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Another year is nearly in the books. It has not been an easy year for many of us; perhaps not as truly chaotic and frightening as 2020 was, but still a year filled with uncertainty and rising concerns about the path of the pandemic. As we turn to a new year in our calendars, I wish all our readers health, peace, and a continued spirit of adaptation as we begin 2022.

Our Public Libraries Leading the Way column, “[How COVID Affected our Python Class at the Worcester Public Library](#)” by Melody Friendenthal, is a follow up to her 2020 column on moving a library course on the Python programming language from in-person to online for the Worcester (MA) Public Library.

Our peer-reviewed content this month showcases topics including: digital library innovations; virtual reality; diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI); and library hackathons.

1. [Stateful Library Analysis and Migration System \(SLAM\): ETL System for Performing Digital Library Migrations](#) / Adrian-Tudor Panescu, Teodora-Elena Grosu, and Vasile Manta
2. [Black, White, and Grey: The Wicked Problem of Virtual Reality in Libraries](#) / Gillian D. Ellern and Laura Cruz /
3. [Bridging the Gap: Using Linked Data to Improve Discoverability and Diversity in Digital Collections](#) / Jason Boczar, Bonita Pollock, Xiyang Mi, and Amanda Yeslibas
4. [Developing a Minimalist Multilingual Full-text Digital Library Solution for Disconnected Remote Library Partners](#) / Todd Digby
5. [Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statements on Academic Library Websites: An Analysis of Content, Communication, and Messaging](#) / Eric Ely
6. [A 21st Century Technical Infrastructure for Digital Preservation](#) / Nathan Tallman
7. [Hackathons and Libraries: The Evolving Landscape 2014-2020](#) / Meris Mandernach Longmeier

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