florida responded and adapted to these rapid changes, acted creatively, and reinvented services through collaboration, creative solutions, grant seeking, and technology renovation during the COVID-19 pandemic college shutdown.

Business Librarian Edward Junhao Lim from the United States discusses the challenges and strategies he faced in his first year as the business liaison to the University of Connecticut's School of Business. He captures the many communities formed by business librarians around a geographic region or topic, such as entrepreneurship. He notes publishing opportunities for business librarians. Lastly, Edward offers advice on professional development for those new and seasoned in business

librarianship – mostly North American professional opportunities – from his perspective, having worked previously in Singapore, and Shanghai, China.

Kanyika from Tanzania examines factors influencing the choice of librarianship as a career among college students in Tanzania by using the online survey method. Among other findings, the study showed that the majority of the students were not aware of the librarianship career path until they joined the library and information science program.

Commentaries

In the commentary article by Su from the United States, the author argues that in the library workplace, obsolescence occurs constantly. We may be used to routines, but changes are inevitable as we have witnessed the evolution in library services and librarian workplace since the advent of the internet. To cope with obsolescence, it is crucial to have a lifelong learning mindset, make it a habit, and find ways to update our knowledge and skills to stay competent and serve the clientele effectively.

George from India reviews S.R. Ranganathan's Five Laws of Library Science and tries to explain how the theory is put into practice and to identify areas where it needs to be reformulated for the benefit of libraries. The author also combines Ranganathan's five laws with the traits of Generation Z to create new laws that are appropriate for this period.

Library Associations Around the World

Dalal Rahme from Lebanon introduces the Lebanese Library Association, an organization found in 1960.

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