Letter from the Editors

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Call for Proposals for a New Contributed Column

As part of ITAL's ongoing effort to lowering the barriers to publication, particularly for first-time authors or those otherwise unfamiliar with academic publishing, we are introducing the first of two new contributed (not peer-reviewed) columns, joining the five-year-old Public Libraries Leading the Way.

The new column, "ITAL &", focuses on ways in which the library's role continues to expand and develop in the information technology landscape. The emphasis will be on emerging ideas and issues, with a particular aim to recruit new-to-the-profession columnists. The column is edited by ITAL Editorial Board member Shanna Hollich, who welcomes column proposals from all who are working in the broad area of libraries and technology. For more information, please see the call for "ITAL &" column proposals which is open until June 30, 2024. Watch for details on our second column coming later this year.

September's ITAL to Focus on Artificial Intelligence

The next (September) issue of the journal is being guest edited by Peter Musser and Joy DuBose and will focus on artificial intelligence and libraries.

Editorial Board Member Changes

Two editorial board members will complete their terms of service this month. We express our deep appreciation for the work of Ashlea Green and Mary Guillory for their extensive contributions to the work of the Editorial Board and the journal. It's been a pleasure working with them!

New members will be appointed for terms starting in July and will be announced in the next Letter from the Editors.

In this Issue

Our regular Public Libraries Leading the Way column is "Making Magic Happen: Building and Launching a Reader's Advisory Kiosk," by Kara Reuter of the Worthington (Ohio) Libraries. The column discusses how custom book recommendation kiosks were built using APIs from NoveList and the Polaris LMS. Peer-reviewed articles in the current issue are listed here:

- "Implementing Library Maker Projects Outside of the Makerspace: A Case Study," by Monica Maceli, expands on the literature about makerspaces in libraries by describing ways in which Raspberry Pi devices can be used as patron-facing tools within the library.
- "A Framework for Measuring Relevancy in Discovery Environments: Increasing Scalability and Reproducibility," by Blake Galbreath, Alex Merrill, and Corey M. Johnson, describes how the authors created a largely automated method for evaluating discovery layer quality, utilizing the bibliographic sources from student research projects.
- "On-Demand Circulation of Software Licenses: Checking Out Software on Patrons' Own Devices," by Ken Irwin and Michael Bomholt, discusses the development of open-source software checkout system to allow patrons to make use of software licenses owned by the library and maximize use of these scarce resources.

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